

## Engagement in fee-setting and budget development process

### What are the opportunities to engage in the fee-setting and budget development process for FY22-23?

Metro will host a series of engagements and forums from December 2021 through April 2022 to provide opportunities to engage in the fee-setting and budget development process.

#### *Fee-setting engagements*

- **Dec. 14, 2021**, Metro Council hosted an expert panel that offered perspectives on public utility fee and rate setting from a range of agencies including King County, Seattle Public Utilities, NW Natural and the Oregon Public Utility Commission.
- **Dec. 16, 2021**, Metro Council convened for a special work session to reflect on what staff and council took from the panel and consider how Metro fees will be set in the future.
- **Mar. 31, 2022**, Metro Council work session to consider updates to fee-setting criteria to support best fiscal practices and the fee scenario approach for FY 22-23.

All sessions will be recorded. Information and materials can be found at <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/metros-solid-waste-fee-setting-process>

#### *Budget forums*

Two additional forums will be held during key phases of the budget development process. These are designed specifically for local government partners and focused on the development of the WPES department budget.

- **Jan. 26, 2022 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** Metro's Budget Officer Marissa Madrigal will host a forum to listen to local government interests, issues, and concerns before deciding what is in the proposed budget. At this forum information will be shared about Metro's budget setting process, WPES' potential budget and its impacts on solid waste fees.
- **April 7, 2022 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** Marissa Madrigal, Metro's Budget Officer, will share the budget submitted to Council. WPES and Finance staff will share details on the priorities and policy direction included in the budget and explain how local government interests, issues and concerns were taken into consideration. This forum will occur after the proposed budget is presented to Council and the public on April 5, 2022.

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#### *Public hearing process*

Throughout the budget development process there are public meetings as well as public hearings. All meetings and hearings are open to the public. Note that Metro will take public testimony at public hearing only. For the FY 2022-23 budget development process there are four public hearings scheduled where any member of the community is welcome to testify about Metro's Budget.

Information and materials can be found ahead of time at

<https://oregonmetro.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

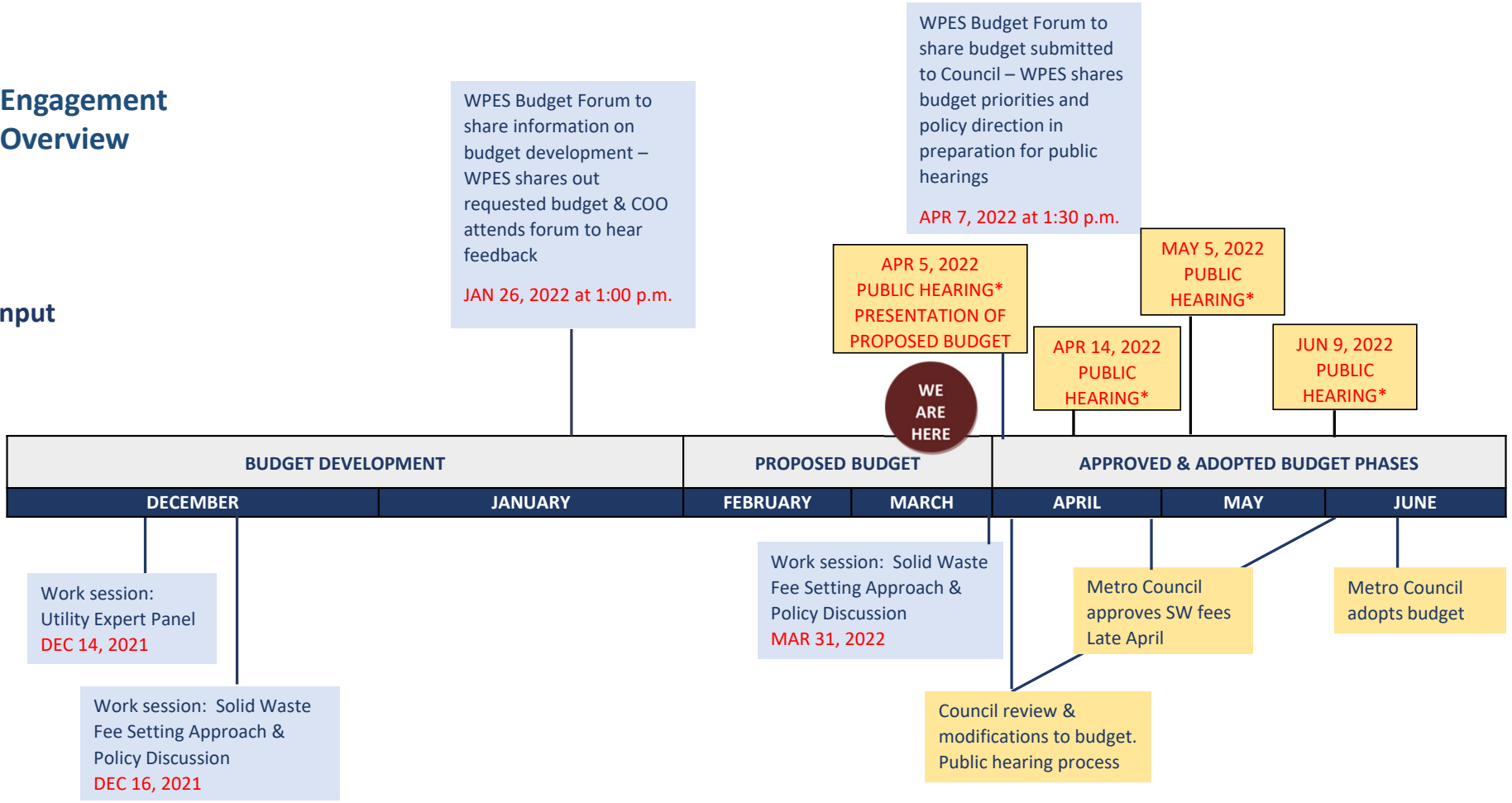
- Public hearing, April 5, 2022: formal presentation of the proposed budget to Metro Council acting as Metro's Budget Committee and public testimony.

