

CITY OF SEATTLE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING

Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI) Community Matching Grant

Provides matching funds for projects serving youth participating in the SYVPI.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$25,000

Funds available in 2015: \$259,000 for both grant programs

Source of funds: General Fund and Federal Grants

Who can apply: Neighborhood-based groups, community organizations, ad-hoc and business groups; or groups that do not have a geographic base, such as an ethnic group for projects in Central, Southeast or Southwest Seattle

Who reviews applications: A panel comprised of Network representatives, SYVPI-enrolled youth, community members, contracted staff and SYVPI staff

<http://safeyouthseattle.org/whatwedo/community-matching-grants/>

SYVPI Youth Development Grant

Provides funds for community-based projects serving youth in the SYVPI.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$2,500

Source of Funds: General Fund and Federal Grants

Who can apply: Neighborhood-based groups, community-based organizations, ad-hoc groups and business groups for projects in Central, Southeast or Southwest Seattle.

Who reviews applications: A panel comprised of Network representatives, SYVPI-enrolled youth, community members, contracted staff and SYVPI staff

<http://safeyouthseattle.org/whatwedo/community-matching-grants/mini-cmg/>

Department of Information and Technology

Technology Matching Fund

Awards matching funds to community projects which increase resident access to information technology, increase literacy in using technology, and/or apply technology to foster civic engagement and community building.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$20,000

Funds available in 2015: \$320,000

Source of funds: Cable Subfund

Who can apply: Nonprofit organizations, ad-hoc groups, community councils or neighborhood associations, and community-based organizations.

Who reviews applications: Citizens Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Board members review applications

<http://www.seattle.gov/community-technology/for-organizations/technology-matching-fund>

Department of Neighborhoods

Neighborhood Matching Funds

Large Projects Fund

Provides matching funds to support groups in building community relationships around a project.

Amount available per grantee: Between \$25,000 and \$100,000

Funds available in 2015: \$1,506,000

Source of funds: General Fund

Who can apply: Neighborhood-based groups, community organizations, ad-hoc or business groups

Who reviews applications: Neighborhood District Councils (NDCs) review and scores proposals, Citywide Advisory Team made up of representatives of NDCs also review grants, scores from both groups are combined

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/largeproject.htm>

Small and Simple Projects Fund

Provides matching funds to support groups in building community relationships around a project.

Amount available per grantee: \$1,000 to \$25,000

Funds available in 2015: \$1,477,000

Source of funds: General Fund

Who can apply: Neighborhood-based groups, community organizations, ad-hoc and business groups; or groups that do not have a geographic base, such as an ethnic group.

Who reviews applications: City staff review applications

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/smallandsimple.htm>

Small Sparks Fund

Provides funds to support community members in becoming civically engaged.

Applications accepted year-round

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$1,000

Funds available in 2015: \$67,000

Source of funds: General Fund

Who can apply: Neighborhood and grassroots community groups with annual organizational budgets of less than \$25,000

Who reviews applications: City staff review applications

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/smallsparks.htm>

Neighborhood Park and Street Fund*

* with Parks and Transportation Departments

Provides funds for small-scale improvements to neighborhood streets and parks that are proposed by the community.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$90,000

Funds available in 2015: \$3,371,000

Source of funds: REET and Parks and Transportation Levies

Who can apply: Individuals or neighborhood groups

Who reviews applications: Neighborhood District Councils each propose 3 projects, City staff recommend to Mayor which projects should be approved

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/npsf/default.htm>

Duwamish Opportunity Fund

Provides funds to meet the needs of communities along the Duwamish River

Amount available per grantee: No specified maximum, the largest grant funded has been \$61,000

Funds available in 2015: \$250,000

Source of funds: General Fund

Who can apply: Projects benefitting the communities along the Duwamish River

Who reviews applications: A review team representing neighborhoods along the Duwamish River, as well as public health and environmental advocates.

<http://murray.seattle.gov/duwamish/#sthash.8YV3TU7z.OOA7bshW.dpbs>

Department of Parks and Recreation

Open Space Opportunity Fund – Program ending in 2015

Allocates funding for community initiated development or property acquisitions.

Amount available per grantee: Development: \$200,000 to \$750,000; Acquisition: up to \$1.5 million

Funds available in 2015: \$700,000 - final year for program, which is being replaced with the Major Project Challenge Fund starting in 2016, no new grants will be allocated in 2015

Source of funds: 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy

Who can apply: Projects of a sufficient size and nature to produce tangible parks, recreation or open space benefits.

Who reviews applications: Levy Oversight Committee

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/levy/opportunity.htm#fund12-13>

Major Project Challenge Fund

Provides City funding to leverage community-generated funding for renovation of Parks' facilities where other City funding is unavailable

Amount available per grantee: TBD

Funds available in 2015: None in 2015, \$1,600,000 a year starting in 2016

Source of funds: Seattle Park District

Who can apply: An annual competitive application process will prioritize projects with a parks-and-recreation mission, public access, leveraged non-City funds, and other pertinent criteria. A portion of funding will be allocated to assist diverse communities and organizations that lack resources for a match.

