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Seattle's Community Toolkit

A Handy Guide to City of Seattle
Programs and Resources



Designed for the 23rd Ave
Action Plan
(Union-Cherry-Jackson)



City of Seattle

Introduction

The purpose of this toolkit is to help you learn about existing City's programs and resources relevant to the community priorities of the 23rd Ave Action Plan (Union-Cherry-Jackson). It can help you chose the right tool to take positive actions to improve your community. The five community priorities are:

- A destination with unique identity. We recognize the Central Area as the historical heart of the African American community while welcoming all people in a multicultural, a wealth of cultural heritage, and a layered environment that celebrates old and new
- A neighborhood with connected people and community. A place where community assets serve and reflect the community and are equitably accessed by all people including youth, senior and immigrants. Where people from all backgrounds connect, engage, and learn from each other.
- A great business community. Where commercial and community cores work together to provide a broad spectrum of goods and services, viable and sustainable commercial centers, all while highlighting the Central Area's identity.
- Livable streets for all. That includes an inviting street network that safely connects to key destinations for all transportation modes.
- A place that supports a healthy and stable community. Providing a safe and comfortable environment, opportunities for physical activity, social interaction, and affordable as well as diverse housing choices.

Please note that grants listed here are competitive opportunities that require you, if eligible, to apply for consideration. Programs listed here are opportunities that require you to take the initiative and work with your neighbors and the City to make it happen.

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A Destination with Unique Identity

The Central Area is a neighborhood that requires you to believe in it. It is an inclusive, multicultural fabric, welcoming all people while also being the heart of the region's African American community. It has a wealth of cultural heritage with the arts, schools, a library, and recreation facilities, while also maintaining the neighborly feel of a village. It's authentic, a gritty urban fabric, full of mature trees and historic architecture. It's layered; new and old, youth and elders, a single neighborhood with multiple business districts. To those who are committed to it, its richness is revealed.

CityArtist Projects

Office of Arts & Culture

Grant, Up to \$8,000

Supports research, development and/or presentation of art work by Seattle-based artists. Project proposals are accepted from clusters of art forms in alternate years. In 2014, opportunity is open to Dance/Choreography, Music Composition and Theater (including playwriting). Literary (excluding Playwriting), Media/Film and Visual artists may apply in 2015.

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/individual.asp

Civic Partners

Office of Arts & Culture

Grant, Based on Organization's Budget

Provides funding to support core programs and operations of arts, heritage and culture organizations, leverages additional resources, helps underwrite public access to a variety of quality arts and cultural opportunities.

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/organizations.asp

Historic Preservation Program

Department of Neighborhoods

Program

Handles the identification and protection of more than 400 historic structures, sites, objects and vessels, as well as eight historic districts located throughout Seattle. The program provides information on the basics of historic preservation in Seattle, including the landmark designation process, and on incentives for property owners to encourage preservation and renovation. It also supports the work of several citizen boards involved in historic preservation.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/>

Cultural Facilities

Office of Arts & Culture

Grant, Up to \$25,000

Provides funding to Seattle arts, heritage and cultural organizations, plus arts service organizations.

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/cultural_facilities.asp

smART Ventures

Office of Arts & Culture

Grant, From \$500 to \$1,000

Supports activities that encourage innovation and widen cultural participation, particularly by individuals or organizations that may not be served by ARTS' other funding programs.

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/smart_ventures.asp

Neighborhood & Community Arts

Office of Arts & Culture

Grant, \$1,200

Supports groups producing recurring festivals or events that promote arts and cultural participation, build community, and enhance the visibility of neighborhoods through arts and culture.

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/neighborhood_community.asp

Youth Arts Program

Office of Arts & Culture

Grant, Up to \$10,000

Supports out-of-school arts training for Seattle middle/high school teens led by experienced teaching artists in all art forms. Priority targets youth with limited to no access to arts and culture.