- Public meetings, April 7 and April 12, 2022: department presentations of individual budgets to Metro Council acting as Metro's Budget Committee.
- Public hearing, April 14, 2022: Metro Council acting as Metro's Budget Committee will hear public testimony and openly deliberate about the budget.
- Public meeting, May 3, 2022: Metro Council acting as Metro's Budget Committee will present and discuss proposed amendments to the budget. By the end of the meeting, the Budget Committee must vote on which of the proposed amendments should be included as part of the budget.
- Public meeting, May 5, 2022: Metro Council acting as Metro's Budget Committee will vote to approve the budget.
- Public hearing, May 26, 2022: Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) will hold a public hearing to ask questions about the approved budget and provide an additional opportunity for the public testimony.
- Public hearing, June 9, 2022: Metro Council acting as Metro's Budget Committee will do a final review of the budget and provide a final opportunity for public testimony.

# Engagement Overview

## Public input

## Metro Council



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 6/9/22 → Final review of budget by Council.

# Engagement Overview

## Public input

WPES Budget Forum to share information on budget development – WPES shares out requested budget & COO attends forum to hear feedback  
**JAN 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

WPES Budget Forum to share budget submitted to Council – WPES shares budget priorities and policy direction in preparation for public hearings  
 APR 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

APR 5, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING\* PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

MAY 5, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING\*

APR 14, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING\*

JUN 9, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING\*

**WE ARE HERE**



## Metro Council

Work session: Utility Expert Panel  
**DEC 14, 2021**

Work session: Solid Waste Fee Setting Approach & Policy Discussion  
**DEC 16, 2021**

Work session: Solid Waste Fee Setting Approach & Policy Discussion  
 MAR 31, 2022

