



April 20, 2023

BCC Agenda Date/Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of County Commissioners  
 Acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services  
 Clackamas County

**Approval of a Grant Application to Metro’s Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant Program for Construction of the 3-Creeks Water Quality Project. Grant value is \$600,000. Funding is through Metro. No County General Funds are involved.**

<b>Previous Board Action/Review</b>	Presented at Issues on April 18, 2023.		
<b>Performance Clackamas</b>	<p>This project supports the County’s Strategic Priorities to build strong infrastructure, and also honoring, utilizing, promoting, and investing in the County’s natural resources.</p> <p>The project supports WES’s strategic result that 30% of streams within WES’ jurisdiction meet or exceed water quality standards.</p>		
<b>Counsel Review</b>	N/A	<b>Procurement Review</b>	No
<b>Contact Person</b>	Ron Wierenga	<b>Contact Phone</b>	503-742-4581

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Water Environment Services (WES) is requesting approval to submit a grant application for a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Program Grant for construction of the 3-Creeks Restoration Project. WES submitted a pre-application proposal and was invited to submit a full application for consideration by Metro. The amount requested is \$600,000 in funding to support the stream restoration work.

The 3-Creeks Natural Area is an approximately 80-acre regional natural area marked by the confluence of Mt. Scott, Phillips, and Dean Creeks in Northern Clackamas County. It includes a large flood control facility, wetlands, uplands, open space areas, and related facilities. WES has been working with a consultant team to evaluate options to optimize the existing flow control system and restore the creek and floodplain within the natural area. The goals for optimization and restoration of the 3-Creeks Natural Area are to help protect downstream areas from flooding during the long rainy season and enhance seasonal stream and floodplain habitat for aquatic species. The proposed adjustments will also improve water quality and increase wetland habitat.

WES has programmed \$3 million of the Surface Water Construction Fund for construction of the project. If awarded, the Metro funding would be used to expand on the proposed project with additional stream

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restoration measures, and complete the design, permitting and construction of the in-stream restoration. If Metro funding is not awarded, WES will continue with the original restoration project scope of work and look for other funding options to further enhance the site at a later date. If approved, WES will submit the grant application via the online portal by the due date of May 2, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services, approve a Grant Application by Water Environment Services to Metro’s Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant Program for Construction of the 3-Creeks Water Quality Project.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Geist  
Director, WES

Attachment: Financial Assistance Application Lifecycle Form

# Financial Assistance Application Lifecycle Form

Use this form to track your potential award from conception to submission.

Sections of this form are designed to be completed in collaboration between department program and fiscal staff.

If renewal, complete sections 1, 2 & 4 only. If direct appropriation, complete page 1 and Dept/Finance signatures only.

If Disaster or Emergency Relief Funding, EOC will need to approve prior to being sent to the BCC

\*\*CONCEPTION\*\*

## Section I: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Requester

Award type:  Direct Appropriation (no application)  
 Subrecipient Award  Direct Award

Award Renewal?  Yes  No

<b>Lead Fund # and Department:</b>	Fund# 649 / Water Environment Services
<b>Name of Funding Opportunity:</b>	Metro Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grant Program

Funding Source:  Federal – Direct  Federal – Pass through  State  Local

Requestor Information: (Name of staff initiating form)	Gail Shaloum
Requestor Contact Information:	gshaloum@clackamas.us (503) 793-4264 cell
Department Fiscal Representative:	Erin Blue
Program Name & Prior Project #: (please specify)	3-Creeks Floodplain Enhancement Project 649-700203-70020100-700321403

### Brief Description of Project:

The 3-Creeks Natural Area (3-Creeks) is 89-acres marked by the confluence of Mt. Scott, Phillips, and Dean Creeks in Northern Clackamas County. It includes a large regional stormwater facility, wetlands, uplands, open space areas, and related facilities. WES is proposing a nature-based solution that includes optimizing the performance of the existing flood control structure, restoring the stream to its natural elevation to reconnect to historic floodplains, to both maximize habitat improvement opportunities that this site offers and to provide community resilience. The proposed solution consists of filling an incised stream channel with stream bed material and natural large wood. The concept plan targets 5,000 linear feet of stream restoration and environmental education. Future grant applications may include facilities to allow pedestrian access.

