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Mayor Announces Funding for 18 Neighborhood Business Districts *Money will increase city investments in Seattle neighborhoods*

SEATTLE – Mayor Greg Nickels presented funding awards today to 18 Neighborhood Business District Associations throughout Seattle to continue the city’s investments in building healthy communities.

“Our business districts are the economic engines that provide jobs and create the character in our unique neighborhoods around Seattle,” said Mayor Greg Nickels, who presented the awards at a community event in Georgetown. “The city continues to invest and support these important hubs, and thanks the local chambers and merchants associations that work hard to support our local small businesses.”

The Office of Economic Development received proposals totaling more than twice the amount of money available. Grants totaling \$157,495 were given to 18 neighborhood business organizations.

“The Office of Economic Development is a proud partner of our local neighborhood business districts city-wide,” said Susan Shannon, Director of the Office of Economic Development. “Funding these projects this year will allow 18 of our local business districts to strengthen their local business communities, from improving tree pits to supporting special events designed to market their neighborhoods.”

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Some examples of the projects funded include: business district promotion (business workshops, marketing campaigns, business district special events), and physical improvement and enhancement projects (sidewalk cleaning, tree pit improvements, winter decorations and banners).

The following organizations are recipients of the 2008 Neighborhood Business District Awards:

• African Business Association	\$10,000
• Central Area Chamber of Commerce	\$ 6,000
• Chinatown International District BIA	\$17,000
• Columbia City Business Association	\$15,000
• Crown Hill Business Association	\$ 4,900
• Georgetown Merchants Association	\$ 8,295
• Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce	\$ 7,500
• Greater University Chamber of Commerce	\$ 9,800
• Hillman City Business Association	\$ 9,200
• Lake City Chamber of Commerce	\$ 9,400
• Madison Valley Merchants Association	\$ 5,200
• Magnolia Chamber of Commerce	\$ 3,000
• Northgate Chamber of Commerce	\$ 6,700
• Pioneer Square Community Association	\$ 6,500
• Rainier Chamber of Commerce	\$ 9,000
• SODO Business Association	\$10,000
• South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000
• <u>West Seattle Junction Association</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

Total Amount of Awards: \$157,495

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