

# Community Enhancement Grant Program Agreement

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THIS AGREEMENT, entered into under the provisions of ORS Chapter 190, is between Metro, a Metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-2736, and the City of Oregon City (the “City”) an Oregon municipal corporation, whose address is 625 Center Street, Oregon City, Oregon 97045.

### Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to implement the provisions of Metro Code Chapter 5.06 related to the establishment of a Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program (“program”) for Metro South Transfer Station.

### Section 2: Term

This Agreement begins on July 1, 2021 and terminates on June 30, 2026. The parties may agree to terminate this Agreement earlier. Metro may terminate this Agreement under Section 8. The parties may extend the term of the Agreement by written amendment.

### Section 3: Collection and Distribution of Community Enhancement Fee Funds

- A. In accordance with Metro Code, Metro South Transfer Station (“facility”) must collect and remit to Metro a solid waste community enhancement fee of \$1.00 on each ton of putrescible solid waste, including yard debris mixed with food waste, received at the facility. If the facility seeks to collect additional fees for community enhancement, the parties will amend this Agreement so the additional funds are distributed in compliance with the Agreement.
- B. Metro will send to the City the solid waste community enhancement fee funds (“funds”) collected in A above on the first business day in February, May, August, and November of each year this Agreement is in effect.
- C. At the request of the City, Metro will provide quarterly reports of activity at the facility, including data on (1) the gross weight of solid waste received in vehicles that are weighed as they enter the facility; (2) the number of other vehicles assessed fees on an estimated volume basis; and (3) the tonnage of solid waste transferred from the facility.
- D. At the request of the City, Metro will assist with the establishment and implementation of the program.

### Section 4: The City Obligations

- A. The City must establish and implement a program that complies with Metro Code Chapter 5.06 (Exhibit A), and Metro Administrative Procedures (Exhibit B). Exhibits A and B are incorporated into this Agreement and are binding on the City.

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- B. The City must establish a solid waste community enhancement program advisory committee (“committee”) that complies with Exhibit A and Exhibit B. The City will monitor the committee for compliance with its duties, including without limitation establishment of a solid waste community enhancement area boundary and compliance with Exhibits A and B. The committee membership must include the mayor or chief executive officer of the City /County, at least two citizens of The City appointed by the Mayor, and the Metro Councilor whose district includes The City. The City may include additional members at its discretion. **OR** The City and the Metro Councilor whose district includes the City must perform the functions of the committee. At the request of the City, Metro will support the City’s citizen member recruitment process and will provide best practices guidelines to the City. The best practices include recruitment of citizens who have experience with populations that are underserved by the community in terms of access to and participation in solid waste activities and benefits.

All committee members must disclose any conflict of interest before participating in a grant decision, and must sign a conflict of interest form provided by The City and approved by the attorney representing The City.

- C. The City must create a separate program account for deposit of the funds collected under Section 3. The City must ensure that only projects chosen by the committee receive these funds. The City must carry forward any funds not expended during a budget year to the following year. The City must not use the funds for general government purposes.
- D. The City must promote the program within the solid waste community enhancement program boundary area. The City must publish information about the program, including without limitation funding criteria, goals, application process, and timeline, on its website.
- E. The City must require the committee to provide an open public process for project review and selection.
- F. The City must require the committee to prepare an annual budget. The budget must identify the expected distribution of funds for projects during a fiscal year. The committee may propose that there be no distribution of funds during a fiscal year, for a maximum of three consecutive years.
- G. The City must ensure funding decisions are made by a majority vote of the committee.
- H. The City must provide all necessary support to administer the program. The City may charge the fund no more than 20% of the annual budget, not to exceed \$50,000, for the direct costs of administering the program. Direct costs include staff time and materials.
- I. No later than October 1 of each year, the City must provide a written report to Metro on the program that includes revenues and expenditures of the program funds and the fund balance carried forward, if any. The report also must include an accounting of any funds expended for program administration.

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- J. The City must maintain complete and accurate records related to the administration of the program and all funds expended and carried forward, and must make these records available to Metro for inspection, auditing and copying.
- K. The City staff who administer the Community Enhancement Grant Program will attend an annual grant-making best practices training hosted by Metro.