Name of Funding Agency: Metro

Notification of Funding Opportunity Web Address: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/nature-neighborhoods-grants/nature-neighborhoods-capital-grant>

**OR**

Application Packet Attached:  Yes  No

Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* NOW READY FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE \*\*

## Section II: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Department Fiscal Rep

Competitive Application  Non-Competing Application  Other

Assistance Listing Number (ALN), if applicable:	N/A	Funding Agency Award Notification Date:	Spring 2023
Announcement Date:	pre-app 1/13/23, full app invitation 3/23/23	Announcement/Opportunity #:	N/A
Grant Category/Title	Nature in Neighborhoods capital grant	Funding Amount Requested:	\$600,000
Allows Indirect/Rate:	Yes	Match Requirement:	\$1,200,000
Application Deadline:	5/2/23	Total Project Cost:	\$3M w/o grant, \$3.6M with grant
Award Start Date:	Late 2023	Other Deadlines and Description:	Recommendation to Metro Council in Summer 2023, agreements anticipated late 2023 or early 2024
Award End Date:	2028 (up to 5 years max)		
Completed By:		Program Income Requirements:	N/A
Pre-Application Meeting Schedule:			

### Additional funding sources available to fund this program? Please describe:

\$3M from WES Surface Water CIP, \$1.45M of funds as an Oregon DEQ SRF Sponsorship Option loan. Have applied to National Fish & Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Grant for \$3.8M, waiting for results.

How much General Fund will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?  
None.

How much Fund Balance will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?  
None.

## In the next section, limit answers to space available.

### Section III: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed at Pre-Application Meeting by Dept Program and Fiscal Staff

#### Mission/Purpose:

1. How does the grant/funding opportunity support the Department and/or Division's Mission/Purpose/Goals?

This project aligns with the County's strategic goals of building strong infrastructure, and also honoring, utilizing, promoting, and investing in the county's natural resources. This project also supports WES's watershed protection mission, specifically the water quality and watershed health goals that streams within WES' jurisdiction meet or exceed water quality standards.

2. Who, if any, are the community partners who might be better suited to perform this work?

WES as property owner is best suited to perform the restoration work. NCPRD would be suited to assist through our existing IGA, and to help maintain the project after construction. The North Clackamas Watershed Council has an interest in the project and will assist with outreach and provide volunteers to assist with planting.

3. What are the objectives of this funding opportunity? How will we meet these objectives?

This grant supports community-led projects that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resilience and increase people's experience of nature at the community scale. We have conducted over one year of stakeholder involvement to obtain input and have the community shape the project, which will protect and improve water quality and fish & wildlife habitat. The surrounding community includes historically marginalized and low income populations. We also plan to provide environmental education on site, which will increase people's experience of nature at the community scale.

4. Does the grant/financial assistance fund an existing program? If yes, which program? If no, what is the purpose of the program?

Yes, this grant would provide financial assistance for the 3-Creeks Project in WES' existing adopted Surface Water Capital Improvement Plan.

#### Organizational Capacity:

1. Does the organization have adequate and qualified staff? If no, can staff be hired within the grant/financial assistance funding opportunity timeframe?

Yes, WES has an existing project manager for the project and a consultant team under contract to assist.

2. Are there partnership efforts required? If yes, who are we partnering with and what are their roles and responsibilities?

Yes, WES already partners with NCPRD and with environmental educators at Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors, and the Environmental Learning Center at Clackamas Community College. We will continue to partner to use this site to improve our watershed health education program. We have also met with surrounding businesses, nearby neighborhood district association, North Clackamas Watersheds Council, and Confederated Tribes of the Grand Rond. We are discussing ways to further partner with those stakeholders if interested. Grant requires a community partner; North Clackamas Watersheds Council will be that partner and assist with outreach to marginalized communities.

