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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 (SPR) as well as the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). Project criteria for suitable projects for each department are outlined on page 2.

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 SPR or SDOT staff for assistance.

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Parks	• Projects that are sustainable from environmental, social and economic points of view • Renovates existing park features such as park furniture, play areas, gathering areas, and landscaping. • Does not add significant maintenance and operating costs in the short- or long-term. • Leverages other funded Parks projects. • For planning and design projects, does not require the addition of significant amount of infrastructure or permitting. • Involves planning and design projects for small parks generally under one acre in size (total park site); design projects for smaller elements within a larger park are suitable. • Restores habitat. • Renovates trails. • Plans trail systems for individual parks. • Produces a special event with permits issued by Parks. • Involves such activities as oral histories, brochures, videos, artwork, or athletics.	• Projects that are not sustainable from environmental, social and economic points of view • Adds significant new operations and maintenance costs such as water features, non-standard lighting, or large decorative planting beds. • Requires preparation of master plans for large park sites such as Discovery Park. • Requires prolonged fund raising efforts after plans have been developed. • Duplicates similar existing park features or projects in the same park service area. • Makes alterations to recently built facilities. • Constructs a park renovation without an approved concept plan. This prerequisite may be satisfied using a Small and Simple Projects Fund award for planning and design. • Includes neighborhood-wide planning efforts requiring extensive design, input, or coordination.

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SDOT	• Includes small-scale tree planting, planting strip enhancements, small community gardens and beautification projects. • Develops small traffic calming projects (e.g. traffic circles). • Installs bike racks, individual kiosks, pole banners and street furnishings. • Creates murals, community crosswalks, painted intersections and signal boxes. • Enhances neighborhood greenways. • Plans/Designs 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. • Business District/Neighborhood celebrations including lighting and street decorations.	• Large scale work that requires construction/grading permits and/or significant infrastructure additions. • Includes neighborhood-wide planning efforts requiring extensive design, input, or coordination.