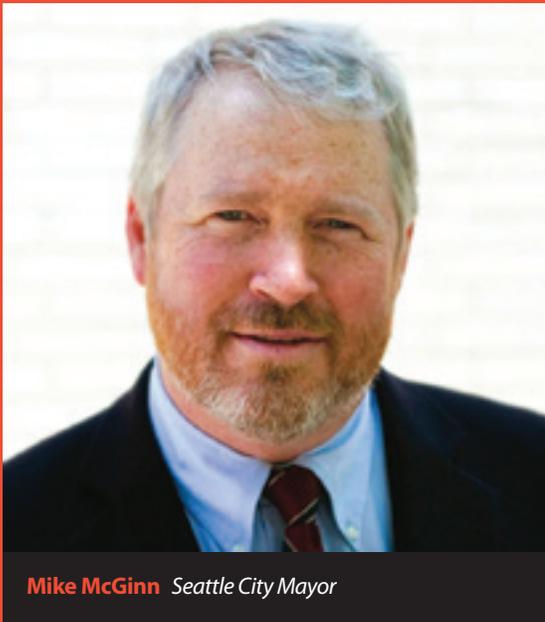


SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Neighborhood Matching Fund

Annual Report 2009-2010

Letter from the Mayor



cultural exchange programs, creating public art, and much more that have made Seattle a strong and vibrant city.

Because the Neighborhood Matching Fund is designed to be accessible to both formal and informal community groups, a resident with a good idea for building community in his or her neighborhood can find support to bring people together and strengthen relationships. In 2009 and 2010 alone, the Neighborhood Matching Fund made more than 400 awards to projects that took an innovative approach to addressing issues important to our city: encouraging community members to be civically engaged; creating jobs; preserving the environment; and supporting youth and families.

The partnership between our community members and the Neighborhood Matching Fund has been vital in helping Seattle residents bring to life their ideas to make our city a better place to live. I am honored to be connected to so many talented and dedicated Seattle residents through the Neighborhood Matching Fund.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McGinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



Nihonmachi Maynard Avenue Green Street

The Neighborhood Matching Fund Program

How the NMF Started

Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) was founded in 1988 in response to calls from neighborhood leaders to support resident-led efforts. With the help of these leaders, the Seattle City Council established this popular city-based program, and today there are few areas in which the NMF has not made an impact. The NMF supports a wide range of projects which feature high community participation and self-help, where community

members take leadership roles in shaping and implementing projects to improve their neighborhoods. Over the years, the NMF has been flexible in responding to issues important to community members, including race and social justice, education, urban agriculture, the environment, and more that have benefited Seattle across all our diverse populations and communities. One of the first programs of its type in the nation, the NMF has been replicated in dozens of cities around the world.

What the NMF Supports

The Neighborhood Matching Fund strengthens communities across Seattle through three core funds: Small Sparks; Small and Simple Projects Fund; and Large Projects Fund. (The Tree Fund, which had been part of NMF until late 2010, is now coordinated by Seattle Public Utilities. Program updates are under development.) All NMF projects fall under one of these project types: race and social justice; climate protection; youth-initiated projects; neighborhood planning and/or design; neighborhood organizing; physical and non-physical improvements; and public school partnerships.

"[The Neighborhood Matching Fund] gives the citizens of Seattle real power in managing their city. With [the Fund's] goal to create something, the payoff is: your neighborhood park, your traffic circle, your playground set, your new museum in your neighborhood."

Chas Redmond, City Neighborhood Council Chair

What makes the NMF unique is the community match requirement. For each project, the community group must match some or all of the cash award with contributions of volunteer labor, donated materials, professional services, and/or cash. This match requirement establishes a strong level of community ownership for projects, and as a result, the impact of the Neighborhood Matching Fund has been vast. Since the beginning of the Neighborhood Matching Fund, these community-driven projects have represented:

- Nearly \$47 million in NMF awards to support 3,900 projects.
- Over \$68 million in community match (including volunteer labor, donated materials, and professional services).
- More than 85,000 volunteers who donated over 566,000 hours.

