

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING SEVENTH) RESOLUTION NO. 14-4548
ROUND FUNDING FOR NATURE IN)
NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
) Bennett, in concurrence with Council
) President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro Resolution No. 06-3672B, "For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection," was approved by the Metro Council on March 9, 2006;

WHEREAS, at the election held on November 7, 2006, the voters approved Measure 26-80, the Natural Areas Bond Measure (the "Measure");

WHEREAS, the Measure provided for \$15 million to fund a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program (the "Program") to provide opportunities for the community to actively protect fish and wildlife habitat and water quality near where people live and work. The Program can provide funds to purchase lands or easements that increase the presence of natural features and their ecological functions in neighborhoods throughout the region. The Program can also provide funding for projects that recover or create additional plant and animal habitats to help ensure that every community enjoys clean water and embraces nature as a fundamental element of its character and livability;


WHEREAS, the Measure provided for the creation of a grant review committee composed of no fewer than seven members to review grant applications and make grant award recommendations to the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the Grants Review Committee reviewed grant proposals throughout the spring of 2014 and is recommending twelve projects that meet the criteria for the Program to the Metro Council for funding; now therefore

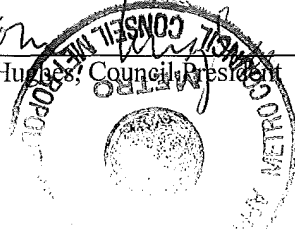
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby:

1. Awards Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants to the recipients and projects, and for the funding amounts, listed in Exhibit A to this resolution;
2. Authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to enter into an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") with each of the recipients substantially in conformance with the form of IGA attached to this resolution as Exhibit B;
3. Authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to enter into a grant agreement with the grant recipients that are not governmental agencies substantially in conformance with Exhibit C to this resolution to provide them with such grant funding, and to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the government sponsors for such projects, substantially in conformance with Exhibit D to this resolution, to allow the projects to be completed on public property and to commit to treat such projects as capital assets; and
4. For those projects that are for real property acquisitions, conditions Metro's grant award on the recipient granting a conservation easement to Metro, substantially in the form attached to this resolution as Exhibit E, and authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to accept such conservation easement from each such recipient.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 10 day of July, 2014.



Tom Hughes, Council President



Approved as to Form:



Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program
Seventh Round Grant Awards
Grant Review Committee Recommendations to the Metro Council

Total award amount recommended: \$4,501,829

Project: Beaver Creek Fish Passage and Habitat Enhancement
Grant amount: \$ 579,500
Recipient: Multnomah County
Partners: East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, City of Troutdale, Mt. Hood Community College, Northwest Steelheaders, SOLVe, Sandy River Basin Council, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

This stream restoration project will enhance key spawning and rearing habitat for federally listed salmonids, steelhead trout, and other native fish species by improving three culverts that significantly block fish passage. These culverts, located in a vital stretch of Beaver Creek, disconnect the upper and lower reaches of the watershed. The project will allow fish to reach the upper basin of Beaver Creek where agencies have already been working with property owners to restore stream habitat. There is an extensive array of partners and agencies dedicated to the restoration of the Beaver Creek basin.

Project: Dirksen Nature Park: A Walk Through NW Ecosystems
Grant amount: \$ 390,000
Recipient: City of Tigard
Partners: Tualatin Riverkeepers, Fowler Middle School, Clean Water Services, and Northwest Youth Corps

This project will improve Dirksen Nature Park to enhance visitors' experiences of Northwest ecosystems including: restoring a forested wetland and installing a boardwalk; restoring an oak savannah and installing an overlook; and building two nature play areas.

Metro Council previously invested \$1 million in the acquisition of this property through a capital grant, which closed Dec. 15, 2010. In addition to the acquisition, other deliverables included management and education plans. Both of these plans were developed and approved.

Project: Donald L. Robertson Parks Trail Extension
Grant amount: \$ 22,042
Recipient: City of Wood Village
Partners: Arata School/MESD, Rotarians, and McMEnamin's

This project will construct a new recreational nature trail with a new bridge. It will also extend the recreational trail system to encourage connectivity with other trails, neighborhoods and retail centers.

Project: Gateway Green
Grant amount: \$1,000,000
Recipient: Friends of Gateway Green and Portland Parks & Recreation
Partners: 18 non-profits including the International Mountain Biking Association, Northwest Trail Alliance, and Portland Audubon; 7 private businesses including David Evans Associates, and 8 public agencies including Oregon Department of Transportation.

Gateway Green is a long-fallow, neglected piece of public right-of-way in East Portland located between I-205 and I-84. The project will turn 24-acres of undulating and partially forested land into a regional recreational destination and green space that includes habitat restoration, multi-use trails, a stormwater treatment demonstration feature, a children’s nature play area, interpretive signage, a small field shelter, and access improvements.

Project: Lilly K. Johnson Woods Natural Area Phase II
Grant amount: \$ 136,435
Recipient: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
Partners: Washington County and SOLVe

Funding from Metro will allow THPRD to purchase two properties totaling approximately 1.2 acres that will be desirable additions to Lilly K. Johnson Woods Natural Area, bringing the park to 11.14 acres. Adding these properties will further the District’s goal of creating a larger natural area linked to the nearby Westside Regional Trail. The sites have a secluded feeling that allows people to feel immersed in nature.

Project: Old Town Loop Trail and Restoration Project
Grant amount: \$ 138,000
Recipient: City of Forest Grove
Partners: Pacific University Sustainability Center, Joseph Gale Elementary School, Clean Water Services, and Natural Resource Conservation Service

This project includes construction of 3,500 linear feet (LF) of a paved multi-purpose trail (10-foot wide) along the edge of the Gales Creek Natural Area in Forest Grove. The trail will connect to the existing B-Street and Hwy 47 trails, resulting in a 1.65 mile total loop. This project will occur on Metro property.

Project: One North Community Courtyard
Grant amount: \$ 420,313
Recipient: Catlin Gabel School and the Portland Bureau of Transportation
Partners: Kaiser Group, Inc. and Karuna Properties

The One North Community Courtyard is centrally located in a dense urban area and will offer a neighborhood gathering place surrounded by natural plantings. A public access easement will be placed over the courtyard, making it available for community use at all times. This project demonstrates how redevelopment can provide people with an opportunity to experience urban ecology as our neighborhoods become denser. In addition to constructing the public plaza, the grant will engage the development community and local neighborhood in learning about urban ecology.

Project: Overlook Bluff Oak Savanna Protection
Grant amount: \$ 288,000
Recipient: Friends of Overlook Bluff and Portland Parks & Recreation
Partners: Trust for Public Lands, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Overlook Tree Preservation, North Portland Neighborhood Services, SOLVe, and Backyard Habitat Certification Program

The project will allow Portland Parks & Recreation to acquire a 0.83-acre site on the Overlook Bluff in North Portland with a heritage Oregon white oak believed to be around 200 years old. This site is located within corridor of oak and madrone trees that once stretched from Vancouver BC to California. As a public natural area, it will provide continued watershed, wildlife, and community benefits while providing a site for local outdoor education and stewardship projects.

Project: Siskiyou Pathway
Grant amount: \$ 93,780
Recipient: Northwest Zen Sangha DBA "Dharma Rain Zen Center and Portland Parks & Recreation
Partners: Madison South Neighborhood Association, City Repair, Siskiyou Cohousing, LLC, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

The Siskiyou Pathway will be located on a restored brownfield site and will create a public path for pedestrians linking two nature and recreation sites. It will also help establish a wildlife corridor between two major habitat islands. This pathway will increase neighborhood connectivity, community, safety, access to open space and awareness of stewardship issues. The property owner (Dharma Rain) will grant Portland Parks & Recreation a public access easement.

Project: Site Restoration at the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center
Grant amount: \$ 868,342
Recipient: Clackamas Community College
Partners: Clackamas Water Environmental Services, City of Oregon City, Clackamas County office of Sustainability, Clackamas River Water Providers, OSU Extension Services, Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation Service, and Great Oregon City Watershed Council

This project will redevelop Clackamas Community College’s John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center into an outdoor learning laboratory, demonstration site, and natural area that showcases innovations in stormwater management, landscape design, and sustainable living practices through a partnership of local and state agencies and educational institutions.

This project will enhance water quality in Newell Creek and leverage a network of community partners committed to the health of Newell Creek Canyon. It will also increase the capacity of the Environmental Learning Center to be a valuable education resource for college students, local schools, industry members and families while providing passive recreation for families in the Oregon City area.

