

CET Planning Grants Screening Committee

Role of screening committee

It is intended that the Screening Committee support the objective of the CET program, to provide planning grants that make land ready for development, by leveraging the experiences, expertise, and insight of its members to give a quality assessment on the development potential of each grant request. Screening Committee members are not directly responsible for managing application activities or for project success. Screening Committee members will:

- Adhere to program selection criteria when conducting assessments;
- Evaluate and judge the development potential of each application;
- Be able to make assumptions about the development implications of proposed projects; and
- Vote and make funding recommendations on grant requests.

Membership

Members of the committee, including the committee chair, are selected by the Metro COO. In appointing committee members, the Metro COO will make every effort to avoid disproportionate geographic representation on the committee. The committee will be composed of nine individuals representing a variety of expertise from public and private interests, plus one non-voting Metro Councilor to serve as a Metro Council liaison. A committee member may have more than one expertise. The nine-member committee will be composed of the following:

- One member with expertise in economic development;
- One member with expertise in urban planning;
- At least one member with expertise in real estate and finance;
- One member with expertise in infrastructure finance relating to development or redevelopment;
- One member with expertise in local government;
- One member with expertise in urban renewal and redevelopment;
- One member with expertise in business and commerce;
- One member from a neighborhood association or community planning commission with an understanding of community livability issues; and
- One member with expertise in environmental sustainability relating to development or redevelopment.