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Minutes

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2:00 PM

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Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:04 p.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Mary Nolan

Work Session Topics:**2:05 Community Capacity Building Grant Program**

Presenter(s): Raahi Reddy, Metro

Council President Peterson introduced Raahi Reddy and Reed Broderson from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion department to present on the Community Capacity Building Grant Program.

Ms. Reddy highlighted the importance of this grant program especially in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the political and social climate of the past year. She reviewed the program objectives and how these objectives align with current Metro projects in various departments.

Mr. Broderson reviewed the timeline and phases of the program. He explained that applications for the grant will open in the second week of February and that rewardee's will be notified by May 14, 2021. Mr. Broderson summarized the program structure highlighting that there are two grants in this program: the General Capacity Building Grant which focuses on creating alignment with Metro Projects and goals and the Garbage and Recycling System Capacity Grant which is tailored to advance equity in the solid waste system.

Furthermore, Mr. Broderson highlighted how these grants specifically advance environmental justice and equity by

establishing a more inclusive solid waste system. He explained the requirements of the grants and the application process. Additionally, Mr. Broderson reviewed the feedback they received from Council and from partners and how they have implemented this feedback into their current plan.

Ms. Reddy shared that since December, staff has reached out to organizations and outside partners in order to see how best to engage with all interested organizations not just the same organizations Metro has worked with in the past. Furthermore, she explained their focus on creating stronger transparency throughout the program and shared that they have held open houses and one-one meetings with interested organizations in order to increase the variety of applicants.

Mr. Broderson explained that the grant limit was created in order to fully support the organization who receives the grant but that there is the opportunity to adjust the grant size depending on the need of the applicant.

Ms. Reddy shared her hopes that after this program Metro will continue to build relationships with partner organizations and create a stronger level of transparency and access to grant programs.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey explained that both his and Councilor Nolan's districts include East Multnomah County but that West of 82nd Ave. is the wealthiest part of the county and East of 82nd Ave. is the poorest. He asked staff to focus on this disparity and ensure that they are doing thorough outreach to organizations in the area.

Councilor Craddick encouraged staff to engage with a variety of organizations around each county in order to

develop new relationships with organizations Metro has not worked with in the past. Additionally, she thanked staff for their work and shared her appreciation for former Councilor Chase's work on this program.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff to explain their plan on how to engage with outlier counties that do not have a plethora of non-profit organizations in their area in order to ensure equal representation in this tri-county program.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for the progress they have made on the program and appreciated that they thoughtfully incorporated the feedback given to them.

President Peterson highlighted the importance of this program and thanked staff for their work on the program.

2:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Madrigal summarized the Budget Update Information Session that occurred earlier today. She shared their commitment to transparency and that there has been a slight improvement in the overall fiscal health of Metro. Furthermore, Ms. Madrigal explained the nuance of making budget cuts that prioritize certain projects over others.

Council Discussion

President Peterson thanked Marissa for her commitment to transparency and work on balancing our budget.

Councilor Rosenthal thanked Staff and the Metro Council for having to make tough budget decisions that resulted in layoffs.

2:55 Councilor Communication

Councilor Craddick summarized three updates from the Friday Oregon MPO Consortium. She shared that Travis Bower from ODOT presented on the STIP and explained

how ODOT will collaborate with the MPO Consortium. The second agenda item, focused on an amendment to House Bill 2017, in order to change the term congestion pricing program to tolling program. Councilor Craddick explained that Metro staff is following this change in order to see the possible impact of the change. The final item she shared, was on the Area Commissions on Transportation and how they plan to review and restructure their role.

Councilor Lewis summarized the legislation liaison meeting from this morning which covered the Recycling Modernization bill will be up in the House. She introduced Randy Tucker the Legislative Affairs Manager to share updates on the bill. Randy Tucker shared that the legislative schedule has been pushed and that the bill will be presented on February 16th.

3:00 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 02, 2021

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	02/02/2021	Community Capacity Building Grant Program PPT	020221cw-01