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/youth_arts.asp

Work Readiness Arts Program (WRAP)

Office of Arts & Culture

Grant, From \$500 to \$1,000

Supports programs that link arts learning and work experiences for youth 14-18.

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/youth_employment_program.asp

Wayfinding

Department of Transportation

SDOT can help neighborhoods develop and fund wayfinding signs that highlight neighborhood destinations.

Contact - Kristen Simpson

kristen.simpson@seattle.gov

Walking Map

Department of Transportation

Central Area walking maps showing possible routes to neighborhood destinations, approximate walking times and steep grades are available from SDOT.

Contact - Chad Lynch

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Connected People and Community

The Central Area is rich in community assets. It has visual and performing arts programs, a continuum of educational facilities, and multiple business districts including some major employers. It's also a community with people from many different backgrounds. The opportunity here is to have the assets serve and reflect the community, and for communities to have meaningful connections with each other now and into the future.

Technology Matching Fund

Department of Information Technology

Grant, Up to \$20,000

Awards matching funds to community projects which increase resident access to information technology, increase literacy in using technology, and/or apply technology to foster civic engagement and community building.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/community-technology/for-organizations/technology-matching-fund>

Natural Area Unit / Green Seattle Partnership (GSP) Program

Parks and Recreation

Program

The program supports over 1,200 volunteer events a year, 75,000 hours, in forest restoration in 80 different communities across the city. The program relies on dedicated neighborhood groups and individuals for the events and provides education, tools, supplies and some youth summer volunteer opportunities and young adult employment. It relies on a 2 to 1 leveraging of the community interest, either through direct volunteer hours and/or through their grant writing for city grants.

Learn more at:

www.Greenseattle.org

Seattle Parks Volunteers

Parks and Recreation

Program

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/volunteers/>

Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI)

Office for Education
Program

The mission of the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative is to prevent and reduce youth violence, which has disproportionately affected communities of color in Seattle, through coordinated, accountable community mobilization to identify youth at risk of perpetuating or being a victim of violence and connect them with needed support in reaching their full potential.

Learn more at:
<http://safeyouthseattle.org>

Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI) Community Matching Grant

Office for Education
Grant, Up to \$25,000

Provides matching funds for projects serving youth participating in the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI).

Learn more at:
<http://safeyouthseattle.org/whatwedo/community-matching-grants/>

Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI) Mini Community Grant

Office for Education
Grant, Up to \$2,500

Provides funds for community-based projects serving youth in the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative

Learn more at:
<http://safeyouthseattle.org/whatwedo/community-matching-grants/mini-cmg/>

Seattle Youth Employment Program - Academic Support Program

Human Services Department
Program

During the school year, SYEP provides after school tutoring located downtown in the Central Building. It is held from Monday-Thursday, 3:00-6:00pm, and offered to year round program participants who are enrolled in the Seattle Public Schools. Homework assistance is provided in math, science, language arts, social studies, and foreign language. In addition, Academic review workshops, End of Course (EOC) and High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) workshops, SAT prep, personal statements for college, and Financial Aid assistance are offered to supplement the academic focus. Program participants also receive direct support from a Youth Development Counselor who track their academic progress.

Learn more at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/youth/employment.htm>

Job Readiness Training Program for Immigrant/Refugee Youth and Families

Human Services Department
Program

The program provides job readiness and self-sufficiency training to English Language Learner (ELL) youth and their families.

Learn more at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/>

Seattle Youth Employment Program - Year Round Program

Human Services Department
Program

The year round program provides youth, ages 14-21, enrolled in the Seattle Public High Schools, with academic support and work training. Participants are able to fulfill their educational goals and explore career pathways by receiving educational support, leadership development and work readiness training.

During the school year, SYEP focuses on youths' academic needs to help them graduate from high school, identify post-secondary plans, and enroll in post secondary education. Each participant works with a Youth Development Counselor to develop a plan to achieve academic, personal and employment goals. The program supports participants' ability to meet these goals by providing after-school tutoring, job readiness training, career exploration, financial literacy, workshops, field trips, internships and case management

During the summer, youth may be placed in paid internships to develop work readiness skills and receive exposure to possible career pathways. Internships take place in a range of high growth sectors such as health care, skilled trades, technology, and public administration. Youth are provided with case management support and mentorship at their internships sites.

Learn more at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/youth/employment.htm>

Families and Education Levy

Office for Education
Grant

The Levy provides supplemental support to Seattle public schools to increase students' success in school. We award funds on a competitive basis to schools and community-based organizations to reduce the achievement gap that exists even before children enter kindergarten, to provide multi-level support for students and families, and to improve students' physical and mental health so they can feel and work better at school.

Learn more at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/office-for-education/about-the-levy>

Seattle Youth Employment Program - Summer Internship Program

Human Services Department
Program

The program is open to students, ages 15-17, enrolled in Seattle Public High Schools who meet the income and eligibility criteria. The number of slots available to the community for the Summer Internship Program vary each year.

During the summer, the program places youth in seven-week paid internships to develop work readiness skills (i.e. showing up for work on time, proper work attire, communication skills, etc.) and provide exposure to the world of work. Internships take place in a range of sectors such as health care, education, recreation, skilled trades, social services and technology. Youth are provided with case management support and mentorship at their internships sites.

Learn more at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/youth/employment.htm>

Seattle Youth Employment Program - Out of School Youth Program

Human Services Department
Program

SYEP's Out of School Youth Program focuses on youth, ages 16-21 that have dropped out of high school, to develop a plan to achieve education, personal and employment goals. The program supports the youth's ability to meet these goals by connecting youth to GED preparation and providing job readiness training, career exploration, financial literacy, internships and case management. Each participant works with a Youth Development Counselor to identify post-secondary plans and enroll in post secondary education.

Learn more at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/youth/employment.htm>

Upward Bound

Human Services Department

Program

This federally funded college prep program serves 104 college-bound youth from low income families who will be the first generation to graduate from college. It recruits 9th and 10th grade students and continues providing service through graduation. During the academic school year, the program partners with Seattle University, Garfield, Rainier Beach and Chief Sealth High Schools as well as other school-based college prep programs to provide tutoring for academic success, career exploration opportunities, SAT/ACT Prep classes; guidance through the college selection and application process; support for accessing financial aid resources - grants, scholarships, loans; advising regarding appropriate high school course selection, community service and engagement opportunities, and workshops to develop soft skills and leadership opportunities. During the summer, Upward Bound offers participants a free six-week Summer Academy they receive academic credits towards high school graduation while maintaining skills in core subjects as well as concentrated focus on college preparation activities.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/youth/academic/upwardbound.htm>

Pilot Play Streets Program

Department of Transportation

Program

A play street closes a neighborhood street to traffic so that kids (and adults) can have more space for play and physical activity. School play streets provide additional space for recess or other special activities, like a field day. Community play streets help neighbors create more space for play during the summer or after school. Much like a block party, a play street permit is free and easy to obtain. The application and additional information is available on the program's website.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/playstreets.htm>

Summer Streets

Event

Seattle Summer Streets is a series of events occurring between May and September that open up the city's largest public space - our streets - for people to have fun, discover active and healthy transportation choices, connect with neighbors, and support local businesses. The idea is simple - open a street for several hours for people to walk, bike, shop, and explore their community in a new way. Each event is hosted with the help of local organizations and volunteers. For additional program information and ways to get involved, please access the website.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/summerstreets.htm>

Festival Street

Department of Transportation

Program

A festival street is a street that has been designated by the Director of Transportation for recurring temporary closure to vehicular traffic use for the purpose of pedestrian-oriented special activities. For more information, please consult Client Assistance Memo 2504 and the Director's Rule SDOT 2-2012.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/cams/CAM2504.pdf>

