

The Neighborhood Matching (NMF) supports partnerships between the City of Seattle and community organizations. It is important for prospective applicants to be aware that some projects may not be suitable due to their complexity, their high need for city staff support, and/or the project creating increased City operating and maintenance costs. Prior to applying, please review these general criteria and contact the identified City staff for further assistance.

Seattle Parks and Recreation

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Suitable Project

- Renovates existing park features such as park furniture, play areas, gathering areas, and landscaping.
- Plans and designs small parks generally under one acre in size (total parksite); design projects for smaller elements within a larger park are suitable.
- Restores habitat and/or renovates existing trails.
- Hosts community events and/or activates spaces that require permits for usage of City parks and facilities such as oral histories, brochures, videos, temporary artwork, or athletic activities.

Project Not Suitable

- Adds significant new operations and maintenance costs, such as water features, non-standard lighting, or large decorative planting beds.
- Proposes large scale work or community-wide planning efforts that require preparation of master plans with extensive design, input, permitting, or coordination, such as trails systems and vegetation management plans.
- Proposes ideas inconsistent with approved Parks policies.
- Duplicates similar existing park features or projects and processes in the same park service area.
- Makes alterations to recently built facilities and park features.
- Proposes park renovations without an approved concept plan.

Seattle Department of Transportation

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Suitable Project

- Supports the Public Space Management Program (Parklets, Streateries, Adaptive Streets, etc.)
- Provides small-scale beautification such as tree planting, planting strip enhancements, community gardens, or greenway enhancements.
- Installs bike racks, kiosks, pole banners, street furnishings, or traffic circles.
- Creates murals, painted intersections or signal boxes, or community crosswalks.
- Designs stairways and pathways in unopened Right-of-Ways.
- Produces a public event; may require a permit by the Special Events Committee.

Project Not Suitable

- Proposes large scale work that requires construction permits, grading permits, and/or significant infrastructure additions.
- Proposes large scale work or community-wide planning efforts that require preparation of master plans with extensive design, input, permitting, or coordination.

Office of Planning and Community Development

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Suitable Project

- Provides small scale physical improvements previously identified in a neighborhood plan, streetscape concept plan, or other community plan developed with broad public engagement and City review and support.
- Hosts community events or activities such as alley activations and special events.
- Promotes capacity building such as technical assistance, marketing, surveys, newsletters, or developing contact lists.
- Promotes community engagement – particularly among traditionally underrepresented groups, non-native English speakers, and communities of color, including translation of documents.
- Community efforts for proposals or updates to neighborhood and action plans.

Project Not Suitable

- Proposes large scale physical improvements that require significant infrastructure investment.
- Develops or updates neighborhood plans.
- Promotes projects that parallel or are not formally aligned with existing City planning efforts.
- Proposes new City zoning, developing standards, neighborhood design guidelines, and/or legislation.



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