

NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND

2013 TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS PROJECTS CRITERIA

The Neighborhood Matching (NMF) supports partnerships between the city of Seattle and neighborhood organizations to produce neighborhood-initiated planning, organizing, and improvement projects that build community. Many of these community projects require the approval and coordination with Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks) as well as Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). Project criteria for suitable projects for each department are outlined on page 2. In addition, Parks will manage a maximum of 10 NMF capital planning or development projects at any given time (does not include noncapital projects).

It is important for prospective applicants to be aware that there are projects not suitable due to their complexity in scope, high need for city staff support, and/or possible increase in city operating and maintenance costs. Prior to applying, please review the project criteria and contact the identified Parks or SDOT staff for assistance.

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Dept.	Suitable Project	Project Not Suitable
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovates existing park features such as park furniture, play areas, gathering areas, and landscaping. • Includes sustainable elements such as native and drought tolerant plantings (reduction of water usage), rain gardens (reduction of water runoff into the city storm system), or removal of concrete or asphalt and replacement with pervious surfaces that does not add maintenance and operating costs in the short- or long-term. • Has been launched using previous NMF awards such as planning and design projects that do not add significant new maintenance and operations costs. • Leverages other funded Parks projects; for example, a Parks and Green Spaces Levy project or maintenance project. • Is a noncapital project, such as holiday celebrations, musical and other cultural event, oral history, brochure, or research into park history. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds significant new operations and maintenance costs such as water features, non-standard lighting, or large decorative planting beds. • Develops a new park. • Does not have an approved concept plan for a construction project (this prerequisite may be satisfied with a Small and Simple Projects Fund award for planning and design). • Requires preparation of master plans for large park sites such as Discovery Park. • Requires prolonged fund raising efforts or extended time period to be developed. • Duplicates similar existing park features or projects in the same park service area. • Makes alterations to recently built facilities.

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SDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes small-scale tree planting, planting strip enhancements, and beautification projects. • Develops small traffic calming projects (e.g. traffic circles). • Installs bike racks, individual kiosks, and/or pole banners. • Creates murals and paints signal boxes. • Plans new stairways and pathways in unopened Right-of-Ways (limit one per funding cycle). • Produces a special event with permits issued by the Special Events Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires large scale work that requires construction permits and/or significant infrastructure additions. • Includes neighborhood-wide planning efforts requiring extensive design, input, or coordination. • Makes street-end enhancements.