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/drules.htm>

Neighborhood Block Party

Department of Transportation

Program

In support of Climate Action Now, SDOT is making it easy for you to connect with your neighbors and increase pedestrian use of the Right of Way by making it easy to get a block party permit. Block parties are defined as events being held by people living along the street, families and close friends, but not larger publicized events open to the general public. In an effort to strengthen neighborhood spirit and support increased pedestrian use of the right-of-way as part of Climate Action Now, SDOT has eliminated inspection and fee requirements to host a neighborhood block party. For all the information you need, including the application, frequently asked questions, and even samples of closure signs and invitations to send to your neighbors, please visit our website.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_blockparty.htm

A Great Business Community

The Central Area is unique in that it has multiple discreet business districts, including 23rd Ave at Union, Cherry and Jackson. Working together they can provide a broad spectrum of the community's goods and services, including healthy foods. These districts have different characters with the opportunity to strengthen and solidify as distinct nodes that also work together to clearly proclaim the Central Area identity.

Only In Seattle

Office of Economic Development

Grant, \$15,000 to \$200,000

The Only in Seattle Initiative fosters neighborhood business districts that allow small businesses to grow and flourish, reflect the unique character of the neighborhood, empower business owners to organize around a common vision and attract investment. Funding is available for:

- Technical assistance to create a unified organization in the business district
- Developing a common vision for a business district
- Creating or implementing an action plan
- Designing and improving business façade
- Consultation services to support or form a Business Improvement Area
- Technical assistance in using arts in the business district
- Enhancing business districts through capital improvement projects

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/oisi/grants.htm>

CDBG Small Business Loan Fund

Office of Economic Development

Loan

Federal Block Grant funds provide financing for small business projects that benefit low-income entrepreneurs and low-income communities and creates jobs. OED has partnered with community-based lenders to provide loans using CDBG funds to small businesses. OED's lending partners are Community Capital Development, Craft3, and the Rainier Valley Community Development Fund (RVCDF).

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/business_incentives.htm

Grow Seattle Fund

Office of Economic Development

Loan, \$100,000 to \$5,000,000

The Grow Seattle Fund – a partnership between the City of Seattle, the Seattle Foundation, and the Grow America Fund – offers long-term, below-market rate financing for growing small businesses. Loans finance a broad range of business needs such as working capital, machinery and equipment purchases, tenant improvements and real estate acquisition. Financing ranges from \$100,000 - \$5,000,000. It is most appropriate for businesses with a profitable operating history of at least two years, capacity to service the proposed debt, and collateral.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/business_incentives.htm

Energy Efficiency

Office of Economic Development

Loan

OED offers businesses low interest loans for installing energy efficient improvements that can be paired with Seattle City Light rebates. This package of financial incentives will encourage businesses to make improvements that will enhance their cash flow through energy saving.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/business_incentives.htm

Green Business Program

Seattle Public Utilities

Program

The Seattle Public Utilities Green Business Program offers free tools and assistance to help Seattle area businesses conserve resources and prevent pollution. Learn how your business can reduce costs, gain a competitive edge, and contribute to a clean and healthy community.

Call us at (206) 343-8505

Visit us online at www.seattle.gov/util/GreenYourBusiness.

Community Capital Development

Office of Economic Development

Loan/Technical Assistance

Financing available for locally owned businesses with fewer than 100 employees. Business technical assistance focused on entrepreneurs in areas such as: business planning, loan application preparation, marketing, contract preparation, contract procurement, business management, financial reporting and cash flow restructuring.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/business_incentives.htm

Craft3

Office of Economic Development

Loan, \$10,000 to \$15,000,000

Business Loans are available for financing commercial real estate, energy efficiency upgrades, start-ups and expansion of businesses needing working capital, acquisitions, inventory, fixtures, equipment and related business property. Loans range from \$10,000 - \$15,000,000.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/business_incentives.htm