How the NMF Works

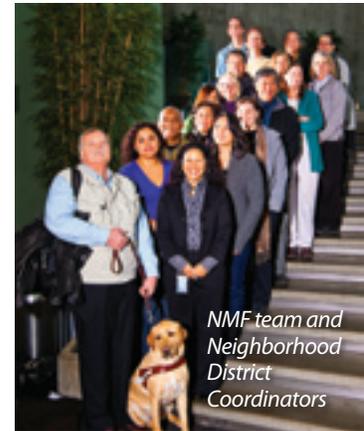
When community members have an idea for a community project, many times they first learn about the NMF through one of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' staff. Once community groups decide to apply for support, the NMF's dedicated project managers work with each applicant group and provide one-on-one technical assistance through every step of the application process — even beyond that, if an award is made.

Proposals to the Small Sparks Fund and the Small and Simple Projects Fund are reviewed and approved by staff. Proposals to the Large Projects Fund are reviewed by the District Council relevant to the applicant's neighborhood and the Citywide Review Team, who each contribute 50% of the review score. Both groups are affiliated with the City Neighborhood Council, who approves the recommendations.* These groups are made up entirely of volunteers whose leadership, commitment to community involvement, and hundreds of hours of devoted work help make the NMF a strong and uncommon funding program.

The strong partnerships that Neighborhood Matching Fund has developed help community members better manage projects that involve multiple public entities. Within Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, NMF partners with P-Patch Community Gardening and Historic Preservation Programs, along with the Neighborhood District Coordinators. It also partners with Seattle Public Schools, as well as other city departments, namely Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Department of Transportation, and Seattle Parks and Recreation.

Collectively, this collaborative system encourages strong community engagement and makes Seattle an exciting place to live and work.

*Seattle's 13 districts each has a set of District Council members, representatives who volunteer on behalf of their neighbors to build strong communities. The Citywide Review Team is comprised of up to 17 community volunteers — one selected by each of the 13 District Councils and four at-large community members selected by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. The City Neighborhood Council is comprised of representatives of each of the 13 District Councils.



NMF team and Neighborhood District Coordinators

FUN FACTS:

\$5,803,625 of community match: 5,803,625 dollar bills touching end-to-end would reach from the ground to the top of the Space Needle and back again over 2,300 times.

NMF Projects

The Neighborhood Matching Fund supports projects that contribute to making Seattle a vibrant and inspiring place to be.

A few examples that have been funded in 2009 and 2010 are included on the following pages.

*Salmon Bay Natural Area
Overlook. Artist: Marvin Oliver*



In the NewHolly community, where an overwhelming majority of residents are East African immigrants and refugees, storytelling is reaching new dimensions. The **Horn of Africa Intergenerational Connectors** project is using technology to **create bridges between youth and elders** and between traditional customs

"[The staff of the NMF] are actually with you from A to Z. They see your project, and they envision it the way you see it. That's why I love working with them!"

Hassan Wardere, Horn of Africa Intergenerational Connectors Project Director

and digital innovations. In 2010-11, 30 Somali, Ethiopian, Eritrean, Oromo, and other East African youth, ages 14 to 20, will learn skills as still and video camerapeople, interviewers, and media producers to capture stories about their own communities. Through interviews with their parents and other elders about traditional cultural values and customs, as well as filming days-in-the-life of community members, these youth will present diverse faces of Seattle's multifaceted East African community. The Seattle Public Library and Puget SoundOff are serving as important partners to the project by respectively helping youth strengthen research skills and serving as a screening venue for completed digital stories. By collecting and telling these stories, these youth will learn about their cultures, help educate elders about technology, network with their peers, and perhaps even begin building future careers.

The **Concord Elementary School Outdoor Renovation** project has given a facelift to an underused outdoor area at Concord Elementary School, with a new play structure, benches, planters, art, and a community-based mural bringing vibrancy to a location that had been uninviting for much too long. Volunteers young and old – who came from the school, the neighborhood and the broader community – prepared the site and built the play structure themselves. “It took three long weekends, there was driving rain and there was mud in the pit for many days. Yet, people still came out!” remarked Louise Conroy, project organizer. “The feeling of **the community coming together** was pretty awesome.” An earlier NMF Small and Simple Projects Fund award helped with planning, design and community-building, which gave them the foundation to eventually secure a Large Projects Fund award for current activities. By the end of 2011, they will have also improved the school’s lower field, a muddy space that will be transformed into an attractive area with a running track, restored sod, a community welcoming gate, and a butterfly garden. Today, all community members – well beyond just the school’s students – embrace this site as their playground.



