The Department of Neighborhoods (DON) will fund up to 12 community-based, community-driven projects that focus on middle and high school aged youth in Central, Southeast & Southwest Seattle. Projects will be generated through grass-roots community groups interested in community-building with youth, in partnership with the neighborhood Networks, based on the needs and interests of youth being served through the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI).

All Youth Initiative projects are required to use the Neighborhood Matching Fund Small and Simple Application.

To apply, your PROJECT will need....

★ To serve at least one of the **YOUTH** populations who:

- Have had 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 had a history of multiple suspensions or truancy (missing more than 10% of schools days)
- Are victims of violence and may seek retaliation.

★ To collaborate with at least one of the three SYVPI Networks in the three targeted districts: Central District—Urban League, Southeast and Southwest Districts—To be determined. (The Neighborhood Matching Fund will assist you further in meeting this criteria.)

★ To extend the narrative in the Small & Simple application to include the following additional information (See **Bold** & Underlined & * bullet points):

Project Idea

- Provides a good description of what the project is and why you want to do it.
- Based on principles of local control, self-help, and collective action with a clear public benefit.
- **Provides youth with accessible and sustainable mentorship**. *
- **Improves the educational commitment and/or employment preparation of its youth participants**. *
- **Provides youth stipends**. *

Builds Community

- Encourages widespread participation and provides opportunities to bring people together to work on a neighborhood/ community issue.
- Promotes interaction and builds community between different groups, such as renters, business owners, seniors, or different ethnic or racial groups.
- Provides a "neighborhood to neighborhood" connection with opportunities for communities to learn from each other and act as partners.
- Promotes meaningful collaboration between youth and adults.
- **Collaborates with one or more of the three SYVPI Networks**. *

Project Feasibility

- Budget is reasonable and appropriate.
- Activities are well planned, timeline is realistic, and project has a clear beginning and end.
- **Impact and accomplishments of project are measurable by individual participants & as a whole**. *

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