

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Citizen volunteers , such as grant reviewcommittee members, “ensure public respect by avoiding even the appearanceof impropriety... decisions are based on the merits of the issues .Judgment is independent and objective.” ¹

If a committee member’s “financial interests will be specifically affected by a decision, that official will...withdraw from further participation on the matter... Intervention on behalf of constituents or friends is limited to assuring fairness of procedures, clarifying policies or improving service.” ²

Therefore, any committee member, who is a **staff member or boardmember of an organization** submitting a grant (pre) application, will **recuse themselves from the scoring and the committee discussion** of that grant (pre) application.

Any committee member, who is a staff member or board member of a **partner organization** with **financial interest** in submitting a grant (pre) application, will recuse themselves from the scoring and the committee discussion of that grant (pre) application.

Any committee member, who is a staff member or board member of a **partner organization** with **no financial interest** in submitting a grant (pre) application, may score and participate in the discussion of that grant (pre) application.

¹ Metro Executive Order No. 66. (January 21, 1997). Code of Ethics.

² Metro Executive Order No. 66. (January 21, 1997). Code of Ethics.

Committee Member Nondisclosure

I, _____, a member of the Central Enhancement Grant Committee, recognize and acknowledge that review committee members may be discussing and reviewing confidential and proprietary information ("Confidential Information") during the grant proposal process, proposal evaluation, and award process. I recognize that the Confidential Information may be a "trade secret" and exempt from public disclosure under Oregon law because it may include information known only by the company that provided the information to Metro in confidence, is used by the company in its business, has commercial value, and gives the company a business advantage over competitors not possessing such information. The ability of competitors of the company to obtain the Confidential Information specified herein is not in the public interest because it detracts from a relationship of trust that is necessary for Metro to effectively carry out its transportation planning functions. I hereby obligate myself not to disclose Confidential Information to any person outside of Metro. At any time during and after the grant proposal review and award process I will not, in any manner whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, divulge, disclose, or communicate Confidential Information to any person, partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other entity, or to any person at Metro who does not have a reasonable need to obtain Confidential Information. I will not use the Confidential Information for personal benefit.

Print Committee Member's Name

Signature

Date