Over the last 100 years, Seward Park’s beauty has attracted many visitors whose explorations of the park have created unofficial paths that are now putting plants’ and animals’ habitats at risk. And so, **The Friends of Seward Park** has a vision to improve the site by, in a sense, leaving it alone. The project is working to more clearly direct visitors to official, primitive trails that both **celebrate the park’s scenery** and close off unofficial trails to **protect vulnerable areas**. A multi-phased project that has received several Neighborhood Matching Fund awards over nearly a decade (for ivy removal, educational activities, playground improvements, and more recently, creation of a trails master plan), the Friends’ current Small and Simple Projects Fund award is allowing the community group to install trail posts with signage that will make the park’s forest more obvious and accessible to the public. Additionally, trails are receiving new names relevant to their specific paths – Licorice Fern Trail, Bald Eagle Trail, etc. – and the main trail will be called *Sqæbæqsæd*, the Lushootseed word for noses, which refers to the traditional name for this point in the peninsula. These trail posts, the first ever in the park’s 100-year history, will be a key feature of the centennial celebration in June 2011.

FUN FACTS:
20,118 trees planted through the Tree Fund:
 The numbers of trees planted through the Tree Fund would cover 80% of New York’s Central Park.



A project six years in the making, the **River City Skatepark** not only provides another gathering space in South Park, but is also becoming an important member of a growing network of skateparks around the city. Like all NMF projects, this one, **driven and inspired by youth**, brought together community groups – including SeaMar Community Health Center and Grindline – as well as community members to bring this big project to life. With an initial NMF Small and Simple Projects Fund award, the community organizers removed invasive weeds and designed a drainage system, letting the neighborhood know that something was happening on the site. This early NMF award and a subsequent Large Projects Fund award were critical in helping to transform a derelict vacant lot into a vibrant open space. Enjoyed by skaters and non-skaters alike, “what once was empty is now a place that is alive,” observed project leader Mark Johnson.

“It seems that NMF is willing to fund projects with potential, where other grantmakers may need to see more credibility in the form of other funding agencies supporting a project before they will allocate funds to it. Once we had the [first NMF] \$15,000 pledged, we were able to receive other funds leveraged by the support of NMF, which was worth far more than the [initial] dollars provided.”

Mark Johnson,
River City Skatepark Committee Member



FUN FACTS:
13,000 volunteers in NMF projects: The number of volunteers who participated in NMF projects in 2009-2010 would almost fill KeyArena.

Where once there had been a bland slab of wall on 46th Street under the Aurora Avenue overpass, there now stands a colorful, welcoming visual of oranges, greens, and many shades of sky blue thanks to the **46th Street Mural** project. A true community effort, this project's volunteers ranged in age from 20s to 80s. Nearly all of the project's NMF match came through volunteer hours and time. Like all NMF projects, volunteer time is valued at \$20/hour, and for a project like this – where one project organizer alone put in close to 300 hours – these efforts are nearly priceless. The staff support that comes along with receiving a Neighborhood Matching Fund award was especially critical just days before volunteers were to put primer on the wall, when an unexpected discovery of an electrical line seemed to

put the entire project at risk. "We were able to move forward because [NMF staff] was there for support and for getting the right people together," said Craig Vandebosch, one of the project leads. City staff, the mural artist, the project's committee members and representatives from Urban ArtWorks – whose youth actively participated in this project – worked out a solution that all agreed ultimately made the mural better. "It was a huge moment," Craig remembered. "Things could have gotten really bad, and it went completely the other way. Everybody worked together." Now, passersby note that **the site feels more inviting and safe** because it is clear that there are people who care about the area.



Originally established in 1999, Ballard-based **Greg's Garden P-Patch** was starting to see gardeners losing their sense of connectivity to one another, resulting in high turnovers of gardeners every year and the site becoming a bit worn around the edges. But with an NMF Small and Simple Projects Fund award, project organizers worked to improve the site – building new compost bins, replanting perimeter gardens, and establishing both an herb garden and donation garden – and these urban agriculturalists began coming together as a team. As a result, turnover is now minimal, and there is a stronger sense of community and greater feeling of security on the site.

"[The NMF] is one of the few things that we have left to access funds for important neighborhood projects."

Chris Gorley, Belltown P-Patch and Cottage Park Committee Member

In fact, they worked so efficiently that they had leftover funds to purchase materials to replace the edgings for the garden beds. "The single most important reason for our success," remarked gardener Fred Young, "was that **the city recognized our goals and supported us**. They really helped motivate the gardeners and **helped us to become a more cohesive community**." Gardeners are now more active on their own plots and feel pride in what they are contributing to the neighborhood. Today, there always seems to be someone working in their garden and more people visiting the P-Patch – strolling through or enjoying a picnic dinner in the garden.



Artist: Urtnasan Gantulga

Although the Mongolian community is spread out across Greater Seattle, with few organized opportunities for socializing or networking, the **Mongolian Cultural Evening**, presented in late 2010, took an important celebratory, first step in unifying community members. With goals to **raise and celebrate cultural awareness** as well as to encourage social interactions, the free event featured a performance, refreshments, and opportunities to make new friends and reunite old ones. An NMF Small Sparks award supported the event's expenses and served as a motivating factor for committee members to dedicate their time and personal resources to building community outreach. What started as four people with a desire to initiate community collaborations has quickly grown into a connected network of community members excited to participate in or lead more activities to strengthen and celebrate the Mongolian community.

In 2009–2010, the Neighborhood Matching Fund received **533 applications**, and made **33 Large Projects Fund awards**, **173 Small and Simple Projects Fund awards**, **126 Small Sparks awards**, **18 Outreach Fund awards*** and **54 Tree Fund awards**. Among these, **105 projects** involved our most active partners, the Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Parks and Recreation and Seattle Public Schools. Over **13,000 volunteers** contributed nearly **80,000 hours** valued at **\$1,256,075.**** In total, **\$4,915,585** of NMF funding was awarded, with an impressive **\$5,803,625** matched by the community.

Among these projects were:

63 PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- parks
- playgrounds
- community-building renovations and gathering spaces
- community gardens and orchards
- public art: murals, signage, sculptures, banners
- traffic calming: traffic circles, street painting
- landscaping
- kiosks

43 NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING PROJECTS

- community trainings, advocacy, and education
- neighborhood awareness events, marches, and rallies
- neighborhood association membership drives

40 NON-PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- events: street festivals, cultural celebrations, block parties, theatrical performances
- training: leadership development, advocacy, community organizing
- civic engagement: candidates forum



29 YOUTH-INITIATED PROJECTS

- after-school and summer activities
- technology and media learning opportunities
- youth-focused events: leadership conferences, hip-hop summit
- art: poetry slams, performing arts

* In 2010, the Outreach Fund was folded into Small Sparks.

** Volunteer numbers are partial. Final 2010 figures will be available in 2011.

29 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING/DESIGN PROJECTS

- planning or design for:
 - P-Patch community gardens
 - parks
 - public art
 - community center or facility landscaping and environmental improvements
 - traffic, bike, and pedestrian circulation
 - walking trails

25 RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

- outreach, education, and advocacy in cultural communities
- ancestry exploration
- cultural festivals, conferences, and gatherings
- intergenerational experiences
- cross-cultural sharing and learning

21 CLIMATE PROTECTION PROJECTS

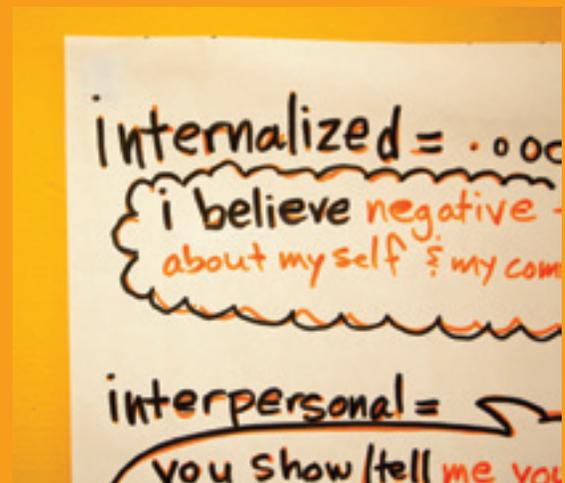
- native plant garden
- rain gardens
- green streets
- recycling education programs
- fruit harvest
- mobile farmers market
- training for green jobs

7 PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

- parent leadership and training
- literacy projects
- cultural exchange events and activities
- media education

“The Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Projects Fund is pure gold... [W]here else do you find community-generated, community-supported, community-building, intergenerational, ready-to-go projects that have captured the imagination, cooperation, sweat equity, and individual donations that are already in place for the project, with a plan to complete the entire project in a year’s time? This is amazing.”

Janis Traven, Citywide Review Team Member



Youth Organizing Institute 2.0 (YO! 2.0)

NMF Program Impact

Numbers of projects by neighborhood



FUN FACTS:
\$4,915,585 of NMF awards distributed: This could buy every resident in Seattle one tall brewed coffee at Starbucks every day for five days.

In 2009–2010, the Neighborhood Matching Fund made awards to over 400 projects:

LARGE PROJECTS FUND

Artists Collaborative of Southeast Seattle
 Campana Quetzal
 Community & Parents for Public Schools of Seattle
 Community Orchard of West Seattle – citizen's group
 Concord Elementary PTSA
 East African Arts and Culture Association (2 awards)
 Friends of Belltown Gardens
 Friends of International Children's Park
 Friends of Jimi Hendrix Park
 Friends of Lower Kinnear (FOLKPark)
 Friends of the West Woodland Playground
 Friends of Waterway #18
 Global to Local
 Homeless Place of Remembrance Committee
 Horn of Africa Services
 John Muir Elementary PTSA
 Kimball Elementary School PTSA
 Lafayette Elementary PTSA
 People's Family Life Center
 Pioneer Square Community Association
 Playground Design Group
 Polish Home Association
 Pollinator Pathway
 Queen Anne Farmers Market Association
 Seward Park Playground Improvement Foundation
 South East Effective Development (SEED) & CCRC
 Southeast Seattle Senior Center
 THREE WINGS
 Urban Impact
 Vietnamese Friendship Association of Greater Seattle
 Vision Greenwood Park
 West Seattle Junction Association
 Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

SMALL AND SIMPLE PROJECTS FUND

2011 Chinese Expulsion Project Committee
 206 Universal (2 awards)
 45th Ave NE SLOW
 46th Street Mural Project
 Adefua Cultural Education Workshop
 Afrique Service Center
 Art4Justice Committee
 Ashia Circle
 Beacon Hill Beautification Committee
 Beacon Hill Family Bike and Pedestrian Plan Committee
 Beacon Hill International School PTA
 Belltown Housing and Land Use Subcommittee
 Broadway Business Improvement Area
 Bryant Residents Against Thru Traffic (BRATT)
 Carkeek Park Advisory Council
 Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project
 Cascade Neighborhood Council
 Central House
 Changing Habits and Motivating Personal Self-esteem (CHAMPS) Resource and Service Center
 Citizens for a Community Center at ML King City Fruit (3 awards)
 Communities Against Rape & Abuse (CARA)
 Community Center Steering Committee
 Community Harvest of Southwest Seattle (2 awards)
 Concord Elementary PTSA
 Crown Hill Neighborhood Association
 Delridge Community Center Advisory Council
 Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association
 Delridge Produce Cooperative
 Dog Face Inc. Training Program
 Dyke Community Activists
 East African Community Services
 East Ballard Community Association
 Eastlake P-Patch
 El Centro de la Raza (2 awards)
 Enhanced Interactions Media Group

