

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING FUNDING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 26-5581
FOR NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS	)	
COMMUNITY CHOICE GRANTS	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
	)	Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez

WHEREAS, in June 2019, the Metro Council referred to the Metro area voters a ballot measure, Resolution No. 19-4988, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$475,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding natural area and water quality protection and to connect people to nature close to home (the Bond Measure); and

WHEREAS, at the general election held on November 5, 2019, the Metro Area voters approved the Bond Measure, creating a Nature in Neighborhood capital grants program (the Program) to fund community-led projects that benefit people and nature, with an emphasis on historically marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Measure requires the Program to pilot a new “Participatory Grantmaking” approach within this program area, referred to as the Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Program requires Metro to establish a Capital Grants Review Committee (the Committee) to review all projects and make recommendations to the Metro Council and also requires the Metro Council to make all grant awards; and

WHEREAS, in spring 2022, Metro worked with a program design and review committee to build the framework of the Program, and the Grants Guidebook, which identifies the desired outcomes and eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed and evaluated the Program projects based on the community and recommends to the Metro Council for award the 23 projects listed in Exhibit A: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council

1. Awards Program grant funds for the 23 projects listed in Exhibit A; and
2. Directs the Chief Operating Officer to execute all contracts necessary to implement the grant awards.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 21st of July 2026.

Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney