

NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND

2012 FACT SHEET

Seattle's uniqueness and quality of life is tied to strong neighborhoods, healthy communities, and involved residents. The Neighborhood Matching Fund helps community groups bring their ideas to life for making Seattle a better place to work, live, and play. Many of the city's most iconic attractions were created by the community with support from the Neighborhood Matching Fund.

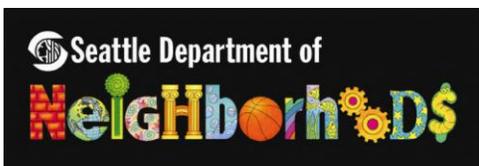
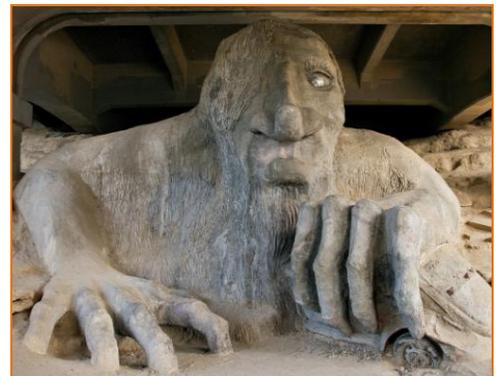
Recognized and replicated worldwide, the Neighborhood Matching Fund was created in 1988 to provide neighborhood groups with city resources for community driven projects. Over the years, the program has supported thousands of community projects ranging from playgrounds and parks to street festivals, P-Patch community gardens, emergency preparedness, public art, and more. Chances are there's a Neighborhood Matching Fund project in your neighborhood. If you have an idea for a project, call an NMF project manager to discuss submitting an application.

Program Details

The Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) provides matching dollars for projects that feature a high level of community participation and self-help. The beneficiaries of any proposed project are involved with shaping and implementing the project in partnership with the City of Seattle. Every award is matched by neighborhood or community resources, such as volunteer labor, donated materials, donated professional services, or cash. Community building is at the heart of every Matching Fund project. In addition to leveraging city funds and responding to emerging neighborhood priorities, the NMF gives communities the resources they need to proactively take responsibility for their communities.

Neighborhood Matching Fund since 1988

- Funded more than 4,000 projects
- Awarded more than \$49 million dollars
- Matched by nearly \$72 million dollars raised by community members
- Involved 86,000 volunteers who donated 574,000 volunteer hours



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Project Types

Neighborhood Matching Fund projects generally fall into these categories:

- Physical improvements (ex. parks, playgrounds, kiosks)
- Planning and design (ex. traffic circulation, walking trails)
- Community organizing (ex. trainings, advocacy, education)
- Non-physical projects (ex. street festivals, civic engagement)
- Youth violence prevention (ex. leadership conferences)
- Race and social justice (ex. cross-cultural sharing)
- Arts and culture (ex. public art, cultural festivals)
- Environmental activities including climate protection and food security (ex. rain gardens, greenways, recycling education)
- Public school projects (ex. literacy programs, media education)



Types of Funds

- Small Sparks Fund (awards up to \$1,000) with applications accepted year-round
- Small and Simple Projects Fund (awards up to \$20,000) with applications due March 12 or October 8, 2012.
- Large Projects Fund (awards up to \$100,000) with mandatory workshop held in May and applications due July 16, 2012.

2011 Facts

In 2011, the Neighborhood Matching Fund supported 158 community building projects and awarded more than \$2,170,000 with a pledged community match of \$3,696,800.

2011 Awards by Fund	# of Applicants	# of Awards	Funding Awarded	Community Match Pledged
Large Projects Fund	16	12	\$1,031,157	\$1,499,076
Small and Simple Projects Fund	132	77	\$1,082,763	\$2,043,555
Small Sparks	96	69	\$56,219	\$154,202
Total	244	158	\$2,170,139	\$3,696,833

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