Environmental Coalition of South Seattle
 Filipino Community of Seattle
 Flash Volunteer
 Founders Day LLC
 Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation
 Friends of 12th & Trenton
 Friends of 24th Avenue East
 Friends of Bar-S Playfield and West Seattle Little League
 Friends of Bradner Gardens Park
 Friends of Cheasty Greenspace at Mt. View (2 awards)
 Friends of Colonnade Trails
 Friends of Ernest Hemingway
 Friends of Federal and Republican Open Space
 Friends of Filstar
 Friends of Jackson Park Trail
 Friends of La-ba-te-yah
 Friends of Lower Kinnear (FOLKPark)
 Friends of McDonald School
 Friends of Salmon Bay
 Friends of the Bernie Whitebear Memorial Ethnobotanical Garden
 Friends of the Duwamish/ The Duwamish Tribe
 Friends of the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center (2 awards)
 Friends of the Rose Garden
 Friends of the Troll's Knoll
 Friends of Thornton Creek Park #1
 Friends of Van Asselt @ African American Academy
 Friends of West Seattle Genesee P-Patch
 Friends of Yesler Swamp Trail Foundation
 Garden Central
 Girls Got Green
 Green Lake Elementary PTSA
 Greenwood Elementary School PTSA
 Greg's Garden P-Patch
 Healthy Parks, Healthy People, Healthy Planet
 Helping Link
 Hillman City P-Patch
 Hope-Eritrean Social Service
 Horn of Africa Services
 Howell Collective
 Interbay Neighborhood Association
 International Capoeira Angola Foundation
 International Sustainability Institute
 Jefferson Park Food Forest
 Jim Ellis Freeway Park Neighborhood Association
 John Stanford International School PTSA (2 awards)
 Lewis Park Steering Committee (2 awards)
 Life Enrichment Group
 Madison Park Community Council
 Maple Elementary PTSA
 Mariachi Seattle Azteca
 Metrocenter YMCA
 Montlake Elementary PTSA
 Multi-Communities M.I.C.
 NAAM/Friends of the Genealogy Center
 Native American Women in Dialog on Infant Mortality (NAWDIM)
 Native Kulturz
 New Holly Market Garden
 Ninth Avenue NE Neighbors
 Nonprofit Assistance Center (2 awards)
 Ocheami Culture Club
 Orca PTSA
 Pacific Northwest Black Community Festival

People for Puget Sound
 Pioneer Square Community Association
 Play it Safe at Laurelhurst Playground
 Playground Project Committee
 QPOC Artists Group
 Queen Anne Murals
 Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition
 Ravenna West Neighborhood Group
 Ribbon of Parks Association (2 awards)
 Sacajawea Elementary School Playground
 Sahngnoksoo
 Salaam Urban Village Association
 Salmon Bay Traffic Circle Restoration @ NW 67th and 23rd Ave NW
 SCIDPDA
 Seal Sitters (2 awards)
 Seattle Museum of the Mysteries
 Seattle Young People's Project (2 awards)
 Seward Park Playground Improvement Foundation
 SODO Business Association
 South Lake Union Friends for the Arts
 Southwest Youth and Family Services (2 awards)
 Spring Street P-Patch
 Steering Committee of the Rainier Beach Learning Garden
 Sunset Hill Community Club
 Supporters of Pea-Patch Garden
 Supporters of strengthening ethnic community forums in Seattle
 Sustainable Green Lake
 Sustainable Magnolia (2 awards)
 Sustainable Magnolia Transportation Action Team
 Sustainable Seattle
 Sustainable South Seattle
 Sustainable Wallingford
 Sustainable West Seattle (2 awards)
 SW Promotores
 TEAM Delridge & Youngstown Cultural Arts Center
 The Aloha Pavilion Committee
 The Festival of Trees Group
 The Friends of Seward Park
 The Friends of the International District
 The Japanese American Citizens League, Seattle Chapter
 The School, Community-Based Preschools and Kindergarten Project
 The Service Board/Metrocenter YMCA
 The Urban Family Center
 The Whale Trail (a project of Coast Watch Society)
 Thornton Creek Elementary Community
 United Artists of Georgetown
 University District P-Patch and Neighborhood
 Urban Artworks (2 awards)
 Urban League/1-2-3 Man Up! Outreach Consortium
 Vision Greenwood Park (2 awards)
 Voces Latinas
 Walkable Crown Hill
 Watoto Circle
 Wedgwood Community Council
 Wedgwood Playground Improvement Project Committee
 West Seattle YMCA @ Chief Sealth Youth 180
 Youth for Social Justice
 Youth Media Institute (2 awards)
 Youth-Teen

Many Neighborhood Matching Fund projects involve Seattle Department of Neighborhoods programs and other city departments and organizations, and their partnership with the NMF to support these community-led efforts is critical to projects' overall success:

- Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood District Coordinators
- Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Historic Preservation Program
- Seattle Department of Neighborhoods P-Patch Community Gardening Program
- Seattle Department of Transportation
- Seattle Housing Authority
- Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs
- Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Seattle Public Schools
- Seattle Public Utilities