## Section 5: Notices

Legal notice provided under this Agreement must be delivered personally or by certified mail to the following individuals:

### For The City:

Office of the City: Counsel  
City of Oregon City  
625 Center Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045

### For Metro:

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

Management of this Agreement will be conducted by the following designated Project Managers:

### For The City:

James Graham  
City of Oregon City  
625 Center Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045

### For Metro:

Rob Nathan  
Metro  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232

The City may change the above-designated Project Manager by written notice to Metro. Metro may change the above-designated Project Manager by written notice to the City.

## Section 6: Indemnification

Subject to the limits of the Oregon Constitution and Oregon Tort Claims Act, the City shall hold harmless Metro, its officers and employees from any claims or damages or property or injury to persons or for any penalties or fines, for the City's actions under this Agreement.

## Section 7: Dispute Resolution

The parties will attempt to negotiate resolutions to all disputes arising out of this Agreement.

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## Section 8: Termination

During the term of this Agreement, each party retains the right to terminate the Agreement by written notice delivered to the other party no later than 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Metro may terminate this Agreement at any time for nonperformance of any material term of the Agreement.

## Section 9: Insurance

The City agrees to maintain insurance levels, or self-insurance in accordance with ORS 30.282, for the duration of this Agreement to levels necessary to protect against public body liability as specified in ORS 30.270. The City also agrees to maintain for the duration of this Agreement, Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for all its employees as a self-insured employer, as provided by ORS chapter 656, or disability coverage under its Disability, Retirement and Death Benefits Plan.

## Section 10: Integration and Amendment

This writing contains the entire Agreement between the parties, and may only be amended by written instrument, signed by both parties.

## Section 11: Severability

If any portion of this Agreement is found to be illegal or unenforceable, this Agreement nevertheless remains in full force and effect and the offending provision will be stricken.

## Section 12: Notice of Default

If Metro determines that a default exists, Metro must give thirty days' written notice to the City describing the nature of the default and will give the City an opportunity to cure the default before taking any further action.

The City

Metro

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**CHAPTER 5.06**

**SOLID WASTE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM<sup>1</sup>**

- 5.06.010 Policy and Purpose
- 5.06.020 Authority and Jurisdiction
- 5.06.030 Amount of Enhancement Fee
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- 5.06.050 Establishment and Administration of a Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program
- 5.06.060 Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program Advisory Committee
- 5.06.070 Eligibility Criteria for Solid Waste Community Enhancement Projects
- 5.06.080 Goals for Solid Waste Community Enhancement Projects
- 5.06.090 Compliance and Dispute Resolution

**Repealed**

- 5.06.100 Administrative Procedures  
[Repealed Ord. 19-1441]

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly "Community Enhancement Programs"; Ord. 14-1344, Sec. 1.

### **5.06.010 Policy and Purpose**

It is the policy of Metro to establish and implement a solid waste community enhancement program at all eligible solid waste facilities in the Metro region. The purpose of the program is to rehabilitate and enhance the area around the facility from which the fees are collected. [Ord. 14-1344.]

### **5.06.020 Authority and Jurisdiction**

Metro's solid waste authority, including the authority to collect an enhancement fee and establish and implement a solid waste community enhancement program, is established under the Oregon Constitution, ORS Chapters 268 and 459, and the Metro Charter. [Ord. 14-1344.]

### **5.06.030 Amount of Enhancement Fee**

Solid waste facilities subject to this chapter shall collect an amount not exceeding \$1.00 on each ton of putrescible solid waste delivered to the facility and remit the funds to Metro for use as a solid waste community enhancement fee. Eligible solid waste facilities may also collect an amount not exceeding \$1.00 on each ton of non-putrescible waste delivered to the facility when the Metro Chief Operating Officer and facility owner determines it is in the public interest. The Metro Council will set the enhancement fee amount for any solid waste facility subject to the fee. [Ord. 14-1344; Ord. 19-1439.]

### **5.06.040 Enhancement Fee Requirements and Exemptions for Solid Waste Facilities**

- (a) Solid waste facilities that operate all or in part as disposal sites, transfer stations, reload facilities, compost facilities, and energy recovery facilities, as defined by Chapter 5.00, shall collect and remit an enhancement fee under this Chapter.
- (b) Where only a portion of a solid waste facility's operations qualify for collection of a fee under subsection (a), the facility shall collect and remit an enhancement fee only on the solid waste it accepts as an eligible facility.
- (c) Notwithstanding section (a) above, yard debris reload and yard debris composting facilities are not subject to the requirements of this Chapter. [Ord. 14-1344.]

### **5.06.050 Establishment of a Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program**

- (a) Upon approval of a license or franchise application, the Metro Chief Operating Officer will inform a solid waste facility of the requirement to collect a solid waste community enhancement fee. The Metro Chief Operating Officer will require collection of the fee in the facility license or franchise.
- (b) The Metro Chief Operating Officer will inform the local government where the facility is located that a solid waste community enhancement fee will be collected by the facility and remitted to Metro.

- (c) The solid waste community enhancement program will be administered by (1) Metro directly or through a contract; or (2) the local government where the facility is located, so long as Metro and the local government agree on the terms of an intergovernmental agreement.
- (d) The Metro Councilor for the district where the facility is located shall be eligible to participate in the solid waste community enhancement program, including without limitation participation as a co-chair and voting member of the community enhancement committee, regardless of whether Metro or the local government, through an intergovernmental agreement, administers the program.
- (e) The Metro Chief Operating Officer will establish a timeline for implementation of a solid waste community enhancement program.
- (f) The funds collected and remitted to Metro shall be used for solid waste community enhancement projects chosen by a community enhancement committee and may include administrative costs in an amount set by the Metro Chief Operating Officer. [Ord. 14-1344.]

#### **5.06.060 Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program Advisory Committee**

A solid waste community enhancement program established under this section shall have a solid waste community enhancement committee. The committee is responsible for implementation of the program, including without limitation:

- (a) Establishment of the enhancement area boundary.
- (b) Creation of committee bylaws.
- (c) Development of a process for soliciting and selecting solid waste community enhancement projects.
- (d) Compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in Section 5.06.070 and the goals set forth in Section 5.06.080 and creation of additional criteria and goals where needed.
- (e) Annually review enhancement program revenue estimates provided by Metro staff and propose how these funds will be allocated for the upcoming fiscal year or funding cycle.
- (f) Presentation of an annual report to the Metro Council on all projects approved for funding.
- (g) Maintenance of complete and accurate records related to the administration of the program, submitted to Metro annually. [Ord. 14-1344.]

### **5.06.070 Eligibility Criteria for Solid Waste Community Enhancement Projects**

A solid waste community enhancement project must meet the following criteria to be eligible for funding. A solid waste community enhancement committee may apply more restrictive eligibility criteria:

- (a) The project must be located in the solid waste community enhancement area boundary as specified by the solid waste community enhancement committee or the project must benefit individuals or programs located inside the solid waste community enhancement area boundary.
- (b) The project applicant must be:
  - (1) A non-profit organization, including without limitation a neighborhood association or charitable organization with 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Service; or
  - (2) A school or institution of higher learning; or
  - (3) A local government, local government advisory committee, department or special district provided that they include documented support from the local government executive officer.
- (c) The project must not be used to replace any other readily available source of federal, state, local or regional funds.
- (d) The project must not promote or inhibit religion.
- (e) The project must not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, age, gender, or sexual orientation.
- (f) If the project is located on private land, the project application must establish a clear public benefit and must document landowner permission. [Ord. 14-1344.]

### **5.06.080 Goals for Solid Waste Community Enhancement Projects**

Projects shall meet one or more of the following goals and solid waste community enhancement committees shall give priority to projects that best meet with goals. A solid waste community enhancement committee may adopt additional funding goals. The project will:

- (a) Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community.
- (b) Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste.
- (c) Increase reuse and recycling opportunities.
- (d) Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.



- (e) Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- (f) Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs.
- (g) Result in improvement in safety.
- (h) Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons or underserved populations. [Ord. 14-1344.]

#### **5.06.090 Compliance and Dispute Resolution**

The Metro Chief Operating Office is responsible for ensuring compliance with this Chapter.  
[Ord. 14-1344.]

**5.06.100** [Repealed Ord. 19-1441; Effective February 19, 2020]



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## **Policy and Legal Authority**

- 1.1 Policy and Legal Authority.
  - 1.1.1 Metro’s solid waste planning and implementing authority is established under the Metro Charter, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and ORS Chapters 268 and 459.
  - 1.1.2 Metro’s solid waste community enhancement program is established based on state law (ORS 459.280 and 459.284).
  - 1.1.3 All solid waste administrative procedure shall be subject to the authority of all other applicable laws, regulations or requirements in addition to those contained in this administrative procedure and performance standard.
  - 1.1.4 Administrative procedures are adopted, as necessary, to implement the provisions of Metro Code Chapter 5.06 Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program.
  - 1.1.5 The purpose of these administrative procedures is to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the Metro residents; to protect and preserve the local environment, to implement cooperatively a solid waste community enhancement fee program; and to reduce the volume and toxicity of waste disposed through source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.
  - 1.1.6 These administrative procedures and performance standards are issued by the Metro Chief Operating Officer (“Metro COO”) pursuant to Metro Code Section 5.06.100.



## **Application and Purpose of Chapter 5.06**

### **2.1 Application of Chapter 5.06**

- 2.1.1 Chapter 5.06 shall apply to all eligible solid waste facilities within Metro's jurisdictional boundary that are licensed or franchised by Metro pursuant to Metro Code Chapter 5.01.
- 2.1.2 Metro Code Chapter 5.06 shall apply to all eligible solid waste facilities within Metro's jurisdictional boundaries that are owned by Metro.

### **2.2 Purpose**

- 2.2.1 Metro has long recognized that certain solid waste facilities may present economic, environmental, health or other impacts on local host communities.
- 2.2.2 Metro's solid waste community enhancement program provides funds that are used for community enhancement grant projects located in the vicinity of each eligible solid waste facility. Funds are to be used for the rehabilitation and enhancement of the area in and around the facility from which the fees are collected, as determined by each solid waste community enhancement committee established in accordance with Metro Code Chapter 5.06.



## **Program Exempt and Program Eligible Facilities**

### **3.1 Exempt Facility Types and Ineligible Solid Waste Activities**

3.1.1 The following types of facilities are not subject to Metro Code Chapter 5.06.

3.1.1.1 Reuse or recycling facilities that (A) exclusively receive non-putrescible source-separated recyclable materials and (B) reuse or recycle such materials, or transfer, transport or deliver such materials to a person or facility that will reuse or recycle them.

3.1.1.2 Material recovery facilities that (A) exclusively receive non-putrescible solid waste and conduct material recovery on such waste, and may also (B) receive non-putrescible source-separated recyclable materials and reuse or recycle such materials or transfer, transport or deliver such materials to a person or facility that will reuse or recycle them.

3.1.2 The following types of solid waste activities are not subject to Metro Code Chapter 5.06.

3.1.2.1 Yard debris reloading.

3.1.2.2 Yard debris composting.

3.1.2.1 Material recovery on non-putrescible waste, except as provided in Section 3.3.

3.1.2.2 Recycling or reuse of non-putrescible materials.

### **3.2 Program Eligibility by Facility Type and Solid Waste Activity**

3.2.1 Eligible facility types include, but are not limited to, the following:

3.2.1.1 Disposal sites.

3.2.1.2 Transfer stations.

3.2.1.3 Reload facilities.

3.2.1.4 Energy recovery facilities.

3.2.1.5 Compost facilities.

3.2.2 Eligible solid waste activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

3.2.2.1 Processing, reloading or transfer of putrescible waste (includes food waste and yard debris mixed with food waste).

3.2.2.2 Composting or any other processing of putrescible waste (includes food waste and yard debris mixed with food waste).

3.2.2.1 Energy recovery (including anaerobic digestion of putrescible waste to include food waste and yard debris mixed with food waste).

3.2.2.2 Disposal (includes landfilling and incineration).

3.3 Special conditions related to non-putrescible waste activities at an eligible facility

3.3.1 Non-putrescible waste that is subject to material recovery and delivered to a transfer station or other eligible solid waste facility shall be subject to Metro Code Chapter 5.06 when a facility owner/operator and the Metro COO determines it to be in the public interest.

3.3.2 For the purpose of this section the public interest shall include, but is not limited to: A) the historical program relationship established between a facility and host local government or community (e.g. Metro Central Transfer Station and Metro South Transfer Station), or B) such conditions necessary to operate a new facility, or at an existing facility conducting a new solid waste activity that is subject to Metro Code Chapter 5.06 and Metro Code Chapter 5.01.



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## **Establishing a Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program**

The purpose of this section is to establish a general process for Metro and a host local government to implement and administer a solid waste community enhancement program at an eligible solid waste facility.

### **4.1 New Facilities Without a Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program**

#### **4.1.1. Notification to a host local government.**

Upon receipt of a complete Metro license or franchise application for a new eligible solid waste facility that is subject to this chapter, or a new eligible solid waste activity at an existing facility, the Metro COO shall notify the host local government that it qualifies for the solid waste community enhancement program.

#### **4.1.2 Coordination with Metro and the host local government.**

4.1.2.1 As part of Metro's license and franchise review or renewal process, the Metro COO will notify the local government hosting an eligible solid waste facility that a solid waste community enhancement program shall be established.

4.1.2.2 The Metro COO shall provide the host local government with an opportunity to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to administer the program. As provided in Section 5.1, Metro and the local government may consider other approaches to administer the program if an intergovernmental agreement cannot be established.

4.1.2.3 A host local government shall not be excluded or limited from participating in Metro's solid waste community enhancement program for an eligible solid waste facility, nor shall Metro be limited in implementing a solid waste community enhancement program when a host local government adopts: (1) a tax or charge that imposes a fee on haulers of commercial solid waste or other users of the facility; (2) any tax duly adopted by the local government which is generally applicable for all persons doing business in boundaries of the local government; or (3) any franchise fee collected by the local government from haulers collecting solid waste within the boundaries of the local government,

4.1.2.4 Metro shall not establish a solid waste community enhancement program at a solid waste facility if the respective host local government has implemented and is actively administering a solid waste community enhancement program

for that solid waste facility under separate authority of ORS 459.284 and 459.290.

- 4.1.2.5 Prior to establishing a solid waste community enhancement program at an eligible solid waste facility, the Metro COO shall inform the Metro Council President and the Metro Councilor whose district hosts the solid waste facility of the decision to establish a solid waste community enhancement program and provide the Metro Councilor with the opportunity to chair, co-chair, or otherwise participate in the solid waste community enhancement committee at the option of the Metro Councilor.

#### 4.2 Programs Established Prior to January 1, 2014

Solid waste community enhancement programs that were established prior to January 1, 2014 and are administered through an intergovernmental agreement with a host local government shall be updated and reissued with an effective date of July 1, 2015 to provide consistency with all applicable provisions in Metro Code Chapter 5.06 and these administrative procedures.

#### 4.3 Existing Eligible Facility Without a Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program

The Metro COO shall notify a host local government of an existing eligible solid waste facility within its jurisdictional boundaries regarding a timeframe and process for the implementation and administration of a solid waste community enhancement program in accordance with this chapter.

#### 4.4 Funding

- 4.4.1 Except as provided in Section 3.3, solid waste facilities subject to Metro Code Chapter 5.06 shall collect an amount not exceeding \$1.00 on each ton of putrescible solid waste delivered to the facility and remit the funds to Metro for use as a solid waste community enhancement fee.
- 4.4.2 Metro may periodically adjust the solid waste community enhancement fee based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) up to the maximum amount set forth in ORS 459.284.
- 4.4.3 On a quarterly basis, Metro will remit the solid waste community enhancement funds to each host local government with a solid waste community enhancement program established by intergovernmental agreement with Metro in accordance with Metro Code Chapter 5.06.
- 4.4.4 Projects funded from a solid waste community enhancement fund will be made with the positive vote of a majority of the solid waste community enhancement committee created to administer such a program. Frequency of funding projects is also to be determined by the committee.





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**Establishing a Solid Waste Community Enhancement Committee**

5.1 Establishing a Solid Waste Community Enhancement Committee

- 5.1.1 For the purpose of establishing a solid waste community enhancement committee, the Metro COO shall coordinate with the host local government and the Metro Councilor whose district hosts the eligible solid waste facility.
- 5.1.2 Metro may designate a solid waste community enhancement committee in accordance with Metro Code Chapter 2.19.
- 5.1.3 The Metro COO may enter into an intergovernmental agreement to designate the host local government as the solid waste community enhancement committee. Such a committee shall consist of at least five members and may include the Metro Councilor whose district hosts the solid waste facility (with the option to serve as co-chair to the committee), and three citizen representatives appointed by the mayor, city manager, or county administrator. In lieu of appointment of such a committee, the local government may designate itself and the Metro Council member representing the district that hosts the solid waste facility (with the option to serve as co-chair to the committee) to perform the function of such committee. The term for such intergovernmental agreements should be established to coincide with the term set forth in the subject facility's Metro license or franchise.
- 5.1.4 The Metro COO may enter into an agreement with a recognized non-profit community organization including, but not limited to, a neighborhood district coalition, neighborhood association, committee for citizen involvement or other similar community-based group having a legally constituted active board of directors. The designated solid waste community enhancement committee shall consist of at least five members, and may include the board of directors, the Metro Councilor whose district hosts the solid waste facility, and any number of citizen representatives appointed by the Metro Councilor whose district hosts the solid waste facility.
- 5.1.5 The Metro COO shall establish the terms and conditions of the agreements for the establishment and administration of a solid waste community enhancement committee as provided in Metro Code Chapter 5.06.

5.2 Administration

- 5.2.1 The administration and distribution of funds from a solid waste community enhancement program shall be subject to the approval of a solid waste community enhancement committee.

- 5.2.2 Each solid waste community enhancement committee or host local government shall promote, advertise, solicit and accept requests for proposals or projects to be funded from the solid waste community enhancement fund within its solid waste community enhancement program area boundary.
- 5.2.3 Either Metro or the host local government shall prepare and publish an annual budget for the solid waste community enhancement account. Each budget shall be subject to review and comment by the solid waste community enhancement committee and shall, at a minimum, identify the proposed allocation of grant funding and administrative costs for the upcoming fiscal year, except that a solid waste community enhancement committee may propose that there be no expenditure of funds during a fiscal year for up to a maximum of three consecutive fiscal years, or longer if approved by the Metro COO or the community enhancement committee.
- 5.2.4 Either Metro or the host local government shall segregate solid waste community enhancement funds by establishing a separate set of accounts for the revenues and expenditures of the solid waste community enhancement program to ensure that only committee-authorized plans, projects, and programs receive funding. Funds not expended during a budget year shall be carried forward to each subsequent year.
- 5.2.5 Each solid waste community enhancement committee or host local government shall publish and follow the project funding criteria in Section 6.1 and goals in Section 6.2 for selecting projects or programs to fund during the fiscal year. A solid waste community enhancement committee may request that Metro modify or change the criteria. A community enhancement committee may publish and follow more restrictive program funding criteria, and may adopt and publish additional goals and/or guidelines.
- 5.2.6 Each solid waste community enhancement committee or host local government shall, provide an annual written report to the Metro COO regarding all expenditures from the enhancement fund and shall itemize all enhancement fund expenditures including the amount of funds expended on each project under its jurisdiction including the funding balance by October 1 of each year.
- 5.2.7 Each solid waste community enhancement committee, upon request by the Metro COO, shall provide an oral presentation to the Metro Council at a time such presentation can be scheduled at a Metro Council meeting.
- 5.2.8 If administrative costs incurred by Metro or the host local government to administer the solid waste community enhancement program are reimbursed from the solid waste community enhancement funds as provided in Section 5.3. The annual report required in Section 5.2.6 shall include an accounting of the funds expended for program administration.
- 5.2.9 Each solid waste community enhancement committee will provide an open public process for project/program review and approval.

### 5.3 Administrative Cost Reimbursement

- 5.3.1 A solid waste community enhancement fund may be used to help defray the direct costs incurred to administer a solid waste community enhancement program by Metro or a host local government (e.g., staff time and materials necessary to set up and administer a solid waste community enhancement program).
- 5.3.2 No more than twenty percent (20%), and not more than \$50,000 of a solid waste community enhancement fund that is collected during a program funding cycle may be used to pay for costs directly associated with administering a solid waste community enhancement program. Administrative costs in excess of these amounts shall not be borne by the solid waste community enhancement fund.

### 5.4 Recordkeeping and Audits

- 5.4.1 Each solid waste community enhancement committee or host local government shall maintain complete and accurate records related to the administration of the program and funds expended under its jurisdiction. The committee shall make these records available to Metro for inspection, auditing, and copying.
- 5.4.2 Metro may require, at Metro's expense, that a solid waste community enhancement committee submit to an independent audit conducted by an auditor chosen by Metro. The audit shall address only those matters reasonably related to the solid waste community enhancement program fund and its administration.



