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\*Image of award recipient Clackamas Service Center

# Council Community Support Fund FY 21/22

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# Introduction

The Metro sponsorship program supports community events and programs coordinated by non-profits that align with Metro's six desired outcomes for the region.

Metro Council Community Support Fund focuses on six priority areas:

- Food stability for the most vulnerable
- Housing stability and support (rent and utility assistance)
- Homeless services
- Employment Counseling and aid
- Small business and economic recovery
- Educational support for young students

\*Image of volunteers from African Refugee Immigrant Organization of PDX



# Overview of Results

Total of \$51,500 across 47 award recipients.

- 19 directly serves the BIPOC community
- 24 Food Stability for the most vulnerable
- 13 Homeless services
- 8 Food stability and Housing support
- 4 Housing stability and support
- 4 Educational support for young students

Six additional requests were awarded thanks to contributions from Parks and Nature, WPES and DEI.

\*Image of volunteers from Muslim Education Trust



# Geographic Breakdown





# What we've heard

Most respondents have shared that they intend to continue service programs that have increased in need as a result of the pandemic.

- Food and housing stability continues to be a significant community need.
- Some community needs have shifted
  - Young students return to in-person learning
  - Service providers are offering more in-person support
  - Behavioral and mental health support is an on-going need exacerbated by the stress and anxiety of the pandemic
  - Supporting community vaccination awareness and localized vaccination clinics

\*Image of Good Neighbor Center



# Program Consideration

## Three options to consider:

- Continuing the Council Community Support Fund maintaining the current priority areas
- Continuing the Council Community Support Fund with alternative priority areas
- Return to supporting the general sponsorship program

## Staff recommendation:

- Continue the Council Community Support Fund program with revisions to the priority areas that reflect current and future needs in the community.

\*Image of volunteers from Bienestar



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