Council review & modifications to budget. Public hearing process

Metro Council approves SW fees

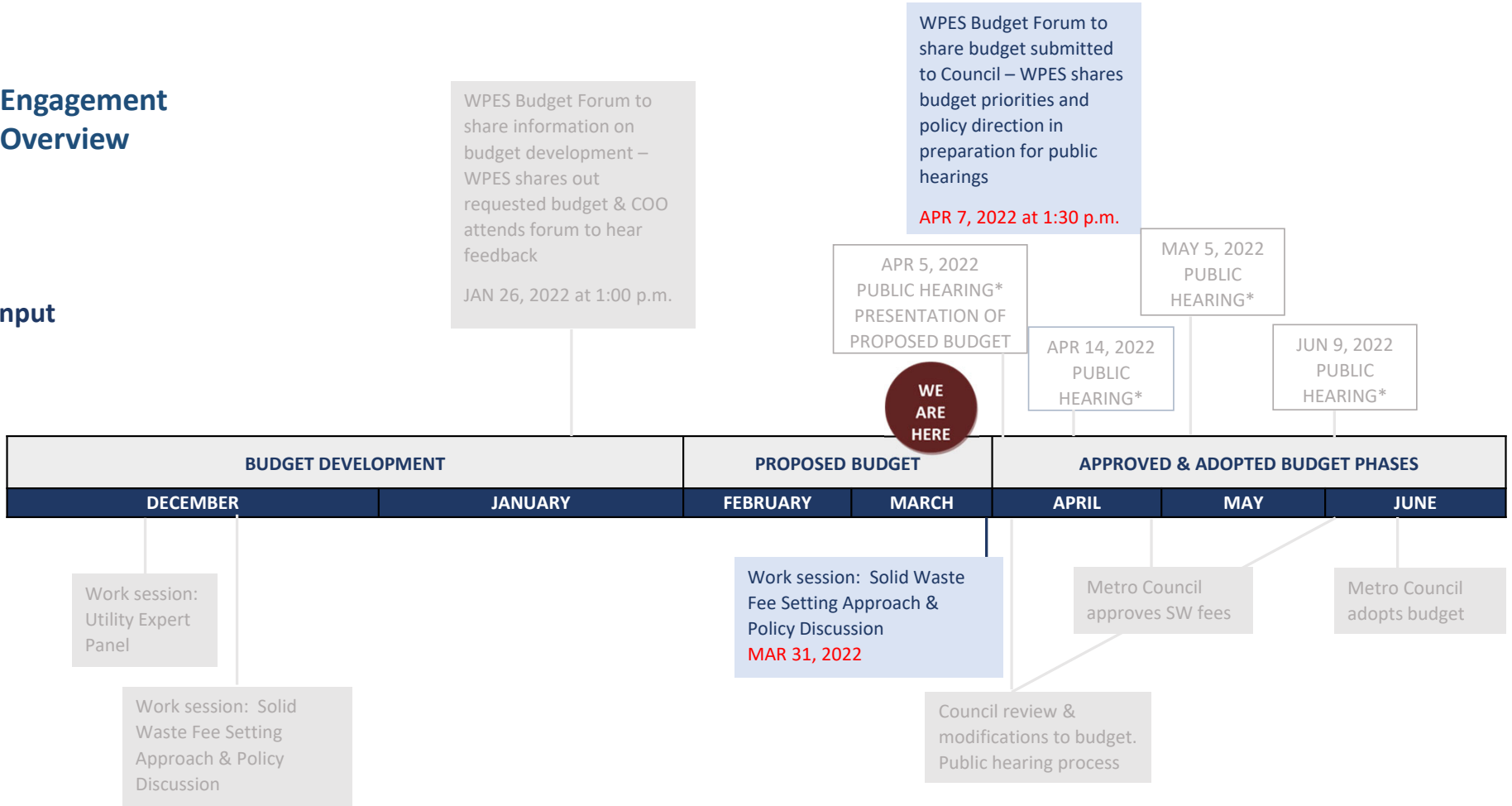
Metro Council adopts budget

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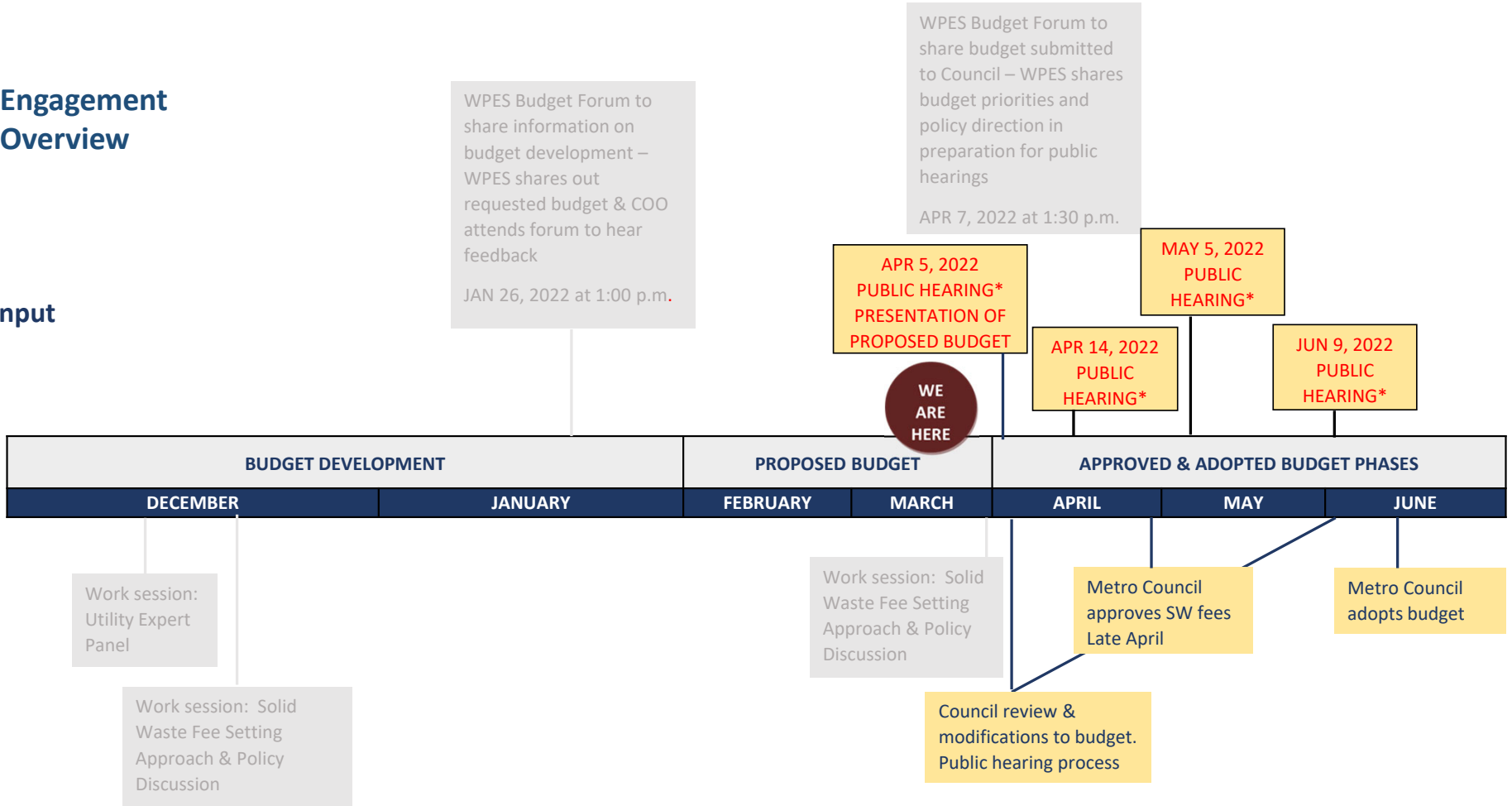


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# Upcoming engagement opportunities

Date	Engagement Opportunity
March 31, 2022 Slated for 10:50 a.m.	Council work session to consider updates to fee-setting criteria to support best fiscal practices and the fee scenario approach for FY 22-23.
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Information about the fee-setting and budget development engagements and frequently asked questions with the full engagement schedule, <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/metros-solid-waste-fee-setting-process>

Information and materials for the public hearing process, <https://oregonmetro.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

# REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** March 17, 2022    **LENGTH:** 20 minutes

**PRESENTATION TITLE:** Regional Refresh Fund Update

**DECISION TYPE:** Informational

**RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS:** Goal 2.3

**PRESENTER(S):** CAYLA PRUETT

### PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- Provide the RWAC with background and context on the Regional Refresh Fund sponsorship program's first year, share progress of the program and next steps for evaluation.

### ACTION REQUESTED

- This item is informational

### BACKGROUND

- The Regional Refresh Fund (formerly The Clean Neighborhoods Sponsorship Program) was initiated in June 2021 in response to the April 2021 budget amendment and fiscal year 2021-22 budget modification to increase service to address community cleanup needs and impacts across the region resulting from dumped garbage, graffiti and litter. \$300,000 was allocated to create the Regional Refresh Fund for sponsorship of community-led cleanup efforts targeting underserved communities.
- The program launched a soft rollout in June 2021, and then hired a full-time program coordinator at the beginning of Sept. 2021. A landing page, FAQ page, updated application and Equity Focus Area lookup tool was launched in Dec. 2021. In Jan. 2022 the post-project survey was rolled out and marketing and outreach efforts increased followed by a clear uptick in applications. Materials in Spanish launched Feb. 2022. Since its inception, Regional Refresh Fund has approved 22 applications totaling roughly \$140,000.
- The Regional Refresh Fund advances Goal 2 of the Regional Waste Plan through community partnership investments that improve the collective regional effort around waste reduction and improved service equity to communities underserved by the waste management system.
- RWAC provided guidance and feedback on the initial phase of this program under its previous name, The Clean Neighborhood Sponsorship Program.

### QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Does the committee have any questions about the background or context presented, or recommendations for the next phase of the program?



**NEXT STEPS**

- None required, but can meet again at committee's request

**ATTACHMENTS**

- (A) RRF Desired Outcomes
- (B) RRF Funding Criteria
- Relevant links:
  - [Regional Refresh Fund website](#)
  - [Regional Refresh Fund FAQ](#)
  - [Regional Refresh Fund EFA Lookup Tool](#)
  - [Regional Refresh Fund – Post-project survey](#)

# Regional Refresh Fund

Program update

Presentation to RWAC (March 17, 2022)

Cayla Pruett (she/her)



# Agenda

- RRF history of program and expansion efforts
- Program objectives & desired outcomes
- Program qualifications
- Funding history
- Data evaluation and next steps

# Program history

- **June 2021:** Soft roll out of “Clean Neighborhoods Sponsorship Program”
- **Sept. 2021:** Full time program coordinator hired to expand and run program
- **Oct. 2021:** Review committee established and name changed to Regional Refresh Fund

# Program history cont.

- **Nov 2021:** Objective and Desired Outcomes defined
- **Dec 2021:** Webpage, FAQ, simplified application, and Equity Focus Area lookup tool launched

## Regional Refresh Fund

Metro is offering funding to support community-led cleanup efforts in greater Portland.

Metro's Regional Refresh Fund supports community-led efforts to promote livability and improve service equity in the Metro region by providing flexible, low-barrier funding for immediate cleanup needs in underserved communities.

Nonprofits, public agencies, schools and business district associations are invited to apply. Applicants can request up to \$5,000 in funding per cleanup project or event.

### Before applying, review the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a nonprofit, public agency, school or business district association
- Applicant must be leading an effort that serves an equity focus area, environmentally sensitive area, or other underserved group
- The project must take place outdoors on publicly accessible property within the Metro boundary
- The project must be scheduled for a future date

### How to request funds

Read the [frequently asked questions page](#) and complete the Regional Refresh Fund application. If the application is approved, Metro will issue a check directly to the agency or organization upon receipt of an invoice. All payments are processed 30 days from the date the invoice is received.

[Apply now](#)

### Need paint for your project?

Could your cleanup project benefit from quality recycled paint? Does your project meet the qualifications of the Regional Refresh Fund? If so, MetroPaint is currently donating paint to organizations that are removing graffiti or have places that need a fresh coat of paint.

Email [oliver.dickston@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:oliver.dickston@oregonmetro.gov) for more information

# Program history cont.

- **Jan 2022:** Marketing efforts increase and the post-project survey is launched
- **Feb. 2022:** All materials launched in Spanish
- **March 2022:** Awarded half original funding amount



The screenshot shows a Facebook post from Metro, dated January 26. The post text asks if nonprofits, public agencies, schools, or business districts are leading cleanup efforts in underserved communities in greater Portland, and mentions the Regional Refresh Fund. It includes hashtags #RegionalRefresh, #OregonMetro, and #TackleTrash. Below the text is a photo of a community cleanup event with people loading items into a green dumpster. The post also features a 'Learn more' button, engagement statistics (2 comments, 9 shares), and a comment from James Peters thanking the community.

**Metro** January 26 · 🌐

Are you a nonprofit, public agency, school or business district association leading cleanup efforts in an underserved community within greater Portland? If so, you might qualify for Metro's Regional Refresh Fund, a new flexible, low-barrier program that sponsors community-led cleanup activities in the Metro region.

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 James Peters  
Thank you, for your service to our community. [100](#)

# Objective of the fund

The Regional Refresh Fund exists to support community-led efforts that **promote livability** and **improve solid waste service equity** in the Metro region by providing flexible, low-barrier funding for immediate cleanup needs in underserved communities.



# Desired Outcomes

1. Enhance community relationships
2. Improve solid waste service equity in the region
3. Improve livability for vulnerable populations





# Who qualifies?

Any nonprofit, public agency, school or business district association leading a cleanup effort within the Metro boundary.