Project: Whitaker Ponds Nature Park - Entry, Parking and Access Improvements
Grant amount: \$ 422,667
Recipient: Portland Parks & Recreation
Partners: Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

This project will improve safety, ADA accessibility and aesthetics at the park's main entrance on NE 47th Avenue. The project includes an improved, expanded parking area designed with low-impact development techniques, construction of the sidewalk leading to the natural area along NE 47th Avenue, the addition of a small nature play area and increased native plant diversity. The projects will also removal of the fencing along NE 47th Avenue, making the area more welcoming to visitors. A portion of the project will occur on Metro property.

Project: Zenger Farm Urban Grange Courtyard
Grant amount: \$ 142,750
Recipient: Friends of Zenger Farm and the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Partners: Wisdom of the Elders, Xerces Society, David Douglas School District, PLACE Studios LLC, Dennis’ Seven Dees, and Bob’s Red Mill

Metro funding will support courtyard improvements associated with the new Urban Grange at Zenger Farms. The improvements will enhance Zenger Farm's ability to provide hands-on experiential learning of stormwater and water quality needs in an urban area. Improvements include infiltration basins, a stormwater conveyance feature, bioswales, and permeable pavers. Site features that will enhance the educational experience for visitors include a meadow, outdoor classroom, and signage.

Project: _____

Contract No. _____

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
Natural Areas Bond Measure
Capital Grant Award

This Intergovernmental Agreement (this “Agreement”), entered into under the provisions of ORS chapter 190 and effective on the date the Agreement is fully executed (the “Effective Date”), is by and between Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the state of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 N.E. Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-2736, and the _____, located at _____ (“Grant Recipient”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the electors of Metro approved Ballot Measure 26-80 on November 7, 2006, authorizing Metro to issue \$227.4 million in bonds to preserve natural areas, clean water, and protect fish and wildlife (the “Measure”);

WHEREAS, the Measure allocated \$15 million from bond proceeds to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program to complement the regional and local share portions of the Measure by providing opportunities for the community to actively protect fish and wildlife habitat and water quality in areas where people live and work;

WHEREAS, Metro has determined to make a grant award to Grant Recipient to fund [SPECIFY PROJECT] (the “Project”) as more specifically identified within the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Work”);

[IF PROJECT IS PROPERTY ACQUISITION THEN INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PROVISION:

WHEREAS, the Grant Recipient will become the owner of the property that constitutes the Project, which property is more specifically identified in Exhibit A (the “Property”);]

WHEREAS, this Agreement between Metro and Grant Recipient is now needed to satisfy the terms and conditions of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program as provided for in the Measure; and

WHEREAS, except as specifically provided in this Agreement, including the scope of work attached hereto as Exhibit A, and otherwise notwithstanding any statements or inferences to the contrary, Metro neither intends nor accepts any (1) direct involvement in the Project (2) sponsorship benefits or supervisory responsibility with respect to the Project; or (3) ownership or responsibility for care and custody of the tangible products which result from the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Purpose; Scope of Work; Limitations

The purpose of this Agreement is to implement the Measure and facilitate the funding of a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program project. Grant Recipient shall perform all activities described in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Work”). As a condition precedent to Metro’s agreement to fund the Project, Grant Recipient hereby approves the Project and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the applicable provisions of the Measure. At no time will Metro have any supervisory responsibility regarding any aspect of the Work. Any indirect or direct involvement by Metro in the Work shall not be construed or interpreted by Grant Recipient as Metro’s assumption of a supervisory role.

2. Declaration of Capital Project

In accordance with the Measure, Metro may only provide funds to Grant Recipient for the Project so long as such funds are exclusively used for capital expenses. Grant Recipient hereby confirms that the Project will result in the creation of a capital asset to be owned by Grant Recipient. Grant Recipient covenants that it will (a) own and hold all such capital improvements and real property interests acquired pursuant to this Agreement, and (b) record the asset created by the Project as a fixed, capital asset in Grant Recipient’s audited financial statement, consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) and with Grant Recipient’s financial bookkeeping of other similar assets.

3. Contract Sum and Terms of Payment

Metro shall compensate Grant Recipient for performance of the Work as described in Exhibit A. Metro shall not be responsible for payment of any materials, expenses or costs other than those that are specifically described in Exhibit A.

4. Limitations on Use of the Capital Asset That Results from the Project

Throughout the term of this Agreement, Grant Recipient shall maintain and operate the capital asset that results from the Project in a manner consistent with one or more of the following intended and stated purposes of the Measure (the “Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes”):

- To safeguard water quality in local rivers and streams;
- To protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitats;
- To promote partnerships that protect and enhance nature in neighborhoods; and
- To increase the presence of ecological systems and plant and animal communities in nature deficient and other disadvantaged neighborhoods;

Grant Recipient may not sell, use, or authorize others to use such capital asset in a manner inconsistent with such purposes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, secondary uses that arise as a result of such capital asset being used primarily in accordance with the Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes will be permitted, but only to the extent such secondary uses affect a *de minimis* portion of such capital asset or are necessary in order to facilitate the primary Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes. For example, if, as part of a land use review proceeding initiated to obtain the necessary approvals to operate such capital asset consistent with the Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes, a portion of such capital asset was required to be dedicated as a road, such road dedication would be a permitted secondary use.

If the Work is the acquisition of real property, then Grant Recipient shall satisfy the requirements in this section of the Agreement by granting to Metro a conservation easement substantially comparable to the form of conservation easement approved by the Metro Council at the time the Metro Council approved the grant award to Grant Recipient.

5. Funding Recognition

Grant Recipient shall recognize in any publications, media presentations, or other presentations referencing the Project produced by or at the direction of Grant Recipient, including, without limitation, any on-site signage, that funding for the Project came from the Metro Natural Areas Bond Measure's Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program. Such recognition shall comply with the recognition guidelines detailed in the Measure. The Grant Recipient shall place at or near the Project's location signage that communicates that funding for the Project came from the Metro Natural Areas Bond Measure's Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

6. Term

It is the intent of the parties for the Project to have been completed, and for all Metro funding to have been provided to Grant Recipient prior to [INSERT PROJECT DEADLINE]. Notwithstanding the forgoing, all provisions set forth in this Agreement, and the obligations of Grant Recipient hereunder, shall continue in effect after the completion of the Project until June 30, 2027.

7. Termination for Cause

A. Subject to the notice provisions set forth in Section 7.B below, Metro may terminate this Agreement, in full or in part, at any time during the term of the Agreement if Metro reasonably determines that Grant Recipient has failed to comply with any provision of this Agreement and is therefore in default.

B. Prior to terminating this Agreement in accordance with Section 7.A above, Metro shall provide Grant Recipient with written notice that describes the reason(s) that Metro has concluded that Grant Recipient is in default and includes a description of the steps that Grant Recipient shall take to cure the default. From the date that such notice of default is received by Grant Recipient, Grant Recipient shall have 30 days to cure the default. In the event Grant Recipient does not cure the default within the 30-day period, Metro may terminate all or any part of this Agreement, effective on any date that Metro chooses following the 30-day period. Metro shall notify Grant Recipient in writing of the effective date of the termination.

C. Grant Recipient shall be liable to Metro for all reasonable costs and damages incurred by Metro as a result of and in documentation of the default. Following such termination, should Metro later determine or a court find that Grant Recipient was not in default or that the default was excusable (e.g. due to a labor strike, fire, flood, or other event that was not the fault of, or was beyond the control of, Grant Recipient) this Agreement shall be reinstated or the parties may agree to treat the termination as a joint termination for convenience whereby the rights of Grant Recipient shall be as set forth below in Section 8.

8. Joint Termination for Convenience

Metro and Grant Recipient may jointly terminate all or part of this Agreement based upon a determination that such action is in the public interest. Termination under this provision shall be effective only upon the mutual, written termination agreement signed by both Metro and Grant Recipient.

9. Oregon Constitution and Tax Exempt Bond Covenants

Grant Recipient acknowledges that Metro's source of funds for the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program is from the sale of voter-approved general obligation bonds that are to be repaid using ad valorem property taxes exempt from the limitations of Article XI, sections 11, 11b, 11c, 11d, and 11e of the Oregon Constitution, and that the interest paid by Metro to bond holders is currently exempt from federal and Oregon income taxes. Grant Recipient covenants that it will take no actions that would cause Metro not to be able to maintain the current status of the real property taxes imposed to repay these bonds as exempt from Oregon's constitutional property tax limitations or the income tax exempt status of the bond interest under IRS rules. In the event Grant Recipient breaches this covenant, Grant Recipient shall undertake whatever remedies are necessary to cure the default and to compensate Metro for any loss it may suffer as a result thereof, including, without limitation, reimbursing Metro for any Projects funded under this Agreement that resulted in Grant Recipient's breach of its covenant described in this Section.