Who reviews applications: Community Oversight Committee

Office of Arts and Culture

Arts Mean Business

Supports arts jobs that would increase staff capacity of organizations that represent & service underserved populations

Amount available per grantee: \$2,000-\$25,000

Funds available in 2015: \$100,000

Source of funds: Admissions Tax

Who can apply: Seattle-based arts, cultural & heritage organizations that serve underserved populations. Individual artists or groups of individual artists. Priority is given to organizations that represent, reflect and serve under-represented populations—communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, or those who are differently-abled.

Who reviews applications: Seattle Arts Commission

http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/arts_mean_business.asp

CityArtist Projects

Supports research, development and/or presentation of art work by Seattle-based artists. Project proposals are accepted from clusters of art forms in alternate years. In 2014, opportunity is open to Dance/Choreography, Music Composition and Theater (including playwriting). Literary (excluding Playwriting), Media/Film and Visual artists may apply in 2015.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$8,000

Funds available in 2015: \$160,000

Source of funds: Admissions Tax

Who can apply: Seattle-based individual artists.

Who reviews applications: Seattle Arts Commission

<http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/individual.asp>

Civic Partners

Provides funding to support core programs and operations of arts, heritage and culture organizations, leverages additional resources, helps underwrite public access to a variety of quality arts and cultural opportunities.

Amount available per grantee: Varies based on organization's budget

Funds available in 2015: \$1,698,200

Source of funds: Admissions Tax

Who can apply: Seattle arts, heritage, cultural and arts service organizations with a minimum 3-year history that provide accessible programming

Who reviews applications: Seattle Arts Commission

<http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/organizations.asp>

Cultural Facilities Funding Program

Provides one-time funding to Seattle arts, heritage and cultural organizations, plus arts service organizations.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$25,000

Funds available in 2015: \$150,000

Source of funds: Admissions Tax

Who can apply: Seattle arts, heritage and cultural organizations, plus arts service organizations with at least a three-year operating history as a legally established not-for-profit organization, who have control of the facility through ownership or a longer-term lease, and demonstrate a record of ongoing artistic or cultural accomplishments in Seattle.

Who reviews applications: Seattle Arts Commission

http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/cultural_facilities.asp

Neighborhood & Community Arts

Supports groups producing recurring festivals or events that promote arts and cultural participation, build community, and enhance the visibility of neighborhoods through arts and culture.

Amount available per grantee: \$1,200

Funds available in 2015: \$48,000

Source of funds: Admissions Tax

Who can apply: Neighborhood arts councils and neighborhood groups

Who reviews applications: Seattle Arts Commission

http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/neighborhood_community.asp

smART ventures

Supports activities that encourage innovation and widen cultural participation, particularly by individuals or organizations that may not be served by OAC's other funding programs.

Amount available per grantee: From \$500 to \$1,000

Funds available in 2015: \$50,000

Source of funds: Admissions Tax

Who can apply: Individuals, organizations or neighborhood groups

Who reviews applications: City staff review applications

http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/smart_ventures.asp

Youth Arts Program

Supports out-of-school arts training for Seattle middle/high school teens led by experienced teaching artists in all art forms. Priority targets youth with limited to no access to arts and culture.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$10,000

Funds available in 2015: \$225,000

Source of funds: Admissions Tax

Who can apply: Individual artists, arts and cultural organizations, colleges/universities or youth service agencies. Projects must include an outreach/recruitment plan for under-represented youth/communities in arts and culture.

Who reviews applications: Seattle Arts Commission

http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/youth_arts.asp

Work Readiness Arts Program (WRAP)*

***With the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative**

Supports programs that link arts learning and work experiences for youth 14-18.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$25,000

Funds available in 2015: \$114,000

Source of funds: General Fund through SYVPI

Who can apply: Arts and cultural organizations or youth service agencies in Central, Southeast or Southwest Seattle

Who reviews applications: Seattle Arts Commission

http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/youth_employment_program.asp

Office for Economic Development

Only in Seattle

Provides seed funding and support that can help a business district move ahead of its current state to a new level of organization and operations. Includes some funding for small-scale capital projects.

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Amount available per grantee: Varies. Between 2011 and 2014, one-year grants to individual business districts ranged from \$5,000 to \$640,000.

Funds available in 2015: \$1,866,675

General Fund and CDBG

Organizations representing neighborhood business districts, including BIAs, local business associations, etc.

CDBG funds can only go to areas with over 51% of low-moderate income residents served by the district

<http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/OISI/> and <http://onlyinseattle.org/>

Seattle Department of Transportation

Safe Routes to School Mini Grant Program

Provides assistance to schools, PTAs, and community groups to support education and encouragement for walking and bicycling to school.

Amount available per grantee: Up to \$1,000

Funds available in 2015: TBD, \$18,465 granted in 2014

Source of funds: Traffic tickets

Who can apply: All public and private K-12 schools within the City of Seattle, PTAs, and other school-related nonprofit groups.

Who reviews applications: SDOT

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ped_srts_grant.htm

Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light

Trees for Neighborhoods

Provides free trees, watering bags, planting workshops, and ongoing care support to residents wishing to plant trees around their homes, both in yards and as street trees.

Amount available per grantee: Limit of 4 trees per household

Funds available in 2015: \$50,000

Source of funds: General Fund, City Light, SPU and grants

Who can apply: Seattle residents planting on residential property

Who reviews applications: First-come, first-served

<http://www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm>