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Dear neighbor:

Have an idea that will improve water quality in local rivers and streams? Want to work with your community to improve fish and wildlife habitat? Have kids that want to get their hands dirty? Need money to make it happen? Apply to Metro for a Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and enhancement grant.

A pre-application is the first step in the request process. The deadline to submit a pre-application is 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Funding requests can range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for hands-on activities and environmental education programs that protect and contribute to watershed health in the 25 cities located within Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Visit Metro's website for more details (www.oregonmetro.gov/grants).

Metro's program connects community-minded people to their neighborhoods, natural areas, backyards and beyond. We look for projects that reflect thoughtful research, help strengthen the community, involve residents and deliver results. Proposals are accepted from nonprofits, or from an individual, business or group that has an agreement with a nonprofit fiscal agent.

Don't let the fear of grant writing be an obstacle. If you need help with your application, attend Metro's free grant-writing workshop geared for first-time applicants. The two-hour session begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 5th and will include practical advice, time to network with others and much more. Contact Metro for workshop details and to reserve your place (by phone at 503/797-1834 or email at "Kristin.blyler@oregonmetro.gov").

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Remember – your pre-application is due to Metro by 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 19th. I hope you will consider this opportunity and share this information with others who may be interested.

Sincerely,