



Metro

2040 Planning and Development Grants Cycle 5

Metro Council Meeting

April 13, 2017

Program Background



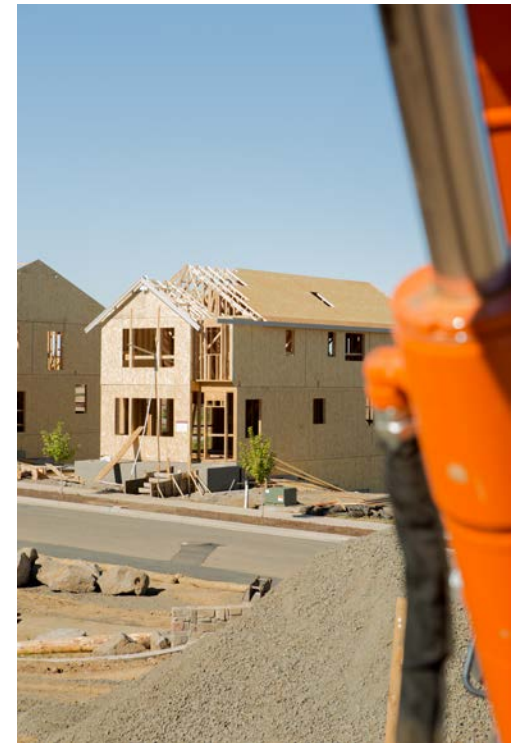
- Initiated in 2006 to fund concept planning in urban growth boundary expansion areas
- Evolved over time to also include grants for planning within the urban growth boundary
- Nearly \$20 million has funded 58 projects to facilitate development and promote livability
- \$575,000 was awarded to six projects in 2016 to advance the development of equitable housing
- In 2016 auditor recommended clarifications program focus and help achieve regional goals



Fifth Cycle of Grants Slated for 2017



- **Initiating customer service improvements**
- **Administrative revisions to increase program effectiveness and efficiency**
- **Changing economic and development dynamics in the region call for new policy approaches**
- **Opportunity for small course corrections with potential for high long term impact**



Customer Service Improvements



PREVIOUS CYCLES

- A. Grant awards every two years
- B. Four pages of technically complex grant criteria
- C. Need examples of successful applications
- D. Written feedback on draft applications from Metro staff

CYCLE 5

- Implement user-friendly online application
- New shift to annual grant cycles for all types of applications
- Consolidated to 1 page of criteria applicable to all project types
- Refined processes and clarified definition of eligible project types
- Providing sample project approaches for each project type
- Sharing grant project lessons learned will help inform future applications
- Provide face to face pre-application conference early in the process.



Program Administration and Performance Improvements



PREVIOUS CYCLES

- A. Application process not aligned with local jurisdictions' budget processes**
- B. Final project scopes did not uniformly align with original grant awards or regional development goals**
- C. Significant staff time spent administering IGA amendments**
- D. Procurement effort and timeliness is inefficient, especially burdensome for small cities**

CYCLE 5

- Launch Cycle 5 in April 2017**
- Consultant teams, scopes of work, and project schedules will be finalized prior to executing project IGAs**
- Metro will conduct a cooperative flexible services procurement to develop qualified list of planning and development consultants available to all local jurisdictions**

Metro Council Policy Emphasis



PREVIOUS CYCLES

- A. Focus on concept plans for areas new to UGB.**
- B. Emphasize equitable housing in special grant allocation process**
- C. Assist local jurisdictions with creative solutions to community development issues that accomplish the 2040 Vision**

CYCLE 5

- **Align concept plan emphasis with updated Growth Management process**
- **Emphasize equitable outcomes for all applications of all project types.**
- **Funding targets prioritize projects with specific emphasis on equitable development outcomes**
- **Continue to encourage equitable housing innovation as a key project type**
- **Continue to make important investments in station areas, downtowns, and employment areas**



Next Steps in 2017



April 17	Application materials available on line
April 18 - May 25	Pre-application conferences available
May 26	Letters of intent due
June 30	Full applications due
July - Sept.	Screening Committee Review
Sept.- Oct.	Council finalizes grant awards
2018	Project implementation
Ongoing	Sharing of project outcomes

