



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised: 10/27/14)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # R.5 DATE 5/21/15  
LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 5/21/15  
Agenda Item #: R.5  
Est. Start Time: 10:05 am  
Date Submitted: 5/1/15

## Agenda NOTICE OF INTENT to apply for a Metro Community Planning and Title: Development Grant.

*Note: This APR is for NOI's only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

Requested Meeting Date: May 21, 2015 Time Needed: 5 minutes  
Department: Dept. of County Human Services Division: ADVSD  
Contact(s): Lee Girard  
Phone: 503-988-3768 Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ I/O Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Lee Girard, Community Services Manager, ADVSD

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division requests Board approval to submit an application for an \$850,000, three-year Metro Community Planning and Development Grant.

This application represents one of two applications from the County for the Metro grant opportunity. In accordance with the Metro grant specifications, the County had to rank the applications in priority order. This application ranked second, with an application aligned with the A Home for Everyone goals ranking as first priority.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Metro Community Planning and Development Grant seeks to encourage good local planning leading to catalytic action plans, strategic plans and visioning plans that remove barriers to private investment in development, ready land for development and improve the livability of the region. The intent of Metro's Community Planning and Development Grants program is to support these efforts throughout the region. The grants are funded by a

regional construction excise tax.

According to a recent AARP survey, at least 89% of adults aged 45 and older want to “age in place” as long as possible. Affordable, accessible and well-located housing is central to the quality of life for people of all ages, but is especially vital for older adults as physical and cognitive changes occur over the life course. Within the Portland metro area, the number of residents aged 65 and older will increase by 106% by 2030, compared to an increase of 34.6% in the region’s overall population. Our region’s existing housing stock lacks sufficient age-friendly features to meet the needs of our expanding aging population.

Although age-friendly approaches and best practices exist, designing and developing age-friendly housing is not common practice and lacks well-defined costs and benefits to assist planners, designers and developers in achieving age-friendly. Concurrently, communities are beginning to recognize that aging is a lifelong process and age-friendly design is not just “elderly-friendly”. In addition to enhancing personal and community vitality, age-friendly design catalyzes the local economy by enhancing the patronage of older adult consumers. This project proposes to integrate age-friendly and universal design principles to ensure that a person’s home is safe, accessible and enjoyable throughout the life course, for current and future residents. This approach would uniquely position the Portland metro region as a pioneer in the field and provides an opportunity to enhance regional competitiveness with respect to visionary development approaches.

Aligned with the October 2014 Multnomah County Board of Commissioners vote to join the World Health Organization/AARP Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities, this proposed project strives to further the development of age-friendly housing in Multnomah County by developing agreed-upon guidelines to be implemented in the design and development of five housing types: single family, multi family, accessory dwellings, infill, and planned unit developments. As a part of the initiative, comparative developments will be monitored to ascertain the cost of age-friendly housing features. Age-friendly housing will be evaluated for cost and benefits, resulting in the development of a best practice guidebook for use in future developments. Beyond the guidebook, the project also strives to identify and implement policy and/or system changes to encourage the integration of age-friendly design principles into future housing developments and/or remodels. During the final phase of the grant, at least three distinct housing sites will be selected for design implementation to ensure wide-ranging impact.

While large in scope, the multipronged project aspires to create a comprehensive and complimentary approach to ensure short-term action with long-term sustainability and success beyond the grant period, catalyzing development opportunities in the Portland region and beyond, all in an effort to enhance livability and community well-being across the life course.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

This grant will provide a total of \$850,000 for three years, pending negotiations if awarded.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

N/A

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

The planning grant will involve the participation of community partners, community members and industry professionals. The grant proposes partnerships with PSU’s Institute of Aging,

Age-friendly Portland & Multnomah County Advisory Council, Age-friendly Portland & Multnomah County Housing Subcommittee, community development agencies, Portland Home Builders Association, AARP Oregon, Elders in Action, Asian Health & Services Center, community-residing older adults, key community stakeholders and industry experts.

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#### Grant Application/Notice of Intent

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If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**  
Metro
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**  
10% match required. The proposed match includes in-kind existing staff time, not supplemental CGF. Projects selected to be funded must enter into intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Metro to establish agreed-upon scope of work, budget, expected milestone and deliverable completions dates and grant payment dates.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one-time only or long term commitment?**  
This is a one-time funding grant term. However, the intention of the grant is to encourage good local planning leading to catalytic action plans, strategic plans and visioning plans that remove barriers to private investment in development, ready land for development and improve the livability of the region. As such, adopted organizational and infrastructure changes will inherently exist beyond the grant term.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The grant application deadline is June 1, 2015.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
August 2015 – July 2018, pending final negotiations with Metro.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
This is a competitive grant, with no guarantee of continued funding. Contracted services will end unless additional funding is secured.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**  
Central and Departmental indirect costs are allowed, pending final Metro IGA negotiations.

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#### Required Signatures

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Elected Official  
or Department/  
Agency Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/21/15

Budget Analyst: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/23/15

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