

5. Enhancement Grant Program Committee

The Committee is responsible for awarding grants on an annual basis for projects and programs that meet the grant criteria. The committee was established November 2, 1988 by Resolution No. 88-69. It was restructured February 4, 1998 by Commission Report No. 98-09. The committee was created as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and the regional government, Metro. The IGA that created the committee also covers the operations of the Metro Transfer Station located at the intersection of Highway 213 and Washington Street. Metro pays the City a \$0.50 per ton fee for enhancement and mitigation activities. A small percentage of this total goes into the City's General Fund in lieu of taxes, and the rest is placed into the Metro Enhancement Fund.

The IGA was amended on November 16, 2006, effective January 1, 2007 (November 15, 2006 Commission Meeting, Agenda Item 8a), to change the Committee structure to consist of the City Commission, one (1) METRO councilor, and three (3) citizens appointed at-large. The City of Oregon City solicits applicants from residents of Oregon City for membership on the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee (OCMEC). The Mayor appoints or reappoints members for the following fiscal year.

The Committee recommends the boundary of the area eligible for rehabilitation and enhancement. The Committee also recommends plans, projects and programs for rehabilitation and enhancement within the eligible boundary. Such recommendations can be made at any time, but shall at least be submitted annually to coincide with the City's budget process. Eligible projects include Planning, Engineering, Architectural and Marketing Services; sign, lighting and landscape construction; equipment acquisition; Public Works improvements, property acquisition, building construction, reconstruction or demolition; and other activities that are consistent with the Committee's purpose. The Committee shall not have authority to make any expenditure on behalf of the City, or to obligate the City for payment of any sums of money, unless the City Commission has previously authorized such expenditure.

The Committee shall have the power and authority to seek advice or testimony from any appropriate agency or individual to their purpose.

Abbreviation	Term Length	Term Expiration	Appointing Authority
EGPC	4 years	December 31	Mayor