**Projects must either:** take place in an equity focus area, environmentally sensitive area, or benefit an underserved group.



# Applications received

- Regional Refresh Fund has received 36 applications and approved 25 totaling over \$158,000
- Currently average ~ 3 applications or \$15,000 a week in sponsored activities

# Types of projects funded

- 10 bulky waste collection events
- 8 neighborhood litter & debris cleanups
- 5 waste disposal assistance to unhoused with large scale camp cleanup
- 2 graffiti abatement/paint related projects

# Primary ways funds are being used

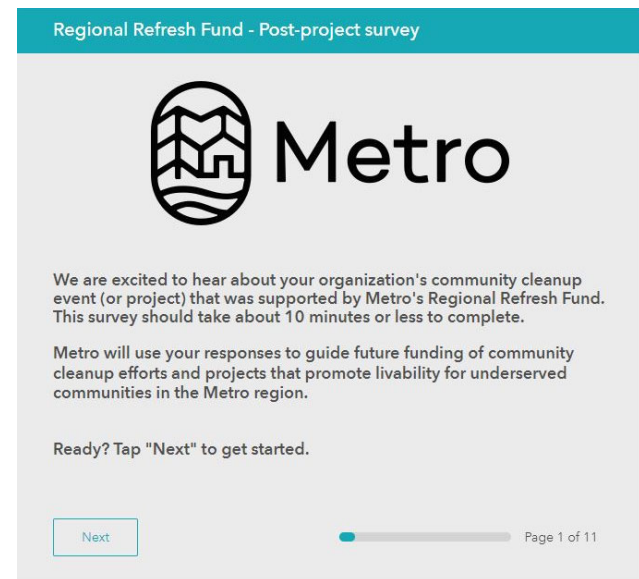
- Disposal fees at transfer station or recyclers
- Transportation costs to dispose of waste
- Collection equipment (dumpsters, sharps containers, bags)
- Supplies for volunteers
- Compensating partners or vendors helping with the event or project
- Promotional or educational materials

# Project photos



# What's next?

- Collect responses through Regional Refresh Fund Post-Project Survey after spring rush
- Evaluate post-project survey results
- Identify and implement program adjustments for phase two





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# Regional Refresh Fund

## Desired Outcomes

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### Desired Outcomes

1. Enhance community relationships
  - Establish relationships with new community partners
  - Enrich existing relationships with trusted partners
  - Increase touch-points with other Metro teams and resources like RID Patrol
  - Reduce funding barriers for community partners
2. Improve solid waste service equity in the region
  - Prioritize funding to communities underserved by the solid waste system in alignment with Regional Waste Plan and DEI goals
  - Reduce/remove barriers to proper disposal
  - Encourage more community-led cleanup efforts in the region as a result of access to low-barrier funding that can be flexibly applied to event/project expenses
3. Improve livability for vulnerable populations
  - Increase access to safe, proper waste disposal means for the region's houseless citizens, those living in low-income multifamily housing, and communities most impacted by uptick in litter and illegal dumping since start of COVID-19 pandemic
  - Encourage graffiti removal and building rehabilitation through partnership with MetroPaint





# Regional Refresh Fund

## Criteria for funding

*The Regional Refresh Fund exists to support community-led efforts to **promote livability and improve solid waste service equity** in the Metro region by providing flexible, low-barrier funding for **immediate cleanup needs in underserved communities**.*

Applicants may request up to \$5,000 in funding per unique project or event.

### Criteria for funding

- Applicant must either be a nonprofit, public agency, school or business district association. Those who do not fit into one of these categories may apply with a fiscal sponsor
- Projects must occur within the Metro boundary and either:
  - Take place in an equity focus area<sup>1</sup>
  - Service an environmentally sensitive area, or
  - Benefit an underserved group
- Applicants must apply for an event in the future (retroactive applications will not be considered)
- Projects must be in the planning phase and be able to demonstrate a plan for the funds requested
- Projects must take place outdoors on publicly accessible property
- Any request for funds to support a paint project must be for exterior projects that benefit the community

### Funding details

- Applications may be for either a single event, or to support ongoing operations when known expenses can be estimated over a period of time
- Repeat project applications will be considered on a quarterly basis (for example, a second bulky waste collection event for the same multi-family housing complex)
- Applicants completing more than one project in unique service areas may submit one application per project for consideration (example: CDCs)