10. Liability and Indemnification

As between Metro and Grant Recipient, Grant Recipient assumes full responsibility for the performance and content of the Work; provided, however, that this provision is not intended

to, and does not, create any rights by third parties. To the extent permitted by Oregon law, and subject to the limitations and conditions of the Oregon Tort Claims Act, ORS chapter 30, and the Oregon Constitution, Grant Recipient shall indemnify, defend, and hold Metro and Metro's agents, employees, and elected officials harmless from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of this Agreement by Grant Recipient or Grant Recipient's officers, agents, or employees. Grant Recipient is solely responsible for paying Grant Recipient's contractors and subcontractors. Nothing in this Agreement shall create any contractual relationship between Metro and any such contractor or subcontractor.

11. Contractors' Insurance

A. Grant Recipient shall require all contractors performing any of the Work to purchase and maintain at each contractor's expense, the following types of insurance covering the contractor, its employees and agents:

1. Commercial general liability insurance covering personal injury, property damage, and bodily injury with automatic coverage for premises and operation and product liability shall be a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. The policy must be endorsed with contractual liability coverage. Grant Recipient and Metro, and their elected officials, departments, employees and agents, shall be named as additional insureds.

2. Automobile bodily injury and property damage liability insurance. Insurance coverage shall be a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Grant Recipient and Metro, and their elected officials, departments, employees, and agents, shall be named as additional insureds. Notice of any material change or policy cancellation shall be provided to Grant Recipient thirty (30) days prior to the change.

B. This insurance required by Grant Recipient, as well as all workers' compensation coverage for compliance with ORS 656.017, must cover all contractors' operations under this Agreement, whether such operations are by a contractor, by any subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any contractor or subcontractor.

C. Grant Recipient shall require all contractors performing any of the Work to provide Grant Recipient with a certificate of insurance complying with this section and naming Grant Recipient and Metro as additional insureds within fifteen (15) days of execution of a

contract between Grant Recipient and any contractor or twenty-four (24) hours before services such contract commence, whichever date is earlier.

D. In lieu of the insurance requirements in Sections 11.A through 11.D, above, Grant Recipient may accept evidence of a self-insurance program from any contractor. Such contractor shall name Grant Recipient and Metro as additional insureds within fifteen (15) days of execution of a contract between Grant Recipient and any contractor or twenty-four (24) hours before services such contract commence, whichever date is earlier.

12. Safety

Grant Recipient shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of employees, volunteers and others in the vicinity of the Work and the Project, and shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local safety laws and building codes, including the acquisition of any required permits.

13. Metro's Right to Withhold Payments

Metro shall have the right to withhold from payments due Grant Recipient such sums as necessary, in Metro's sole opinion, to protect Metro against any loss, damage or claim which may result from Grant Recipient's performance or failure to perform under this Agreement or the failure of Grant Recipient to make proper payment to any suppliers, contractors or subcontractors. All sums withheld by Metro under this Section shall become the property of Metro and Grant Recipient shall have no right to such sums to the extent that Grant Recipient has breached this Agreement.

14. Project Records, Audits, and Inspections

A. For the term of this Agreement, Grant Recipient shall maintain comprehensive records and documentation relating to the Project and Grant Recipient's performance of this Agreement (hereinafter "Project Records"). Project Records shall include all records, reports, data, documents, systems, and concepts, whether in the form of writings, figures, graphs, or models, that are prepared or developed in connection with any Project.

B. In accordance with Section 2 above, Grant Recipient shall maintain all fiscal Project Records in accordance with GAAP. In addition, Grant Recipient shall maintain any other records necessary to clearly document:

(i) Grant Recipient's performance of its obligations under this Agreement, its compliance with fair contracting and employment programs, and its compliance with Oregon law on the payment of wages and accelerated payment provisions;

(ii) Any claims arising from or relating to (a) Grant Recipient's performance of this Agreement, or (b) any other contract entered into by Grant Recipient that relates to this Agreement or the Project;

(iii) Any cost and pricing data relating to this Agreement; and

(iv) Payments made to all suppliers, contractors, and subcontractors engaged in any work for Grant Recipient related to this Agreement or the Project.

C. Grant Recipient shall maintain Project Records for the longer period of either (a) six years from the date the Project is completed, or (b) until the conclusion of any audit, controversy, or litigation that arises out of or is related to this Agreement or the Project and that commences within six years from the date the Project is completed.

D. Grant Recipient shall make Project Records available to Metro and its authorized representatives, including, without limitation, the staff of any Metro department and the Metro Auditor, within the boundaries of the Metro region, at reasonable times and places, regardless of whether litigation has been filed on any claims. If the Project Records are not made available within the boundaries of Metro, Grant Recipient agrees to bear all of the costs incurred by Metro to send its employees, agents, or consultants outside the region to examine, audit, inspect, or copy such records, including, without limitation, the expense of travel, per diem sums, and salary. Such costs paid by Grant Recipient to Metro pursuant to this Section shall not be recoverable costs in any legal proceeding.

E. Grant Recipient authorizes and permits Metro and its authorized representatives, including, without limitation, the staff of any Metro department and the Metro Auditor, to inspect, examine, copy, and audit the books and Project Records of Grant Recipient, including tax returns, financial statements, other financial documents relating to this Agreement or the Project. Metro shall keep any such documents confidential to the extent permitted by Oregon law, subject to the provision of Section 12(F) below.

F. Grant Recipient agrees to disclose Project Records requested by Metro and agrees to the admission of such records as evidence in any proceeding between Metro and Grant Recipient, including, but not limited to, a court proceeding, arbitration, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution process.

G. In the event the Project Records establish that Grant Recipient owes Metro any sum of money or that any portion of any claim made by Grant Recipient against Metro is not warranted, Grant Recipient shall pay all costs incurred by Metro in conducting the audit and inspection.

15. Public Records

All Project Records shall be public records subject to the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as limiting Grant Recipient's ability to consider real property transactions in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e) or as requiring disclosure of records that are otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to 192.505) or Public Meetings Law (ORS 192.610 to 192.690).

16. Law of Oregon; Public Contracting Provisions

The laws of the state of Oregon shall govern this Agreement and the parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the state of Oregon. All applicable provisions of ORS chapters 187, 279A, 279B, and 279C, and all other terms and conditions necessary to be inserted into public contracts in the state of Oregon, are hereby incorporated as if such provisions were a part of this Agreement. Specifically, it is a condition of this Agreement that Grant Recipient and all employers working under this Agreement are subject to and will comply with ORS 656.017 and that, for public works subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 pertaining to the payment of prevailing wages as regulated by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Grant Recipient and every contractor and subcontractor shall comply with all such provisions, including ORS 279C.836 by filing a public works bond with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the project, unless exempt under that statute.

17. Notices and Parties’ Representatives

Any notices permitted or required by this Agreement shall be addressed to the other party’s representative(s) as set forth below and shall be deemed received (a) on the date they are personally delivered, (b) on the date they are sent via facsimile, or (c) on the third day after they are deposited in the United States mail, postage fully prepaid, by certified mail return receipt requested. Either party may change its representative(s) and the contact information for its representative(s) by providing notice in compliance with this Section of this Agreement.

Grant Recipient’s Designated Representatives:

Fax _____

Metro’s Designated Representatives:

Natural Areas Program Director
Metro Regional Center
600 N.E. Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97223
Fax (503)-797-1849

with copy to:

Metro Attorney
600 N.E. Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97223
Fax (503) 797-1792

18. Assignment

Grant Recipient may not assign any of its responsibilities under this Agreement without prior written consent from Metro, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

19. Severability

If any term or provision in this Agreement shall be adjudged invalid or unenforceable, such adjudication shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the

Agreement, which remaining terms and provisions shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. No Waiver of Claims; Modifications

Metro’s failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver by Metro of that or any other provision of this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both Metro and Grant Recipient and no waiver, consent, or change of terms of this Agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties.

21. Integration of Agreement Documents

All of the provisions of any proposal documents including, but not limited to, Requests for Proposals, Grant Proposals and Scopes of Work that were utilized in conjunction with the award of this Grant are hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the terms described in Sections 1 through 21 of this Agreement and in Exhibit A shall control in the event of any conflict between such terms and such other incorporated documents. Otherwise, this Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between Metro and Grant Recipient and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. The law of the state of Oregon shall govern the construction and interpretation of this Agreement. The Parties, by the signatures below of their authorized representatives, hereby acknowledge that they have read this Agreement, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands on the day and year indicated below.

[Name of City/County/District]

METRO

Signature

Martha Bennett
Metro Chief Operating Officer

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Signature

[Name]
Senior Assistant Metro Attorney

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

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Grant Agreement

Metro Contract No:

NATURAL AREAS BOND MEASURE CAPITAL GRANT AWARD

THIS Contract is entered into between Metro, an Oregon municipal corporation, located at 600 Northeast Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-2736, and NAME, located at ADDRESS, Portland, Oregon 972--, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor."

Metro has established the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants program with the purpose of funding capital projects throughout the metropolitan region. Except as specifically provided in this Contract, including the scope of work attached hereto as Exhibit A, and otherwise notwithstanding any statements or inferences to the contrary, Metro neither intends nor accepts any (1) direct involvement in these projects (2) sponsorship benefits or supervisory responsibility with respect to the projects; or (3) ownership or responsibility for care and custody of the tangible products which result from the projects.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor shall perform all activities described in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Work"). Contractor shall not commence or undertake any of the Work unless and until Metro and the public entity that owns the real property where the Work will occur (the "Local Government Sponsor") have entered into a separate intergovernmental agreement in a form acceptable to Metro requiring, in part, that the Local Government Sponsor commit to treat the Work as a capital improvement.

2. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this Contract shall be for a period commencing upon contract execution through and including XXX-END DATE. Metro may, at its discretion, grant a single six month extension of the Contract term provided that Contractor provides to Metro a written extension request, submitted not later than 30 days prior to the expiration date of this Contract, demonstrating a compelling need for such extension.

3. CONTRACT SUM AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

Metro shall compensate the Contractor for performance of the Work as described in Exhibit "A." Metro shall not be responsible for payment of any materials, expenses or costs other than those that are specifically described in Exhibit "A."

4. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY



Grant Agreement

Contractor is an independent contractor and assumes full responsibility for the performance of the Work and the content of its work and performance of Contractor's labor, and assumes full responsibility for all liability for bodily injury or physical damage to person or property arising out of or related to this Contract. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Metro and Metro's agents and employees, from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, losses, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or in any way connected with Contractor's performance of this Contract. Contractor is solely responsible for paying Contractor's subcontractors. Nothing in this Contract shall create any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and Metro.

5. TERMINATION

Metro may, in its discretion, terminate this Contract at any time upon giving Contractor seven (7) days written notice. Without limiting the foregoing, if Metro concludes, in its discretion, that Contractor has failed to make substantial progress toward completing the Work at any time after one year following the effective date of this Contract then Metro will terminate this Contract as provided in the preceding sentence. In the event of termination, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for work performed prior to the date of termination. Metro shall not be liable for indirect or consequential damages. Termination by Metro will not waive any claim or remedies that Metro may have against the Contractor.

6. INSURANCE

Contractor shall purchase and maintain at Contractor's expense, the following types of insurance covering the Contractor, its employees and agents.

A. Commercial general liability insurance covering personal injury, property damage, and bodily injury with automatic coverage for premises and operation and product liability shall be a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. The policy must be endorsed with contractual liability coverage. **Metro, its elected officials, departments, employees and agents shall be named as an ADDITIONAL INSURED.**

B. Automobile bodily injury and property damage liability insurance. Insurance coverage shall be a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. **METRO, its elected officials, departments, employees, and agents shall be named as an ADDITIONAL INSURED.** Notice of any material change or policy cancellation shall be provided to METRO thirty (30) days prior to the change.

This insurance as well as all workers' compensation coverage for compliance with ORS 656.017 must cover Contractor's operations under this Contract, whether such operations are by Contractor, by any subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor or any subcontractor.

Contractor shall provide METRO with a certificate of insurance complying with this section and naming METRO as an additional insured within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Contract or twenty-four (24) hours before services under this Contract commence, whichever date is earlier.



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In lieu of the above, Metro will accept evidence of a self-insurance program. Contractor shall name METRO as an additional insured within (15) days of execution of this Contract or twenty-four (24) hours before services under this Contract commence, whichever date is earlier.

Contractor shall not be required to provide the liability insurance described in this section only if an express exclusion relieving Contractor of this requirement is contained in the Scope of Work.

7. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

[IF GRANT AWARD IS FOR LESS THAN \$50,000 USE THE FOLLOWING TEXT]

Contractor and subcontractors shall maintain all records relating to the Work in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall allow Metro the opportunity to inspect and/or copy such records at a convenient place during normal business hours. All required records shall be maintained by Contractor and subcontractors for six years after Metro makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed.

[IF GRANT AWARD IS FOR \$50,000 OR MORE USE THE FOLLOWING TEXT]

Contractor and subcontractors shall:

- A. Maintain all records relating to the Work in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- B. Maintain all records relating to the Work necessary to clearly document:
 - (1) The performance of the contractor, including but not limited to the contractor's compliance with contract plans and specifications, compliance with fair contracting and employment programs, compliance with Oregon law on the payment of wages and accelerated payment provisions; and compliance with any and all requirements imposed on the contractor or subcontractor under the terms of the contract or subcontract;
 - (2) Any claims arising from or relating to the performance of the contractor or subcontractor under a public contract;
 - (3) Any cost and pricing data relating to the contract; and
 - (4) Payments made to all suppliers and subcontractors.
- C. Maintain all records for the longer period of (a) six years from the date of final completion of the contract to which the records relate or (b) until the conclusion of any audit, controversy or litigation arising out of or related to the contract.



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D. Make all records relating to the Work available to Metro and its authorized representatives, including but not limited to the staff of any Metro department and the staff of the Metro Auditor, within the boundaries of the Metro region, at reasonable times and places regardless of whether litigation has been filed on any claims. If the records are not made available within the boundaries of Metro, the Contractor or subcontractor agrees to bear all of the costs for Metro employees, and any necessary consultants hired by Metro, including but not limited to the costs of travel, per diem sums, salary, and any other expenses that Metro incurs, in sending its employees or consultants to examine, audit, inspect, and copy those records. If the Contractor elects to have such records outside these boundaries, the costs paid by the Contractor to Metro for inspection, auditing, examining and copying those records shall not be recoverable costs in any legal proceeding.

E. Authorize and permit Metro and its authorized representatives, including but not limited to the staff of any Metro department and the staff of the Metro Auditor, to inspect, examine, copy and audit the books and records of Contractor or subcontractor, including tax returns, financial statements, other financial documents and any documents that may be placed in escrow according to any contract requirements. Metro shall keep any such documents confidential to the extent permitted by Oregon law, subject to the provisions of subsection F of this section.

F. Disclose any records related to the Work as requested by Metro and agree to the admission of such records as evidence in any proceeding between Metro and the Contractor or subcontractor, including, but not limited to, a court proceeding, arbitration, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution process.

G. Pay all costs incurred by Metro in conducting any audit and inspection that reveals that records related to the Work disclose that Metro is owed any sum of money or establish that any portion of any claim made against Metro is not warranted. Metro may withhold such costs from any sum that is due or that becomes due from Metro.

8. PUBLIC CONTRACTS

Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of ORS Chapters 187, 279A, 279B and 279C. All conditions and terms required to be inserted into public contracts in the state of Oregon pursuant to any provisions of ORS Chapters 279A, 279B and 279C are hereby inserted by reference into this Contract and made requirements of this Contract as if such provisions were separately enumerated herein.

In particular, for public works subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 pertaining to the payment of prevailing wages as regulated by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Contractor and every subcontractor shall comply with all such provisions, including ORS 279C.836 by filing a public works bond with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the project, unless exempt under that statute.



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9. ATTORNEY'S FEES

In the event of any litigation concerning this Contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, including fees and costs on appeal to any appellate courts.

10. SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall notify Metro prior to negotiating any subcontracts. Metro reserves the right to reasonably reject any subcontractor or supplier and no increase in the Contractor's compensation shall result thereby. All subcontracts related to this Contract shall include the terms and conditions of this Contract. Contractor shall be fully responsible for all of its subcontractors as provided in Section 4.

11. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENTS

Metro shall have the right to withhold from payments due Contractor such sums as necessary, in Metro's sole opinion, to protect Metro against any loss, damage or claim which may result from Contractor's performance or failure to perform under this Contract or the failure of Contractor to make proper payment to any suppliers or subcontractors. If a liquidated damages provision is contained in the Scope of Work and if Contractor has, in Metro's opinion, violated that provision, Metro shall have the right to withhold from payments due Contractor such sums as shall satisfy that provision. All sums withheld by Metro under this Section shall become the property of Metro and Contractor shall have no right to such sums to the extent that Contractor has breached this Contract.

12. SAFETY

If services of any nature are to be performed pursuant to this Contract, Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of employees, volunteers and others in the vicinity of the services being performed and shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local safety laws and building codes, including the acquisition of any required permits.

13. INTEGRATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

All of the provisions of any proposal documents including, but not limited to, Requests for Proposals, Proposals and Scopes of Work that were utilized in conjunction with the award of this Contract are hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the terms described in sections 1 through 15 of this Contract and in Exhibit "A" shall control in the event of any conflict between such terms and such other incorporated documents. Otherwise, this Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between Metro and Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Contract may be amended only by written instrument signed by both Metro and Contractor. The law of the state of Oregon shall govern the construction and interpretation of this Contract.

14. NO WAIVER OF CLAIMS.



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Metro's failure to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver by Metro of that or any other provision of this Contract.

