

Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative

Community Matching Grants

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1. *Who Should Apply?*

- Seattle neighborhood-based groups, community-based organizations, and/or grassroots organizations that actively engage diverse community members and are significantly composed of people who live and/or work in Central, SE or SW Seattle.
- Organizations must be located in the city of Seattle.
- Organizations are not required to be a 501(c)(3) to apply for funding.
- All contracts will be managed by Seattle Neighborhood Group (SNG) who will have a Memorandum of Agreement with your organization.
 - If your organization is not a 501(c)(3):
 - SNG will serve as your fiscal sponsor and act as the trustee of your project's funds, track and write checks for your expenses.
 - Donations to your project are tax deductible through SNG. Because there is a match requirement, you must get donations of cash, services or goods.
 - If you are a 501(c)(3) organization:
 - SNG will serve as your fiscal sponsor
 - Donations to your project can be made directly to your organization, will be tax deductible and will be counted toward your community match.
- Preference is given to small organizations with annual budgets under \$500,000.

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2. *Who can't apply?*

- Agencies that currently have contracts for SYVPI services cannot apply.
- City staff in their official capacity cannot apply.
- Individual persons.
- Individual businesses, government agencies, political groups, district councils, universities, hospitals or newspapers.
- Organizations outside the city of Seattle.
- Applicants who have failed to successfully carry out NMF or CMG projects funded in the two preceding years.

3. *What types of projects will be funded?*

- Innovative and outside-the-box projects or events, especially projects that are gender-specific, focus on court-involved youth, middle school youth who have a history of truancy issues and suspensions, and/or other underserved, vulnerable youth populations.
- Culturally specific projects or events for a racial or ethnic group, especially African-American, East African, SE Asian, Latino, or Pacific Islander Initiative youth. These projects must involve building understanding of the specific culture with the larger community.
- Neighborhood community-building projects involving Initiative youth
- All projects must be time-limited — **no ongoing services or activities.**

4. *What constitutes "community match"?*

The community match can include volunteer labor, donated supplies, meeting space, professional services and/or cash that show community commitment to and investment in a project.

5. *What are things the Community Matching Grant won't fund?*

The Community Matching Grant won't fund you to:

- Duplicate an existing public or private program.
- Support ongoing programs or services.
- Replace funding lost from other funding sources.
- Pay for an organization's operating expenses not directly related to the awarded project.
- Purchase land or buildings.
- Pay for out-of-City travel expenses, or any lodging/hotel expenses.
- Pay for expenditures or financial commitments made before the organization is under contract with the City of Seattle.

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6. *Who are the youth that will be served?*

You must select one Network that will refer its Initiative youth to your project. At least 75% of the youth served must be Initiative youth referred by this Network. If your project serves 25% or fewer youth who are not already in the Initiative, these youth must meet Initiative criteria and be referred to the Initiative before the start of the project activities.

- Initiative criteria are youth who are 12 to 17 years old **and**
- Live or go to school in one of the three SYVPI neighborhoods: Central, SE, or SW Seattle **and**
- Meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Have multiple convictions and are released from supervision, at high risk of re-offending
 - Have been arrested for crimes that do not meet the juvenile detention intake criteria and are released back in the community
 - Attend middle school and have a history of multiple suspensions or truancy (missing more than 10% of school days)
 - Have been affected by violence (as a perpetrator, victim or associate thereof)

7. *What is the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative?*

The Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI) focuses on reducing and preventing youth violence in three Neighborhood Networks: Central Seattle, SE Seattle and SW Seattle. Currently more than 1100 youth are served by these Neighborhood Networks. Each of the Networks has a lead agency that coordinates youth referrals to services.

The **Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative** is tackling the issue of youth violence with a comprehensive approach that incorporates evidenced-based strategies along with home-grown, youth- and community-created programs. While Seattle has experienced some of the lowest overall crime rates in years, the number of juvenile violent crime incidents continues to be a critical community issue. The City launched the Initiative in July 2009 to dramatically change how the city deals with youth violence.

The goals of the Initiative are to achieve a 50% reduction in juvenile court referrals for violence and a 50% reduction in suspensions and expulsions from selected middle schools due to violence-related incidents.

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8. What are the three Neighborhood Networks and who is the lead contact for each?

Neighborhood	Lead Agency	Contact
Central	Therapeutic Health Services	Jamila Taylor Central Area Network Coordinator jamilat@THS-WA.org 206-402-1030
Southeast	Boys & Girls Club of King County: Smilow Clubhouse and Teen Center at Rainier Vista	Heidi Henderson-Lewis SE Area Network Coordinator hhendersonlewis@positiveplace.org 206-436-1898
Southwest	Southwest Youth & Family Services	Nani Fatuesi SW Area Network Coordinator nfatuesi@swyfs.org 206-937-7680 x216

9. What role do the Neighborhood Networks play?

The Neighborhood Networks can assist you in the grant proposal development process. You can contact your Network Coordinator with questions regarding your proposal and the project you would like to implement. Your project must meet a need in the Network Area you will be serving and your proposal must be signed by a Network representative in order to be considered for funding. Getting a Network signature *does not* guarantee your project will be funded. The Neighborhood Networks do not make the decisions on who is funded. If your project is funded, the Network will refer at least 75% of your youth participants. The other youth (up to 25% of the participants) must be eligible for the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative and be referred to the Neighborhood Network *before* your project activities begin.

10. What is the decision-making process?

There will be a panel made up of community and City representatives who will read and score the proposals. The highest rated proposals will be funded based on availability of funding. There is no minimum or maximum number of grants per neighborhood.

11. When will the Technical Assistance Sessions take place?

You must attend any or one of the Neighborhood Networks Technical Assistance Sessions listed on our website at <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/education/youthInitiative/cmg.htm>, but preferably with the Network that will refer their Initiative youth to your project. A representative of your selected Network must sign and date your cover sheet to show that your proposed project is aligned with the Network and will complement their existing Initiative services to provide the strongest outcomes for youth. Your Network will also provide technical

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assistance to help you with your proposal. ***Attendance at one of the Technical Assistance Sessions is mandatory.***

12. Where do I submit my proposal and what is the deadline?

Proposals are due and *must be received* by 4:30 p.m. on the date listed on our website. Proposals that do not have a signature from your selected Network on the cover page will **not** be funded. Please email or mail or hand-deliver proposals to:

MAILING ADDRESS

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13. Whom can I contact for additional information?

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