

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING A THIRD	)	RESOLUTION NO. 26-5578
ROUND OF FUNDING FOR PARKS AND	)	
NATURE BOND LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
VISIONS PROGRAM	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
	)	Council President Juan Carlos González

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, the Metro Council referred to the Metro area voters a ballot measure authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds 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, thereby creating a program to fund large-scale projects that uplift communities by leveraging nature to achieve benefits such as job opportunities, affordable housing and safe, reliable transportation (referred to hereafter as the “Large Scale Community Visions Program” or “Program”); and

WHEREAS, in June of 2022, the Metro Council approved a Program pilot handbook that identified a proposal and project review process for the Program’s first cycle of grant funding; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2023, Metro made conditional funding awards for the first cycle of grants for the Large Scale Community Vision Program via Resolution No. 23-5322; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2024, the Metro Council revised the Program’s investment criteria via Resolution 24-5391 to, among other things, more clearly reflect the Program’s grant requirements based of lessons learned from the first cycle of funding awards; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2024, Metro issued a Notice of Funding Availability for up to \$10 million in grant funding for projects that meet the Program’s investment criteria; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2024, Metro awarded the second cycle of grants for the Large Scale Community Visions Program via Resolution No. 24-5445.

WHEREAS, all projects awarded funding through the Large Scale Community Visions Program must demonstrate the capacity to fulfill program requirements within established timeframes; and

WHEREAS, Metro has determined that a deadline of June 30, 2028 is necessary to ensure timely implementation of awarded projects and responsible stewardship of program funds; and

WHEREAS, Metro has received multiple grant applications for Large Scale Community Visions Program funding and Council has reviewed the recommendation completed by the Program staff review team; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Metro Council approves the award of the 2026 Large-scale community visions grants to those recipients listed in Exhibit A and for the amounts listed for each individual award conditioned on recipients satisfying eligibility requirements and the parties’ successful execution of final grant agreements with Metro as approved by the Chief Operations Officer or their designee.

2. The Metro Council directs the Metro Chief Operating Officer to collaborate with each of the applicants and partners to increase project readiness and authorizes the COO to negotiate and execute individual funding agreements for each project, not to exceed \$8 million in large scale community visions funding for this round when Program conditions have been met.
3. The Metro Council requires that all projects awarded funding through the Large Scale Community Visions Program must fulfill all program requirements and enter into a contract with Metro no later than June 30, 2028.

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

Juan Carlos González, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney