



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
STAFF REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> May 6, 2024		<b>Subject: Resolution No. 3134</b> Wilsonville – Metro Community Enhancement Grant Awards	
		<b>Staff Member:</b> Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager	
		<b>Department:</b> Administration	
<b>Action Required</b>		<b>Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Information or Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Council Direction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> None Forwarded <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <b>Comments:</b> The Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee recommended fiscal year 2024-2025 project allocations at their March 19, 2024 meeting.	
<b>Staff Recommendation:</b> Staff recommends Council approve the consent agenda.			
<b>Recommended Language for Motion:</b> I move to approve the consent agenda.			
<b>Project / Issue Relates To:</b> Wilsonville – Metro Community Enhancement Program.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Council Goals/Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted Master Plan(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	

**ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Approve the Wilsonville – Metro Community Enhancement grants for fiscal year 2024-2025.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City of Wilsonville receives funds through Metro to offset the impacts of the waste processing plant operated by Republic Services in the City. The City receives \$1 per ton of waste processed at the Wilsonville location. The City also accepts Community Investments Fees (CIF) through Metro to contribute to the grant funding. The Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) meets annually to discuss the project nominations and make a recommendation to City Council.

This year, the City received six applications including:

- Grace Chapel on behalf of Heart of the City Client Services Accessibility Project
- Friends of Trees Tranquil Park Stewardship and Restoration
- Portland State University's Art and Stories from Behind the Walls Project
- "Many Cultures, One Heart" - Hearts Public Art Project
- Murase Music Garden
- Wilsonville Field Guide

The committee met on February 27 and March 19, 2024 to conduct annual business and review the applications. After a thorough review of the applications, the committee recommended all of the applications. The Committee, made up of two city councilors, four community members and Metro District 3 Councilor, met on February 27 and March 19, 2024 to conduct annual business and review the applications. After a thorough review of the applications, the committee recommend awarding funds to the following projects:

- Grace Chapel on behalf of Heart of the City Client Services Accessibility Project. This allocation is for \$13,260.
- Friends of Trees Tranquil Park Stewardship and Restoration. This allocation is for \$19,929.
- Portland State University's Art and Stories from Behind the Walls Project. This allocation is for \$11,187.
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee "Many Cultures, One Heart" - Hearts Public Art Project. This allocation is for \$29,000.
- Parks Department's Murase Music Garden. This allocation is for \$17,000.
- Natural Resources Department's Wilsonville Field Guide. This allocation is for \$19,500.

The total recommended project allocation for fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$109,876.

## **Community Enhancement Program Projects Background**

City Resolution No. 2543 (July 2015) that created the Community Enhancement Program (CEP) provided for City Council approval of the project recommendations made by the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee.

Project nominations were accepted from the public and public agencies from November 2023 – January 2024. A total of five projects were nominated.

Community Enhancement Funds may be used immediately on smaller projects or accumulated for up to three years to underwrite a larger project; Metro provides flexibility for communities to design a local version of the program.

The Community Enhancement Program funding is used for “enhancing the host community of the facility from which the fees have been collected” to fund projects that “rehabilitate and enhance the area within the city.” Eligible projects can improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community, increase reuse and recycling opportunities or improve recreational areas and programs.

### **Goals for community enhancement projects include:**

- 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.

Proposals are scheduled to be accepted again in the late fall and early winter 2025 with additional project award recommendations in the spring by the committee. Staff generally begins advertising the program in early to mid-fall.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS:**

Completion of the funded projects by June 30, 2025.

### **TIMELINE:**

Funding will be available July 1, 2024 and project should be complete by June 30, 2025.

**CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:**

The Wilsonville- Metro Community Enhancement Program is funded through a Metro program and included in the fiscal year 2024 -2025 budget. The City receives revenue on a quarterly basis, which can only be used for these projects.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:**

The Wilsonville- Metro Community Enhancement Committee is made up of four community members, two city councilors, and a Metro Councilor. The meetings were advertised and open to the public.

**POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:**

The community will benefit from all of these projects in different ways.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**CITY MANAGER COMMENT:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution No. 3134
2. Project Applications and Review Materials