

# **Civic Engagement Capacity Building Grants**

*Presentation to MPAC*

February 24, 2021

# Program Objectives

- Build **civic and community engagement capacity** for Black, Indigenous and communities of color;
- Strategically invest in **underserved geographic areas** and communities facing the highest barriers to civic participation;
- Support **equitable decision-making** across the garbage and recycling system and in other Metro programmatic areas;
- Bring **more BIPOC leaders** into Metro decision-making processes and committees.

# Program structure

- Eligibility
  - 501(c)(3)s accountable to BIPOC
  - Recommended: 1+ full-time staff or budget of \$80K+
- Five grants at ~\$80,000 per year
- Three year grant cycles
- Eligible uses
  - Hiring engagement staff
  - Training and education
  - Leadership development
  - Member recruitment
  - General operations

## Civic engagement tracks:

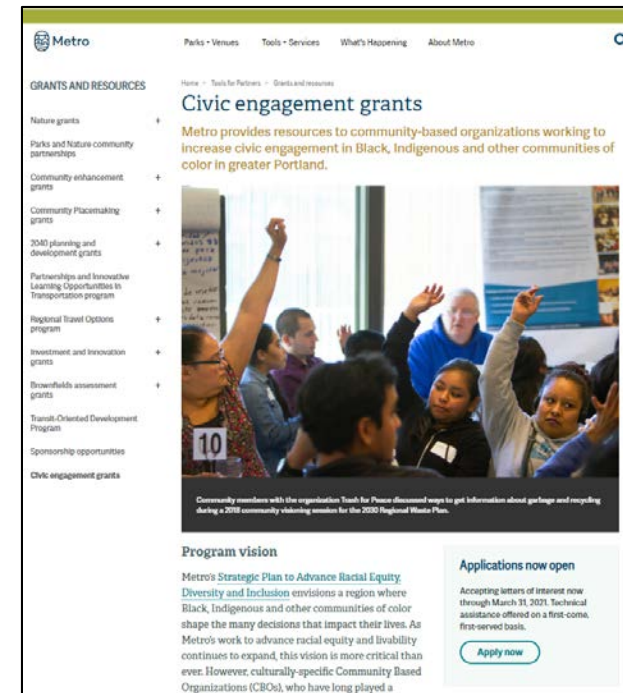
General Capacity Building  
Allows alignment with any Metro programmatic area

Garbage and Recycling System Capacity Building  
Tailored to advance inclusive decision-making in the garbage and recycling system

# Application and Selection

## Selection process

- Two-step process: letter of interest + grant application
- Recommendations made by Advisory Group
- Advisory Group: Metro staff, community leaders, and advisory committee members
- Will build a cohort to meet Metro's geographic and programmatic goals



Applicants can submit a letter of interest through the program webpage.

# Important Dates

- *March 4, 11am-12pm: Info session #1*
- *March 9, 6pm-7pm: Info session #2*
- **March 31– Letters of interest due**
- May 7 – Applications from finalists due
- May 21 – Grantees notified, grant agreement process starts



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