15. ASSIGNMENT

Contractor shall not assign any rights or obligations under or arising from this Contract without prior written consent from Metro.

NAME

METRO

Signature

Signature

Print Name and Title

Print Name and Title

Date

Date

Project: _____

Contract No. _____

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
Natural Areas Bond Measure
Capital Grants Government Sponsor

This Intergovernmental Agreement (this “Agreement”), entered into under the provisions of ORS chapter 190 and effective on the date the Agreement is fully executed (the “Effective Date”), is by and between Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the state of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 N.E. Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-2736, and the _____, located at _____ (the “Government Sponsor”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the electors of Metro approved Ballot Measure 26-80 on November 7, 2006, authorizing Metro to issue \$227.4 million in bonds to preserve natural areas, clean water, and protect fish and wildlife (the “Measure”);

WHEREAS, the Measure allocated \$15 million from bond proceeds to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program to complement the regional and local share portions of the Measure by providing opportunities for the community to actively protect fish and wildlife habitat and water quality in areas where people live and work;

WHEREAS, Metro has determined to make a grant award to [SPECIFY GRANT APPLICANT] (the “Grant Recipient”) to fund a [SPECIFY PROJECT] (the “Project”) in accordance with a grant agreement between Metro and the Grant Recipient, the form of which agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Grant Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the Government Sponsor, a local government jurisdiction, is the owner of certain property where the Project is to occur and be located, which property is more specifically identified in the Grant Agreement (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Government Sponsor has approved of the Project and an agreement between Metro and the Government Sponsor is now needed to satisfy the terms and conditions of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program as provided for in the Measure.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Government Sponsor's Consent and Agreement

The Government Sponsor hereby approves the Project described in the Grant Agreement and authorizes such project to take place on the Property. As a condition precedent to Metro's agreement to fund the Project, the Government Sponsor hereby agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the applicable provisions of the Measure, and the attached Grant Agreement.

2. Declaration of Capital Project

In accordance with the Measure, Metro may only provide funds to the Grant Recipient for the Project so long as such funds are exclusively used for capital expenses. The Government Sponsor hereby confirms that the Project will result in the creation of a capital asset as specifically described in the Grant Agreement to be owned by the Government Sponsor. The monetary value of the Project that is recorded as a capital asset shall be no less than the amount of the grant award that is actually provided to the grant recipient. The Government Sponsor covenants that it will (a) own and hold all such capital improvements and real property interests acquired pursuant to this Agreement, and (b) record the asset created by the Project as a fixed, capital asset in the Government Sponsor's audited financial statement, consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") and with the Government Sponsor's financial bookkeeping of other similar assets.

3. Funding

Metro has no financial obligation to the Government Sponsor under this Agreement. Metro's funding is being provided to the Grant Recipient pursuant to the Grant Agreement between Metro and the Grant Recipient.

4. Purpose; Limitations

A. The purpose of this Agreement is to implement the Measure and facilitate the funding of a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program project on the Property.

B. At no time will Metro have any supervisory responsibility regarding any aspect of the Project or the Property. Any indirect or direct involvement by Metro in the Project shall not be construed or interpreted by the Government Sponsor as Metro's assumption of a supervisory role.

5. Term

It is the intent of the parties for the Project to have been completed, and for all Metro funding to have been provided to Grant Recipient prior to [INSERT PROJECT DEADLINE]. Notwithstanding the forgoing, all provisions set forth in this Agreement, and the obligations of the Government Sponsor hereunder, shall continue in effect after the completion of the Project until June 30, 2027.

6. Limitations on Use of Property

A. Real Property and Associated Buildings and Improvements

Throughout the term of this Agreement, the portion of the Property upon which the Project will be located (the "Project Area") shall be maintained and operated in a manner consistent with one or more of the following intended and stated purposes of the Measure (the "Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes"):

- To safeguard water quality in local rivers and streams;
- To protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitats;
- To promote partnerships that protect and enhance nature in neighborhoods; and
- To increase the presence of ecological systems and plant and animal communities in nature deficient and other disadvantaged neighborhoods;

Notwithstanding the forgoing, secondary uses that arise as a result of the Project Area being used primarily in accordance with the Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes will be permitted, but only to the extent such secondary uses affect a *de minimis* portion of the Project Area or are necessary in order to facilitate the primary Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes. For example, if, as part of a land use review proceeding initiated to obtain

the necessary approvals to operate the Project Area consistent with the Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes, a portion of the Project Area was required to be dedicated as a road, such road dedication would be a permitted secondary use of the Project Area.

B. Construction of Buildings or Other Capital Improvements

All buildings and other capital improvements constructed on the Property using funds provided by Metro pursuant to the Grant Agreement shall be maintained in accordance with the Nature in Neighborhood Approved Purposes. The Government Sponsor may not sell, use, or authorize others to use such buildings or improvements in a manner inconsistent with the intended and stated purposes of the Measure.

7. Oregon Constitution and Tax Exempt Bond Covenants

The Government Sponsor acknowledges that Metro's source of funds for the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program is from the sale of voter-approved general obligation bonds that are to be repaid using ad valorem property taxes exempt from the limitations of Article XI, sections 11, 11b, 11c, 11d, and 11e of the Oregon Constitution, and that the interest paid by Metro to bond holders is currently exempt from federal and Oregon income taxes. The Government Sponsor covenants that it will take no actions that would cause Metro not to be able to maintain the current status of the real property taxes imposed to repay these bonds as exempt from Oregon's constitutional property tax limitations or the income tax exempt status of the bond interest under IRS rules. In the event the Government Sponsor breaches this covenant, the Government Sponsor shall undertake whatever remedies are necessary to cure the default and to compensate Metro for any loss it may suffer as a result thereof, including, without limitation, reimbursing Metro for any Projects funded under this Agreement that resulted in the Government Sponsor's breach of its covenant described in this Section.

8. Funding Recognition

The Government Sponsor shall recognize in any publications, media presentations, or other presentations referencing the Project produced by or at the direction of the Government Sponsor, including, without limitation, any on-site signage, that funding for the Project came from the Metro Natural Areas Bond Measure's Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program. Such recognition shall comply with the recognition guidelines detailed in the Measure. The Government Sponsor shall also permit the Grant Recipient to place at or near the Project's

location signage that communicates that funding for the Project came from the Metro Natural Areas Bond Measure's Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

9. Termination for Cause

A. Subject to the notice provisions set forth in Section 9B below, Metro may terminate this Agreement, in full or in part, at any time during the term of the Agreement if Metro reasonably determines that the Government Sponsor has failed to comply with any provision of this Agreement and is therefore in default.

B. Prior to terminating this Agreement in accordance with Section 9A above, Metro shall provide the Government Sponsor with written notice that describes the reason(s) that Metro has concluded that the Government Sponsor is in default and includes a description of the steps that the Government Sponsor shall take to cure the default. The Government Sponsor shall have 30 days from the date such notice is received of default to cure the default. In the event the Government Sponsor does not cure the default within the 30-day period, Metro may terminate all or any part of this Agreement. Following such termination, Metro shall notify the Government Sponsor in writing of effective date of the termination.

C. The Government Sponsor shall be liable to Metro for all reasonable costs and damages incurred by Metro as a result of and in documentation of the default. Following such termination, should Metro later determine or a court find that the Government Sponsor was not in default or that the default was excusable (e.g. due to a labor strike, fire, flood, or other event that was not the fault of, or was beyond the control of the Government Sponsor) this Agreement shall be reinstated or the parties may agree to treat the termination as a joint termination for convenience whereby the rights of the Government Sponsor shall be as set forth below in Section 10.

10. Joint Termination for Convenience

Metro and the Government Sponsor may jointly terminate all or part of this Agreement based upon a determination that such action is in the public interest. Termination under this provision shall be effective only upon the mutual, written, signed agreement of both Metro and the Government Sponsor.

11. Mutual Indemnification

The Government Sponsor shall indemnify, defend, and hold Metro and Metro’s agents, employees, and elected officials harmless from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of this Agreement by the Government Sponsor or the Government Sponsor’s officers, agents, or employees, subject to the limitations and conditions of the Oregon Tort Claims Act, ORS chapter 30. Metro shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Government Sponsor and the Government Sponsor’s agents, employees, and elected officials harmless from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of this Agreement by Metro or Metro’s officers, agents, or employees, subject to the limitations and conditions of the Oregon Tort Claims Act, ORS chapter 30.

12. Project Records, Audits, and Inspections

A. For the term of this Agreement, the Government Sponsor shall maintain comprehensive records and documentation relating to the Project and the Government Sponsor’s performance of this Agreement (hereinafter “Project Records”). Project Records shall include all records, reports, data, documents, systems, and concepts, whether in the form of writings, figures, graphs, or models, that are prepared or developed in connection with any Project.