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## **Eligibility Criteria and Goals**

### **6.1 Eligibility Criteria for Funding Solid Waste Community Enhancement Projects**

- 6.1.2 To qualify for funding, a proposed solid waste community enhancement project shall meet the following funding criteria. A designated solid waste community enhancement committee may adopt and publish more restrictive eligibility criteria.
- 6.1.2.1 Be within the solid waste community enhancement area boundaries specified by the designated solid waste community enhancement committee or benefit individuals or programs located inside the community enhancement area boundary.
  - 6.1.2.2 Be from non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, neighborhood associations or charitable organizations with 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Service, or
  - 6.1.2.3 Be from a school, or institution of higher learning, or
  - 6.1.2.4 Be from a local government, local government advisory committee, department or special district provided that they include documented support from the local government executive officer, and, as a guideline, the requested funding not exceed 15% of an annual solid waste community enhancement program budget or funding cycle, or more as otherwise provided in an intergovernmental agreement between Metro and a host local government.
  - 6.1.2.5 Not replace another readily available source of federal, state, regional or local funds.
  - 6.1.2.6 All applicants must go through the official application, review and approval process established by the solid waste community enhancement committee.
  - 6.1.2.7 Not promote or inhibit religion.
  - 6.1.2.8 Not fund organizations, projects or programs that discriminate based upon race, ethnicity, age, gender or sexual orientation.
  - 6.1.2.9 Be able show a clear public benefit if projects are on private land.

6.1.2.10 Have written landowner permission at the time of application.

## 6.2 Goals for Funding Solid Waste Community Enhancement Projects

- 6.2.1 Projects shall meet one or more of the following goals. Priority will be given to projects that best meet the goals and which offer benefits to the areas and populations most directly impacted by the solid waste facility. A designated solid waste community enhancement committee may adopt and publish additional funding goals. The order of the following listing does not imply ranking or weighting. Projects should:
- 6.2.1.1 Result in an improvement to the appearance or environmental quality of the area/neighborhood within the enhancement area boundaries.
  - 6.2.1.2 Result in the reduction in the amount or toxicity of waste, or increase reuse and recycling opportunities within the enhancement area boundaries.
  - 6.2.1.3 Result in rehabilitation, upgrading or direct increase in the real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code within the enhancement area boundaries.
  - 6.2.1.4 Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas within the enhancement area boundaries, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
  - 6.2.1.5 Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs within the enhancement area boundaries.
  - 6.2.1.6 Result in improvement in the safety of the area within the enhancement area boundaries.
  - 6.2.1.7 Result in projects that benefit youth, seniors, low income persons or underserved populations within the enhancement area boundaries.



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**Dispute Resolution**

- 7.1 The Metro COO shall, in good faith, attempt to negotiate resolutions to all disputes arising out of the implementation and administration of Metro Code Chapter 5.06 and these administrative procedures. Disputes arising out of or relating to the implementation or administration of Metro Code Chapter 5.06 or these administrative procedures shall be resolved as follows:
- 7.1.1 The Metro COO will review the matter or dispute to determine if there is sufficient reason or cause to take action.
  - 7.1.2 When warranted, the Metro COO will notify the host local government and the solid waste community enhancement committee, the Council President and the corresponding councilor whose district hosts the solid waste facility in writing of the dispute or alleged breach. The notice shall describe the nature of the dispute or alleged breach. The notice shall prescribe a resolution process and include a date by which the host local government or solid waste community enhancement committee must respond to the Metro COO's notice.
  - 7.1.3 Within the period specified by the Metro COO, the host local government or solid waste community enhancement committee shall respond to the notice provided by the Metro COO regarding the dispute. Such response may include information that proves that the dispute or alleged breach has been resolved, or that diligent efforts to correct the dispute or alleged violation is being made and is likely to succeed in a reasonable period of time.
  - 7.1.4 If the Metro COO determines that the dispute or alleged violation has not or cannot be resolved within the manner prescribed and in a reasonable period of time, the Metro COO may take further action, including the modification or termination of an intergovernmental agreement to ensure that the dispute or breach is resolved within a reasonable period of time.

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