SMALL SPARKS FUND

Letitia Neighborhood Group
 2009 Seattle Candidates Forum and Debate Committee
 27th & Spring Block Watch
 42nd Ave S between S Dakota and S Andover Block Party Committee
 42nd Ave South Block Watch
 43rd Avenue South Block Watch
 51st Ave Neighbors
 8th & 59th Street Neighbors
 Alley Cats
 Arbor Heights Elementary PTSA
 Association for Sustainable Entertainment (ASE)
 Beacon Hill Music
 Beacon Hill Neighbors
 Bridge to Beach Makeover After Party Committee
 Capitol Hill Community Council
 Central Area Chamber of Commerce
 Central District Neighborhood Association
 Colman Neighborhood Association
 Colman Neighbors Association
 Dakota Associates
 Dope Emporium Advisory Committee
 Dunlap Community Clean Up Committee
 East ID Neighborhood Committee
 East Lake Union Watchdogs
 Eastlake Block Party
 Elemental Awareness
 Ethiopian Community Mutual Association
 Friends at NW 95th Street and 12th Ave NW
 Friends of 1st Annual Vietnamese Resource Fair
 Friends of 31st Avenue and East Spring Street
 Friends of 46th & Holden
 Friends of Beacon Hill at Handford Steps and Cheasty Path
 Friends of Bucket Brigade at Rainier Community Center
 Friends of East African Youth: Stop the Violence
 Friends of Emergency preparedness and community Open House at Olmsted Manor
 Friends of Emergency Preparedness Block Party at 9654 - 56th Ave S in Rainier Beach
 Friends of Greater Madison Valley neighborhood
 Friends of Magnuson Community Center
 Friends of Neighborhood Matching Fund
 Friends of NewHolly Eid Celebration 2009
 Friends of North Delridge Neighborhoods
 Friends of Orca Elementary Garden
 Friends of Plum Tree Park
 Friends of Powell Barnett Park
 Friends of S Henderson St. and Rainier Ave S in SE Seattle
 Friends of South Park Bridge
 Friends of Taylor Creek/Deadhorse Canyon
 Friends of the 9th Ave NW Park
 Friends of the Danny Woo Garden
 Friends of The March 4 Youth
 Friends of The March 4 Youth
 Friends of the Rainier Valley
 Friends of the University Community
 Friends of Try Art in Georgetown
 Friends of University District Street Fair "Fair Start"
 Gay and Lesbian Liberation Front of Africa
 Genesee-Schmitz Neighborhood Council
 Greenwood Aurora Involved Neighbors

Greenwood Senior Center
 Habitat Restoration Subcommittee of the Othello Park Alliance
 Hamlet Ave S Northeast Side (2 awards)
 Hiawatha Neighbors
 Hiawatha Park Neighborhood
 Hot Sparks Artist Society
 Interbay P-Patch Food Bank Gardening Program
 Jackson Park Community Action Team Council
 Jackson Street Business Corridor (2 awards)
 Jenna Walden
 Joyce Mork-O'Brien
 Lake City Neighbors
 Lakewood Seward Park Community
 Leschi Community Council
 Letitia Neighborhood Association
 Live Aloha Hawaiian Cultural Festival
 Madison Valley Green Alleys
 Matthew's Beach Neighborhood Committee
 Mongolian Young Professionals
 Naturalist Stewards for Magnuson Park
 Neighbors along 42nd Ave S from Andover to Dakota Block Watch
 Neighbors from Lower Capitol Hill
 Neighbors in Greenwood/ Aurora
 New Holly Disaster Preparedness Committee
 New Rainier Vista Multicultural Committee
 On The Fence Project Committee
 Onyx Fine Arts Collective
 Organizers of a pilot Climate Action Now project at Whitman Middle School
 Organizers of Summer Night Flicks
 Othello Park Alliance
 Pioneer Square Alley Project
 Pitch IN and Green UP Committee
 Queer Rally Coalition
 Rainier Beach Merchants Association (RBMA)
 Rainier Othello Safety Association (ROSA) (2 awards)
 Rainier Vista Neighborhood House
 Refugee Women's Alliance
 Residents of Interlake Ave N and N 41st St
 Rizal Park Preservation Society
 Sew Fun Sewing Group
 Sisters for Healthy Communities Committee
 Social Artists
 South Park Action Agenda
 South Park Block Watch Group
 South Park Organized To Survive
 Southeast Seattle Candidates' Forum Committee
 Sustainable Queen Anne
 Sustainable South Seattle
 TEAM Delridge/Residents of Affordable Housing Communities
 The Lion Team for Othello Station Committee
 Three Generations Ltd.
 Trash Masters' Project Committee
 United Artists of Georgetown
 Upper Jackson Place Community Health and Human Development Garden
 Uptown Urban Center Alliance
 Vietnamese Community Leadership Institute (VCLI)
 Villa Park Apartment Residents
 Violence Prevention Resource Fair Committee