B. In accordance with Section 2 above, the Government Sponsor shall maintain all fiscal Project Records in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the Government Sponsor shall maintain any other records necessary to clearly document:

(i) The Government Sponsor’s performance of its obligations under this Agreement, its compliance with fair contracting and employment programs, and its compliance with Oregon law on the payment of wages and accelerated payment provisions;

(ii) Any claims arising from or relating to (a) the performance of the Government Sponsor under this Agreement, (b) Government Sponsor’s relationship with the Grant Recipient, or (c) any other contract entered into by the Government Sponsor that relates to this Agreement or the Project;

(iii) Any cost and pricing data relating to this Agreement; and

(iv) Payments made to all suppliers and subcontractors engaged in any work for the Government Sponsor related to this Agreement or the Project.

C. The Government Sponsor shall maintain Project Records for the longer period of either (a) six years from the date the Project is completed, or (b) until the conclusion of any audit, controversy, or litigation that arises out of or is related to this Agreement or the Project and that commences within six years from the date the Project is completed.

D. The Government Sponsor shall make Project Records available to Metro and its authorized representatives, including, without limitation, the staff of any Metro department and the Metro Auditor, within the boundaries of the Metro region, at reasonable times and places, regardless of whether litigation has been filed on any claims. If the Project Records are not made available within the boundaries of Metro, the Government Sponsor agrees to bear all of the costs incurred by Metro to send its employees, agents, or consultants outside the region to examine, audit, inspect, or copy such records, including, without limitation, the expense of travel, per diem sums, and salary. Such costs paid by the Government Sponsor to Metro pursuant to this Section shall not be recoverable costs in any legal proceeding.

E. The Government Sponsor authorizes and permits Metro and its authorized representatives, including, without limitation, the staff of any Metro department and the Metro Auditor, to inspect, examine, copy, and audit the books and Project Records of the Government Sponsor, including tax returns, financial statements, other financial documents relating to this Agreement or the Project. Metro shall keep any such documents confidential to the extent permitted by Oregon law, subject to the provision of Section 12(F) below.

F. The Government Sponsor agrees to disclose Project Records requested by Metro and agrees to the admission of such records as evidence in any proceeding between Metro and the Government Sponsor, including, but not limited to, a court proceeding, arbitration, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution process.

G. In the event the Project Records establish that the Government Sponsor owes Metro any sum of money or that any portion of any claim made by the Government Sponsor

against Metro is not warranted, the Government Sponsor shall pay all costs incurred by Metro in conducting the audit and inspection.

13. Public Records

All Project Records shall be public records subject to the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as limiting the Government Sponsor's ability to consider real property transactions in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e) or as requiring disclosure of records that are otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to 192.505) or Public Meetings Law (ORS 192.610 to 192.690).

14. Law of Oregon; Public Contracting Provisions

The laws of the state of Oregon shall govern this Agreement and the parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the state of Oregon. All applicable provisions of ORS chapters 187, 279A, 279B, and 279C, and all other terms and conditions necessary to be inserted into public contracts in the state of Oregon, are hereby incorporated as if such provisions were a part of this Agreement. Specifically, it is a condition of this Agreement that the Government Sponsor and all employers working under this Agreement are subject to and will comply with ORS 656.017 and that, for public works subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 pertaining to the payment of prevailing wages as regulated by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, the Government Sponsor and every contractor and subcontractor shall comply with all such provisions, including ORS 279C.836 by filing a public works bond with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the project, unless exempt under that statute.

15. Notices and Parties' Representatives

Any notices permitted or required by this Agreement shall be addressed to the other party's representative(s) as set forth below and shall be deemed received (a) on the date they are personally delivered, (b) on the date they are sent via facsimile, or (c) on the third day after they are deposited in the United States mail, postage fully prepaid, by certified mail return receipt requested. Either party may change its representative(s) and the contact information for its representative(s) by providing notice in compliance with this Section of this Agreement.

Government Sponsor’s Designated Representatives:

Fax _____

Metro’s Designated Representatives:

Natural Areas Bond Program Manager
Metro Regional Center
600 N.E. Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97223
Fax (503)-797-1849

with copy to:

Metro Attorney
600 N.E. Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97223
Fax (503) 797-1792

16. Assignment

The Government Sponsor may not assign any of its responsibilities under this Agreement without prior written consent from Metro, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

17. Severability

If any term or provision in this Agreement shall be adjudged invalid or unenforceable, such adjudication shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Agreement, which remaining terms and provisions shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. Entire Agreement; Modifications

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No waiver, consent, modification, or change of terms of this Agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties. Such waiver, consent, modification, or change, if made, shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given. There are no

understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written, not specified herein regarding this Agreement. The Parties, by the signatures below of their authorized representatives, hereby acknowledge that they have read this Agreement, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands on the day and year indicated below.

[Name of City/County/District]

METRO

Signature

Michael Jordan
Metro Chief Operating Officer

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Signature

Paul A. Garrahan
Senior Assistant Metro Attorney

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

After recording return to:

Office of Metro Attorney
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232-2736

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT (the “Easement”) is entered into this _____ day of _____, 200__, by and between _____ (“Grantor”) and Metro, an Oregon municipal corporation (“Grantee”).

RECITALS

A. Grantor is the fee simple owner of that certain real property approximately _____ acres in size located in the County of [County], State of Oregon, commonly known as [address], and more particularly described on the attached Exhibit A (the “Property”).

B. On November 7, 2006, the voters approved Ballot Measure 26-80 (the “2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure”), which provided Grantee with funds for the acquisition of natural areas from willing sellers. The 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure (the “Bond Measure”) was designed to provide Grantee with the ability to protect the region’s significant natural areas, fish and wildlife habitat, greenways, water quality, and lands near rivers and streams. The Bond Measure allocated \$15 million from bond proceeds to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program (the “Metro Grants Program”) to provide opportunities for the community to actively protect fish and wildlife habitat and water quality in areas where people live and work.

C. Grantor was able to acquire the Property in part by using funds provided by the Metro Grants Program. A condition of Grantor’s receipt of such funds from Metro was its agreement to grant this conservation easement.

D. In order to preserve the natural features of the Property that provide significant wildlife habitat values and contribute to water quality, Grantor desires to grant to Grantee, and Grantee desires to accept from Grantor, a conservation easement over the Property.

For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Grantor, and the mutual covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Grant of Conservation Easement. For and in consideration of the sum of _____ (\$_____) and of the mutual promises, terms, conditions, restrictions and undertakings herein set forth, Grantor hereby voluntarily grants to Grantee a perpetual, non-possessory conservation easement, in gross, on, over, under, and across the Property. This Easement is being created and acquired in accordance with ORS 271.715 to 271.795, and the provisions herein shall be construed and applied accordingly.

2. Purpose.

(a) General Purpose. The general purposes of this Easement are to ensure that the Property will be retained forever predominantly in its natural condition for: [INCLUDE ONLY APPROPRIATE AND RELEVANT BULLETS FROM BELOW—AT LEAST ONE FROM FEDERAL CITATIONS AND RELEVANT PART OF STATE CITATION]

- “The protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants, or similar ecosystem” (as that phrase is used in 26 U.S.C. §170(h)(4)(A)(ii));
- “The preservation of land areas for outdoor recreation by, or the education of, the general public” (as that phrase is used in 26 U.S.C. §170(h)(4)(A)(i));
- “The preservation of certain open space (including farmland and forest land) where such preservation is (I) for the scenic enjoyment of the general public, or (II) pursuant to a clearly delineated Federal, State, or local governmental conservation policy, and will yield a significant benefit” (as that phrase is used in 26 U.S.C. §170(h)(4)(A)(iii)); and
- “Protecting natural, scenic, or open space values of real property, ensuring its availability for agricultural, forest, recreational, or open space use, protecting natural resources, maintaining or enhancing air or water quality, or preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural aspects of real property” (as that phrase is used in ORS 271.715(1)).

(b) Specific Purpose; Protection of Conservation Values. The more specific purpose of this Easement is to prevent any use or occupancy of, or activity on, the Property that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, as identified in that certain Nature In Neighborhoods Capital Grant Agreement between Grantor and Metro, dated [INSERT DATE] (the “Grant Agreement”), on file at the offices of the Grantee.

3. Prohibited and Permitted Uses. Subject to encumbrances of record on the Property, Grantor shall not engage in any activity on, or use of, the Property that is inconsistent with the terms of this Easement or materially interferes with or impairs the Conservation Values of the Property. Without limiting the generality of the forgoing, the activities and uses described on the attached Exhibit B are expressly prohibited. Grantor reserves all rights accruing from its ownership of the Property, including the right to engage in or permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Property that are not inconsistent with the terms of this Easement or expressly prohibited herein. Grantor shall provide Grantee with not less than thirty (30) days written notice prior to (a) applying for any grading, tree removal, building, or construction permit, and (b) undertaking any activity that could materially interfere with or impair the Conservation Values of the Property.