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<sup>1</sup> Equity Focus Areas are intended to be used as a starting point for project evaluation. Just because a project takes place within a census tract designated as an EFA does not necessarily mean that it is serving an underserved group. Reviewers should keep this in mind as they review applications. Does the language used to describe the project in the application provide evidence that the project will serve an under resourced community? On the other hand, a project is not disqualified just because it operates outside a designated EFA.

coordinating bulky waste collection events at multiple, distinct living communities)

- Additional funding is contingent upon the completion of the Regional Refresh Fund – Post-project survey

### How can funds be spent?

The goal of this fund is to provide flexibility to our community partners so that they are empowered to prioritize what really is important for their respective communities based on their subject matter expertise. Funds may directly support a cleanup effort through acquiring supplies for volunteers, covering disposal fees at a transfer station and the like. They may also be applied indirectly by covering the cost of printing promotional materials, paying fiscal sponsor fees, compensating volunteer coordinators, etc. Other unique or unexpected expense proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Funds may *not* be used for **interior** rehabilitation or paint projects, or to support political committees or campaigns, lobbying or activities that promote a religious viewpoint.

### Partnership with MetroPaint

MetroPaint is partnership with Regional Refresh Fund to donate quality recycled paint to applicants who meet the requirements for this fund. Regional Refresh funds may be used to cover expenses for painting or graffiti abatement or exterior rehabilitation of buildings. MetroPaint will donate any paint needed to complete the project.

# REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** March 17<sup>th</sup> 2022

**TOPIC:** Garbage & Recycling System Facilities Plan

**PREPARED BY:** WILL ELDER

**PRESENTERS:** WILL ELDER

**RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS:** Goal 16: Maintain a system of facilities, from smaller recycling drop-off depots to larger full-service stations, to ensure equitable distribution of and access to services

### PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- Discuss engagement opportunities shared at the February RWAC meeting and introduce Council Values work.

### BACKGROUND

On Metro Council request, WPES has been asked to produce a long term plan to identify gaps in the solid waste infrastructure needed to support the work of the Regional Waste Plan and anticipated needs over the next 15-20 year horizon. The planning process is expected to be completed in five phases from winter 2022 to spring 2023. In the last phase of the process, project staff would bring to the Metro Council a final draft of the Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan for Council to consider for adoption.

Plan development will include assessing the region's current public, private and non-profit garbage, recycling and reuse infrastructure, identify service gaps, and present potential approaches and a plan for future system investments. Throughout the process, the project will seek to engage all potentially affected and interested individuals, communities and organizations, as well as local governments, businesses, reuse organizations and advocacy organizations.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

- Staff presented to RWAC on the development of the scope in June and July of 2021.
- Based on early feedback from Council, staff made revisions to the scope that added the development and use of Council Values to guide the process as well as make scenario development into a discrete task.
- Staff presented the revised plan scope in January and has submitted a Resolution for adoption in early March.
- Staff will be issuing an RFP for consultant services at the end of February.

### QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTIONS REQUESTED (FOR MARCH MEETING)

- Do you have any ideas around the formation of a Community Advisory Group?
- What would be ways to engage with elected officials through the plan?
- What would be ways to engage with the garbage and recycling industry through the plan?

**NEXT STEPS**

- Present your feedback to the team for engagement development.
- Return in April to solicit RWAC feedback on the Council Values Outcomes.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

# Garbage & Recycling System Facilities Plan

- Updates
- Three questions from February RWAC
- Introduction to developing Plan values and outcomes

# Project Phases and Timeline



# Three Questions for RWAC

Do you have any ideas around the formation of a Community Advisory Group?

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# Tentative plans for Community Advisory Group

## Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan

**Purpose:** community advises on key decision-points throughout all phases and support advancement of racial equity

**When:** When possible, meet before and after implementation of key decision points

- Intend to start meeting in mid May 2022



# Tentative plans for Community Advisory Group

## Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan

### **Current ideas on membership:**

- Small group - about 7 members
- Prioritize BIPOC community members (high impact/low influence)
- Individuals with experience, knowledge or expertise advancing racial equity or environmental justice
- Future Metro South and West Community Advisory Group members
- One community member of RWAC

# Regional Waste Plan Values



**Protect and restore the environment and promote health for all**



**Conserve natural resources**



**Advance environmental literacy**



**Foster economic well-being**



**Ensure operational resilience, adaptability and sustainability**



**Provide excellent service and equitable system access**

# Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan Values and Outcomes

## Example

Value



**Foster economic well-being**

Outcome

**Provide living wages, benefits, and career pathways for employees at all new and existing publicly owned solid waste facilities.**

