

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5472, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AWARDING
2040 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS FOR CYCLE 25Q1

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The 2040 Planning & Development Grants Program moved to a quarterly awards schedule in 2024 after Council approved program changes through amendments to the Metro Code (Section 7.04) and associated Administrative Rules. This quarterly award schedule provides more opportunity for applicants to receive feedback and work with program staff to develop strong applications. The program launched the first cycle of quarterly grants in June 2024. The cycle being considered here is the first quarter cycle for 2025 (25Q1). The process for this cycle included:

- Reminder email to 2040 Grants interested parties lists in November
- Updated webpage, grants handbook and application materials
- Applicant letters of interest and optional meetings with Metro staff in November and December
- Final applications due January 10
- Staff and screening committee evaluations in January and February

Metro received two complete applications which were evaluated by the 2040 Grants Screening Committee. Applications included a proposal from Portland Parks & Recreation to facilitate a national design competition for redevelopment of the Tom McCall Waterfront Park bowl area; and a proposal from Clackamas County to conduct a development-ready land study for urban reserves and rural areas inside the UGB. The committee recommended funding for the Portland Parks proposal at the amount requested (\$750,000) and did not recommend funding for the Clackamas County proposal as currently scoped. The County is encouraged to revise their application and resubmit in a future grant cycle.

More detail about the grant proposals is provided in Attachment 1.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests that Council consider approving Resolution No. 25-5472 to award a 2040 Planning and Development Grant to the grantee listed below. This action would authorize expenditure of CET funds and allow staff to work with the grantee to develop a final project scope and execute an intergovernmental agreement (IGA).

Applicant	Project	Grant Amount
1. Portland Parks & Recreation	Tom McCall Waterfront Park Bowl Redevelopment	\$ 750,000

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The purpose of the 2040 Planning & Development Grants program is to fund planning work in the region that supports Metro’s regional vision for growth. The grants are intended to facilitate planning that makes land ready for development, supports economic prosperity, and implements Metro’s long-term plan for livable and equitable communities, as outlined in the 2040 Growth Concept. Council’s award of these 2040 grants will facilitate much-needed planning projects across the region.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that Council approve Resolution No. 25-5472 to award the 2040 grant identified herein.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 25Q1 Grant Applications Summary & Recommendation