4. Baseline Documentation. The current condition of the Property is documented in the Grant Agreement. an inventory of relevant features of the Property, dated _____, 200__, on file at the offices of Grantee (the “Baseline Documentation”). The parties agree that the Baseline Documentation provides an accurate representation and description of the Property at the time of this grant. The Baseline Documentation is intended to serve as an objective, although not exclusive, information baseline for monitoring compliance with the terms of this Easement. Grantee shall have the right to access the Property at any time for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the terms of this Easement.

5. Enforcement and Remedies.

(a) Notice of Violation. Grantee shall have the right to prevent any use of, or activity on, the Property that is inconsistent with the purpose and terms of this Easement. If Grantee determines that Grantor, or third parties under Grantor’s authority or permission, are in violation of the terms of this Easement, Grantee shall give written notice to Grantor of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure the violation. In the event that such violation involves injury to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the purpose and terms of this Easement, such notice shall demand that Grantor, at Grantor’s sole cost and expense, restore the portion of the Property so injured to its prior condition in accordance with a plan approved by Grantee.

(b) Failure to Cure. If Grantor fails to cure a violation within 30 days after Grantor’s receipt of notice thereof from Grantee, or under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within a 30-day

period, fails to begin curing the violation within the 30-day period, Grantee may bring an action at law or in equity to (i) enforce the terms of this Easement, (ii) enjoin the violation by a temporary, preliminary, and/or permanent injunction, (iii) recover any damages to which Grantee may be entitled for such violation of the terms of this Easement, and (iv) require the restoration of the Property to the condition and appearance that existed prior to such violation.

(c) Emergency Enforcement. If Grantee, in its sole discretion, reasonably determines that the circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the Property, Grantee may enter the Property to prevent or mitigate further damage to or alteration of the Property necessary to protect the Conservation Values or otherwise pursue its remedies under this Section 5 without prior notice to Grantor and without waiting for the expiration of the cure period set forth above in subsection 5(b).

(d) Nature of Remedies. Grantee shall have available all legal and equitable remedies to enforce Grantor's obligations hereunder. Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of this Easement are inadequate, and that Grantee shall be entitled to injunctive relief, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including without limitation specific performance of the terms of this Easement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies. Grantee's rights under this Section 5 shall be cumulative, in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, and apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Easement.

(e) Costs of Enforcement. Grantor shall reimburse Grantee for any costs or expenses incurred by Grantee in enforcing the terms of this Easement necessitated by Grantor's violation of the terms of this Easement including, without limitation, all reasonable court costs, attorney fees, expert witness fees, and costs of restoration mitigation.

(f) Grantee's Discretion to Enforce. Enforcement of the terms of this Easement is at the discretion of Grantee. Any forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights under this Easement in the event of any breach of any terms of this Easement by Grantor, its agents, employees, contractors, family members, invitees, or licensees shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantee of such term under this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.

(g) Waiver of Certain Defenses. Grantor acknowledges that it has carefully reviewed this Easement and has had the opportunity to consult with and been advised by legal counsel of its terms and requirements. In full knowledge of the provisions of this Easement, Grantor hereby waives any claim or defense it may have against Grantee or its successors or assigns under or pertaining to this Easement based upon waiver, laches, estoppel, adverse possession, or prescription.

(h) Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Easement shall be construed to entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor to abate, correct, or restore any condition on the Property or to recover damages for any injury to, or change in, the Property resulting from (1) causes beyond Grantor's control including, without limitation, natural changes, fire, flood, storm or earth movement, acts of trespassers, or (2) any reasonable and prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to the Property resulting from such causes.

6. Liability and Indemnification.

(a) Liability. The parties acknowledge and agree that because Grantor is the fee owner of the Property, except as specifically provided for under subsection (b) below, the general liability for risks, damages, injuries, claims, or costs arising by virtue of Grantor's ownership and use of the Property shall remain with Grantor as a

normal and customary incident of the right of Property ownership. Nothing in this Easement shall be construed as giving rise to any right or ability of Grantee to become an “owner” or “operator” of the Property within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, or ORS Chapters 465 and 466, as amended.

(b) Indemnification. Grantor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Grantee (and Grantee’s officers, employees and agents) from and against all claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever resulting from, arising out of, or relating to the activities of Grantor and Grantor’s invitees on the Property. To the extent permitted by Article XI, Section 7 of the Oregon Constitution and the Oregon Tort Claims Act, ORS 30.260 to 30.300, Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Grantor from and against all claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature resulting from, arising out of, or relating to the activities of Grantee (or Grantee’s officers, employees and agents) on the Property, except to the extent such damages are due to Grantor’s or Grantor’s invitees’ negligence or willful misconduct, or to any breach of this Easement by Grantor or Grantor’s invitees.

7. Covenants Running With the Land. The parties acknowledge and agree that the covenants and agreements set forth in this Easement are intended to bind Grantor, Grantee, and their respective successors and assigns. The Property and the Property shall be held, conveyed, mortgaged, pledged as security for a debt, leased, used, and occupied subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and other limitations set forth in this Easement (the “Restrictions”). All and each of the Restrictions are imposed as equitable servitudes upon the Property and every part thereof shall run with the land. Furthermore, all and each of the Restrictions shall be binding upon and burden, and shall inure to the benefit of, all persons having or acquiring any right, title, or interest to either the Property or the Property.

8. Amendment. Grantor and Grantee may mutually agree in writing to amend this Easement; provided that no amendment shall be allowed that will affect the qualification of this Easement or the status of Grantee under any applicable laws, including 26 U.S.C. § 170(h), as amended (or any successor provision(s) then applicable), and ORS 271.715-795. In no event shall the "economic hardship" of Grantor constitute a changed circumstance that would allow Grantor to unilaterally amend this Easement.

9. Assignment. This Easement is transferable by Grantee, but Grantee may only assign its rights and obligations hereunder to an organization that is a “qualified organization” at the time of the transfer under 26 U.S.C. § 170(h)(3) (or any successor provision then applicable) and authorized to acquire and hold conservation easements under ORS 271.715 to 271.795 (or any successor provisions then applicable). Grantee shall notify Grantor in writing, at Grantor’s last known address, in advance of such assignment. In the event that an assignee assumes the obligations of Grantee hereunder, then Grantee shall have no further liability with respect to this Easement.

10. Recording. Grantor shall immediately record this instrument, and any amendment agreed to pursuant to Section 8, in the official records of the county within which the Property is located, and in any other appropriate jurisdictions, and Grantee may re-record it at any time as may be required to preserve Grantee’s rights in this Easement.

11. Notice and Addresses. Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by mail, postage prepaid, to the address set forth below. Any party may change the address to which its notices are to be sent by duly giving notice pursuant to this Section.

To Grantor: _____

To Grantee: Metro
Natural Areas Program Director
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

With a copy to: Office of Metro Attorney
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

12. General Provisions.

(a) Governing Law. The interpretation and performance of this Easement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

(b) Liberal Construction and Conservation Intent. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Easement shall be liberally construed in favor of the grant to effect the Purpose of this Easement and the policy and purpose of ORS Chapter 271. If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the Purpose of this Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid. Any ambiguities in this Easement shall be construed in a manner which best effectuates the Conservation Values for the Property.

(c) Changed Circumstances. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that future conditions may change in the areas neighboring the Property and the Property, including without limitation, increased development, land use, and zoning changes. Grantor and Grantee further acknowledge that such future conditions may result in various hardships to Grantor by virtue of the restrictions contained in this Easement, including without limitation, restrictions on the ability to develop the Property and the Property. However, Grantor and Grantee expressly intend that this Easement continue in perpetuity regardless of such changes conditions and circumstances and regardless of hardship, whether such hardship is economic or otherwise. In no event shall the hardship of Grantor constitute a changed circumstance that would allow Grantor to unilaterally terminate this Easement.

(d) Severability. If any provision of this Easement, or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance, is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Easement, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, as the case may be, shall not be affected.

(e) Entire Agreement. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Property and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Property, all of which are merged into this Easement. No alteration or variation of this instrument shall be valid or binding unless contained in an amendment that complies with Section 8.

(f) Termination of Rights and Obligations. A party's rights and obligations under this Easement terminate upon assignment of that party's interest in the Easement or transfer of the Property, except that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer shall survive assignment or transfer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Easement as of the date first set forth above.

GRANTEE:
METRO, an Oregon municipal corporation

GRANTOR:

By: _____
Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer

[name]

[name]

State of OREGON
County of MULTNOMAH

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 20____ by Martha Bennett as Chief Operating Officer of Metro.

Notary Public - State of Oregon

State of OREGON
County of _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 20____ by [name].