**Goal 3**  
Actions 3.2

**Goal 4**  
Actions 4.1, 4.2

# REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Worksheet

**PRESENTATION DATE:** 3/17/2022      **LENGTH:** 25 minutes

**PRESENTATION TITLE:** Update on State Legislative Session and Federal Legislation

**DECISION TYPE:** Informational

**RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS:** Goal 5; Goal 10

**PRESENTER(S):** Pam Peck, Scott Klag and Tyler Frisbee

### **PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION**

The purpose of this presentation is provide a brief update on the result of the recently concluded state legislative session and an overview of federal legislative efforts of potential interest to WPES.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

This presentation is informational and no action is required at this time.

### **BACKGROUND**

Staff has previously provided information to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee about Metro's legislative agenda including details on specific measures Council was supporting. We have also provided more detailed information about producer responsibility legislation which has been an important part of WPES and Council's legislative agenda over the past several years.

The 2022 session was limited in time (35 days) and the number of bills introduced. The presentation will focus on the key bills we followed: producer responsibility (EPR) for mattresses; modifications to the Bottle Bill; and evolution of an existing task force into an Environmental Justice Council with staff funding. The federal update will provide information on whether any legislation such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law might provide resources to our region for solid waste and recycling programs.

As we reported to you last year, the 2021 Oregon legislation saw passage of the Recycling Modernization Act (SB 582) which significantly overhauled the statewide recycling system. The bill brings producers in to share in the responsibility of developing a modernized system that will bring a statewide standardized list of what is collected, reduced contamination, advance equity, provide investment into material recovery facilities and ensure recovered materials go to responsible markets. The DEQ has begun work on implementing the bill including: convening meetings of the Truth in Labeling Task Force; putting in place the membership of the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Committee; and starting the work of a technical committee on what will go on the statewide recycling list.

## **QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- Any questions about the bills discussed or regarding any other legislation?
- Any additional information would you might find useful and wish to hear about?

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Provide any additional information or answers to questions asked at this meeting.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Presentation on Oregon 2022 Legislative Session



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# Oregon 2022 Legislative Session



Regional Waste Advisory Committee  
Thursday, March 17, 2022

# Background for 2022 Session

- Constitutional “short” session – 35 days
- Limited number of bills allowed
- Short sessions focus on financial matters – no new “policy” bills



# 2022 Session

## Council WPES Priorities

- SB 1576 - Extended Producer Responsibility for Mattresses
- SB 1520 Modifications to Bottle Bill

## Also

- HB 4141 - Environmental Justice For All



# Mattress EPR Bill – SB 1576

- Oregon's 6<sup>th</sup> EPR law – Bottle Bill; E-Cycles; Paint; Pharmaceuticals; Paper & Packaging (RMA 2021)
- Oregon 4<sup>th</sup> state with EPR for Mattresses (Connecticut, Rhode Island, California)
- Producer provides and pays for recycling services
- Program will provide drop off sites across state; Collect from any site with 100+
- Program operational early 2025



# Bottle Bill Modifications – SB 1520

- Multiple issues raised in 2021 session - Senator Dembrow convened work group to discuss.
- SB 1520
  - Ensure all distributors are responsible
  - Wine in cans to be brought under program
  - Cooperative report: on access & expansion; efforts to improve access for canners
- Further discussions planned on what else to bring in (e.g., liquor in cans?)

# Environmental Justice for All – HB 4077

- Environmental Justice Task Force becomes the Environmental Justice Council (EJC)
- Provides for staffing
- Expands membership to broaden representation; more state agencies under its jurisdiction; engage communities across state
- Builds a mapping tool increase understanding between agencies and environmental justice communities

# Other Bills of Note

- SB 4158 – Amendments to Oregon E-Cycles Program Bill dropped. DEQ will develop bill for 2023.
- SB 1567 – Fuel terminals seismic vulnerability assessments. (These are Metro Central transfer station neighbors.)

# Questions?

- Any questions about any of these or other legislation?
- Any additional information would you might find useful and wish to hear about?

Scott Klag  
Senior Planner



Arts and events  
Garbage and recycling  
Land and transportation  
Oregon Zoo  
Parks and nature

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