WES also anticipates partnership with NCPRD for long term maintenance of the 3-Creeks natural area, through our existing IGA.

3. If this is a pilot project, what is the plan for sun setting the project and/or staff if it does not continue (e.g. making staff positions temporary or limited duration, etc.)?

This is not a pilot project.

4. If funded, would this grant/financial assistance create a new program, does the department intend for the program to continue after initial funding is exhausted? If yes, how will the department ensure funding (e.g. request new funding during the budget process, supplanted by a different program, etc.)?

The project does not create a new program.

**Collaboration**

1. List County departments that will collaborate on this award, if any.

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District will partner with WES by reviewing design drawings and other consultant deliverables, and by giving input into public access. WES also anticipates continuing to partner with NCPRD for long term maintenance of the 3-Creeks natural area (through our existing IGA).

**Reporting Requirements**

1. What are the program reporting requirements for this grant/funding opportunity?

Grant recipients will be required to report on the progress and outcomes of the project throughout the project period. A final report will be required that includes full and final accounting of all expenditures, the value and source of matching funds, a description of work accomplished, volunteer hours and participation, Project photos (including a photo of the signage acknowledging the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program participation), and data on evaluation measures.

2. How will performance be evaluated? Are we using existing data sources? If yes, what are they and where are they housed? If not, is it feasible to develop a data source within the grant timeframe?

WES staff will work with the consultant team to manage the planning, design, permitting & construction of this project during the duration of the project performance period.

3. What are the fiscal reporting requirements for this funding?

WES Finance will provide semiannual invoices to Metro during the grant period.

**Fiscal**

1. Are there other revenue sources required, available, or will be used to fund the program? Have they already been secured? Please list all funding sources and amounts.

WES Surface Water CIP funds of \$3 million are committed to this project.  
Existing DEQ SRF loan of \$1.45 million.  
WES has also applied for a NFWF National Coastal Resilience Grant in the amount of \$3.8 million, but have not yet heard the result.  
These existing funds are committed for design, permitting, and construction of the restoration project.

2. For applications with a match requirement, how much is required (in dollars) and what type of funding will be used to meet it (CGF, in-kind, local grant, etc.)?

A 2:1 match is required. For a \$600,000 request, \$1.2 million would be required in match. Sources mentioned in #1 above, which are already programmed, provide more match than required.

3. Does this grant/financial assistance cover indirect costs? If yes, is there a rate cap? If no, can additional funds be obtained to support indirect expenses and what are those sources?

We do not plan to request indirect cost reimbursement. This is one-time funding for this specific project.

Other information necessary to understand this award, if any.



Program Approval:

**Ron Wierenga**

**Mar 29, 2023**



Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

**\*\* NOW READY FOR PROGRAM MANAGER SUBMISSION TO DIVISION DIRECTOR \*\***

**\*\*ATTACH ANY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY. COUNTY FINANCE OR ADMIN WILL SIGN\*\***

**Section IV: Approvals**

**DIVISION DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)**

**Ron Wierenga**

Mar 29, 2023



Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)**

**Greg Geist**

Mar 29, 2023



Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

**FINANCE ADMINISTRATION**

**Elizabeth Comfort**

Mar 29, 2023



Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

**EOC COMMAND APPROVAL (WHEN NEEDED FOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELIEF APPLICATIONS ONLY)**

Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

**Section V: Board of County Commissioners/County Administration**

*(Required for all grant applications. If your grant is awarded, all grant awards must be approved by the Board on their weekly consent agenda regardless of amount per local budget law 294.338.)*

**For applications less than \$150,000:**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied: <input type="checkbox"/>
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

**For applications under \$150,000 email form to Christina Fadenrecht at [CFadenrecht@clackamas.us](mailto:CFadenrecht@clackamas.us) for Gary Schmidt's approval.**

**For applications \$150,000 and above, email form with Staff Report to the Clerk to the Board at [ClerktotheBoard@clackamas.us](mailto:ClerktotheBoard@clackamas.us) to be brought to the consent agenda.**

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when fully approved.

Department: keep original with your grant file.