Notary Public - State of Oregon

State of OREGON
County of _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 20____ by [name].

Notary Public - State of Oregon

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Exhibit A

Property Description

Exhibit B

Grantor's Prohibited Uses and Activities

1. The partition, division, subdivision, or *de facto* division of the Property.
2. Residential, commercial, or industrial use, activities, improvements, or development of any kind.
3. The excavating, draining, dredging, mining, drilling, removing or exploring for or extracting of minerals, oil, gas, coal, and other hydrocarbons, soils, sands, gravel, rocks or any other materials on or below the surface of the Property.
4. The manipulation or alteration, diminution, or drainage of any natural water course, wetland, stream bank, riparian area, shoreline, or body of water on the Property, any activity that causes or is likely to cause significant pollution of any surface of subsurface waters, or any use or activity that causes or is likely to cause significant soil degradation or erosion.
5. Agricultural activities of any kind, including, without limitation, the establishment and maintenance of a livestock corral, personal gardens, row crops, haying, grazing, livestock watering, or other pasture uses.
6. The placing, filling, storing, processing, disposing, dumping, depositing, abandonment, discharging, or release of any gaseous, liquid, solid, or hazardous wastes, substances, materials, trash, or debris of whatever nature on, in, over, or under the ground or into the surface or ground water of the Property.
7. The introduction or planting of any non-native, noxious, or invasive species.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-4548, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING SEVENTH ROUND FUNDING FOR NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS

Date: July 10, 2014

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BACKGROUND

Funded by the voter-approved 2006 Natural Areas bond measure, Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program complements the bond program's regional and local elements by supporting innovative ways to help nature thrive at a neighborhood scale. Grants are awarded based on their ability to meet the program criteria and deliver strong community benefits.

Program history & status

The Capital Grants program was first announced in September of 2007. The Metro Council has previously approved six rounds of grants, awarding \$7,602,995 to the following projects:

Land Acquisition

- Nadaka Nature Park acquisition
- White Oak Savanna acquisition
- Baltimore Woods connectivity corridor
- Baltimore Woods phase II
- Summer Creek natural area acquisition
- Lilly K Johnson Woods expansion
- White Oak Savanna phase II

Restoration

- Crystal Springs Partnership
- Boardman Creek fish habitat restoration
- Klein Point overlook and habitat enhancement
- Mount Scott Creek restoration
- Wapato Marsh wetland restoration
- Trillium Creek restoration
- Stone Bridge restoration State Park
- Rock Creek confluence project
- Spring Park natural area enhancement

Urban Transformation

- Greening the Interstate 205 corridor
- Re-greening Park Avenue park and ride
- Green Alley at Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Clinic
- Hall Creek Restoration

Neighborhood Livability

- Nature play at Westmorland Park
- Conservation Corner
- Hawthorne Grove Park
- Humboldt Learning Garden
- Wildside Boardwalk at Pleasant Valley School
- Nadaka Nature Park and Garden
- Let Us Build Cully Park!
- April Hill Park Improvements

Of these 28 projects:

- Nine (9) are completed
- Fifteen (15) are in progress
- One (1) is still raising matching
- Three (3) projects were withdrawn

Grant Evaluation Criteria

The Metro Council defined seven key criteria for evaluating capital grants in the 2006 Natural Areas bond:

- "Re-nature" neighborhoods by increasing the presence and function of ecological processes
- "Re-green" urban neighborhoods to enrich peoples' experience of nature and help strengthen a physical connection to the region's ecology
- Demonstrate multiple benefits for people and natural systems
- Demonstrate cost-efficient ecological design solutions

- Increase the region's fish and wildlife inventory
- Restore and/or improve habitats of concern
- Provide universal access to the public.

Application/Review Process

Potential applicants begin the process by submitting a Letter of Interest. Letters are reviewed by staff to evaluate how strongly a potential project meets the grant criteria. Staff provides applicants with technical support, feedback and suggestions about ways to strengthen a project before inviting full applications. The Grant Review Committee, appointed by Council, reviews all full applications based on the above evaluation criteria. The Grant Review Committee engages in a thoughtful review of each application that includes staff assessments, site visits and a minimum of two committee meetings to arrive at recommendations for funding. The committee works with staff to develop performance measures and conditions of approval in order to reduce project risks and strengthen project outcomes. The Metro Council decides all final grant awards.

Current recommendation and program financial status

The Grant Review Committee recommends that the Metro Council award funding to the twelve projects described in Attachment A for a total of \$4,501,829 from the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

While the resolution referring the 2006 Natural Areas bond measure to the voters, approved by Metro Council, seeks the development of a program that “limits the expenditure of funds to no more than 15% of the total program amount in any given year,” past funding cycles have not attracted enough eligible projects to award more than an average of 8.5% of funding. Therefore, Council has directed staff and the committee to consider funding all projects that can strongly meet the program’s criteria.

With this recommendation \$11,447,617 of the \$15 million will be expended or committed to approved projects. This leaves \$3,552,383 available for future funding.

2014 Recommendation

The committee met four times this spring and conducted site visits for each project in order to review and recommend these projects to the Metro Council. This thoughtful review process allowed the committee to identify the compelling qualities of each project in order to guide future applicants. The committee’s feedback to applicants included conditions of approval that shaped the outcomes of the projects to better achieve the goals of the grant program. In addition, the committee put specific timelines for projects to address these conditions in order to allow a final funding round in 2016.

This group of projects address the goals of the Natural Areas bond measure and meet the intent of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants program because they:

- Invest in existing community efforts and build upon success
- Provide critical seed money to that will allow project to achieve their full potential
- Protect and restore essential habitat features and functions
- Connect people with natural areas in their neighborhoods
- Enhance opportunities for conservation education throughout the region
- Engage diverse partners.

Precedent setting decisions

This review cycle attracted applications that raised new questions for the committee to discuss. These include projects on Metro land, access to private land, and trail development.

Resolution 13-4486, “For the Purpose of Confirming Eligibility of Projects on Metro Lands for the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program,” adopted on December 19, 2013, refined the applicant

eligibility criteria in Exhibit C of the Bond Resolution to allow the use of Nature in Neighborhood grant funds on Metro land for community-driven projects. As a result, two of the projects being recommended will occur on Metro land. Both of these sites are managed through an IGA with the local jurisdictions and the projects are entirely locally-driven. One of these projects will be improving the entry, parking and access to Whitaker Ponds in North Portland and the other will be improving access to nature by constructing a loop trail at the Gales Creek Natural Area in Forest Grove.

Two of the projects recommended in this review cycle will be built on private land where the property owners will be granting an access easement to a public agency. In both of these projects the committee carefully assessed how visible and welcoming the sites would be to the public and how this public access would be maintained. These unique public-private partnerships are creating new ways of providing access to nature in our densifying neighborhoods, and the committee feels it is worth investing in these innovative approaches.

This review cycle also gave the committee the opportunity to consider how the Capital Grants program could support local trail connections. Three of the projects recommended construct a trail segment that connects existing natural areas, provides a loop trail through nature, or enhances current demand trails to improve user experience.

Model for urban redevelopment

The One North Community Courtyard is being recommended as a learning opportunity. The goal is to learn how intentional efforts between a local jurisdiction, a developer, and a community organization can make the experience of urban ecology meaningful. Therefore, in addition to building an attractive urban plaza and public gathering place, the project team will assess how the plant palette attracts pollinators and birds, whether the neighborhood residents embrace the space, and if education programs can effectively use the space to teach about urban ecology.

ANAYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition

None.

2. Legal Antecedents

Resolution No. 06-3672B, "For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area A General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection" was adopted March 9, 2006.

Ordinance No. 07-1163, "Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19 to Establish the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, and Declaring an Emergency" was adopted November 1, 2007.

Metro Code Section 2.19.230, "Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," establishing the committee and prescribing its authority to review capital grants applications and make grant funding recommendations to the Metro Council.

Resolution No. 08-3965, "Approving First Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted August 7, 2008.

Resolution No. 09-4050, "Approving Second Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on August 13, 2009.

Resolution No. 10-4134, "Approving Third Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on March 18, 2010.

Resolution No. 11-4256, "Approving Fourth Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on May 19, 2011.

Resolution No 12-4343, “Approving Fifth Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants” was adopted on May 17, 2012.

Resolutions - 13-4434, “For the Purpose of Approving Sixth Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants” was adopted on December 19, 2013.

3. Anticipated Effects

This Resolution awards Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants and begins the individual contract award process for the selected grant applicants. Projects are from one to three years in length.

4. Budget Impacts

The resolution referring the 2006 Natural Areas bond measure to voters, approved by the Metro Council, authorized spending up to \$15 million toward this program. This is the seventh round of grants recommended for funding. The adopted FY 2014-15 budget includes the necessary appropriation authority for reimbursement of these grants.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Chief Operating Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 14-4548.