

## **Metro Central Community Enhancement Program Committee Application**

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**Please describe your connection to the communities in the grant area boundary, or your interest in serving those communities.**

I have lived in St. Johns for about 9 years. I love the diversity of my community and the small town feel of the area. The St John's bridge and Cathedral Park are some of my favorite places in Portland.

**Members of the Metro Central Enhancement Committee contribute a wide variety of complementary skills and experiences. Please describe any relevant knowledge, professional and/or lived experience that you would bring to the committee, including knowledge and experience about environmental justice or protecting the environmental quality of communities.**

I manage a diverse team at a glass production factory. I have experience with safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials.

**Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community's diverse needs and priorities.**

Talking with my neighbors, reading local publications and online news forums. I will liaison with the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association to keep them up to date on grant opportunities and awards.

**Summarize any relevant experience in working or collaborating with people whose background is different than yours.**

I come from mixed race parents and I was home schooled on an organic farm until 8<sup>th</sup> grade; almost everyone I meet has a different background than I do.

The work team that I manage at the glass factory is a very diverse group. I pride my self in forming teams of unique individuals.

**The committee evaluates grant proposals in part on the project's and/or organization's efforts to advance equity through projects that benefit underserved communities and build their capacity to improve their own communities. What knowledge and experience do you bring in understanding how programs, services and grant dollars can benefit underserved communities?**



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I have not had any direct experience with grant dollars.

**Do you now have or anticipate any conflicts of interest that might require you to excuse yourself from the review of any potential project? Please explain. For example, do you or a family member work for or serve on the board of an organization that might seek a grant from this program? Are you a consultant that might be interested in submitting a proposal for the type of work that this program funds? This does not disqualify you from applying for the committee, but you will not be allowed to review any projects that you have a conflict with.**

None.