TREE FUND

150-200 26th AveNUE
 19th/Spruce/Fir
 31st Ave NE
 31st AveNUE Group
 44th Place South Crew
 47th Ave Trees
 63rd Avenue South
 70 Something Trees
 7300 Block 13th Ave NW
 77th Street Neighbors
 78th Street Beautification
 900 Block of NW 52nd St
 9th & Armour
 Alki Trees
 Brighton Beach Neighbors
 Burke Avenue North Trees
 Catalpa Tree Corner
 Colman Neighbors
 Greenwood 81st St. Block Group 8312 NW
 It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Tree Planting Project
 John P. Kehn & Squire Park Neighbors United
 Lockmore Neighborhood
 Lower Sunrise Heights
 Maple Creek Condo Trees
 Morgan Junction Function
 NE 125th St Sidewalks and Trees
 NE 130th & 37th Avenue NE
 NE 143rd Place
 North 84th Street
 Phinlaid Street Trees
 Pigeon Point Neighborhood
 Pinehurst 17th AveNUE NE
 Roanoke Beautification Group
 Shade for 30th Ave W
 St. Paul's United Church of Christ
 Stroud Neighbors
 Sunset Hill 6566
 The Arbor Heights Group

Trees at 27th & Olive
 Trees for North 91st Street
 Trees for Salmon Bay
 Trees on 10th
 Trees on 28th Ave NE
 Trees on 35th Ave South
 Trees on 37th Ave South
 Trees on 41st Ave SW
 Urban Canopy
 Warren Avenue North Neighbors
 Woodier Wedgwood Project (39th Ave NE)
 Woodlawn Avenue Neighbors Committed to Bringing Trees to our Street
 Woodlawn Forest

OUTREACH FUND

Admiral Neighborhood Association
 Belltown Citizens on Patrol
 Crown Hill Neighborhood Association
 Friends of Lower Kinneer (FOLKPark)
 Friends of Westlake Park
 Hazelwood Neighborhood Association
 Leschi Community Council
 Madrona Community Garden Coalition
 NE 57th Street SNAP Group
 Neighborhood Association at High Point
 Neighbors on 57th Street NE
 NW Somali Community Services at High Point
 Othello Neighborhood Association
 Somali Youth Event Planning Committee
 South Park Area Redevelopment Committee
 Sustainable South Seattle
 Sustainable Wallingford
 View Ridge Community Council

"As public services face cuts in tough budget times, the Neighborhood Matching Fund stands unique in its ability to support community projects that strengthen our city. The community identifies needs, gets organized, and with the Fund behind it, creates great projects for our neighborhoods."

Mike O'Brien, Seattle City Councilmember

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Concord Elementary School Outdoor Renovation

Thank You

“The Neighborhood Matching Fund is one of Seattle’s most important innovations. It brings the energy and commitment of our people into partnership with the City to make great things happen. In these times of political turmoil and economic uncertainty, the NMF is an affirmation of our faith in civic engagement and a terrific investment in our future.”

Richard Conlin, Seattle Council President

Implementation of the Neighborhood Matching Fund program involves the commitment and dedication of hundreds of people who contribute thousands of hours of professional and personal time. Our deepest thanks go out to them all for being an integral part of making the NMF successful.

Amidst this noteworthy company are three groups of volunteers who deserve particular acknowledgement: members of the District Councils, Citywide Review Team, and the City Neighborhood Council. The Neighborhood Matching Fund would be greatly lacking if not for the enthusiasm and perseverance of these community activists.

Looking Forward to 2011

In April, the Neighborhood Matching Fund will be launching the user-friendly, web-based City of Seattle WebGrants system, which will make applying for and managing NMF awards much simpler. Community groups with access to computers will be able to submit applications online. Groups that receive awards will also be able to use this system to track their projects and electronically submit invoices and reports. Additionally, this system will make NMF staff’s work more efficient by allowing them to submit requests to funded groups and collect project information more easily. (For community groups that do not have access to computers, the Neighborhood Matching Fund will continue to accept paper copies of applications, reports, invoices, etc., through 2011.)