Workforce Development

Office of Economic Development

Program

Many small businesses have trouble finding the skilled workers they need to make their business thrive. OED partners with both the Seattle Jobs Initiative and the Seattle-King County Workforce Development Council to provide training and job placement services.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/economicDevelopment/business_assist.htm#Workforce

Parking (On-Street)

Department of Transportation

Program

Through the Community Parking Program, SDOT works with community members to identify on-street parking challenges and opportunities, develop parking recommendations, and implement changes throughout the city to improve on-street parking management in Seattle's neighborhood business districts and nearby residential areas. For program goals and a list of past and current neighborhoods in the Program, please access the website.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/communityparking.htm>

Tables & Chairs and Sidewalk Café Permits

Department of Transportation

Program

The City of Seattle encourages sidewalk seating associated with an adjacent business to increase public use, enjoyment and safety. With proper design and management, they can be a great way to encourage walking, add vitality to the street, and promote local economic development. There are two types of permits – a “Tables and Chairs” permit and a “Sidewalk Café” permit. For more information, please access the website, Client Assistance Memo 2503, and SDOT Director's Rule 4-2011.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_sidewalkcafe.htm

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/cams/CAM2503.pdf>

Pilot Seattle Parklet Program

Department of Transportation

Program

Parklets convert on-street parking spots into public spaces for all Seattleites to enjoy while still maintaining a healthy parking supply and ensuring our streets continue to efficiently move people and goods. They are a cost-effective tool for increasing our city's public open space, and have added to the vitality of neighborhoods. SDOT is working with local businesses and community organizations to permit pilot parklets in Seattle. For questions regarding timing of applications, status of the program, and parklet opportunities in your neighborhood, please contact SDOT staff.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parklets.htm>

Vending in Public Spaces

Department of Transportation

Program

The City encourages street-food vending to increase public use, enjoyment, and safety of our public right of way. With proper design and management, street-food vending can be a great way to encourage walking, add vitality to the street, and promote local economic development. For more information on vending permit types, please access the website.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_vend.htm

Washington CASH Loan/Technical Assistance

Washington CASH provides training and lending services for low-income women, people with disabilities, immigrants and other low-income individuals to help them start or expand their own business.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/business_incentives.htm

Livable Streets for All

The Central Area neighborhood has an inviting street network that safely connects key destinations for transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians. A principle arterial, 23rd Avenue, runs north-south and moves people and goods within and beyond the Central District. The intersections of 23rd Avenue with Union Street, Cherry Street, and Jackson Streets are identified as places that play important roles in the community. While we strive to accommodate and balance the needs of a variety of users throughout the neighborhood, improving the safety and the walkability of the connections to the three nodes along the corridor is paramount to their success.

Safe Routes To School Mini Grant Program

Department of Transportation

Grant

Mini Grants provide assistance to schools, PTAs, and community groups to support education and encouragement for walking and bicycling to school. For a list of type of projects that are eligible and for information on the application process, please access the website.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ped_srts_grant.htm

Neighborhood Street Fund

Department of Transportation

Grant

The Neighborhood Street Fund Program pays for neighborhood transportation projects estimated to cost between \$100k and \$750k, which are identified and prioritized by the community itself. The projects are submitted to the thirteen Neighborhood District Council for evaluation once every three years, reviewed by the Bridging the Gap Oversight Committee, then approved by Council and Mayor. The funds for this program come from the Bridging the Gap (BTG) transportation levy passed by voters in November 2006 which expires in 2015. For a list of project funded by this program, please access the website.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/btg_nsf_large.htm

Pedestrian Street Lighting

Department of Transportation

Program

Explore opportunities to install pedestrian level street lighting.

Contact - Jocelyn Mamchur

jocelyn.mamchur@seattle.gov

Public Space Management

Department of Transportation

Program

Explore opportunities to activate public open space.

Contact - Jennifer Wieland

jennifer.wieland@seattle.gov

Pedestrian Improvements

Department of Transportation

Program

Learn how Seattle Department of Transportation identifies and provides pedestrian improvements

Contact - Sandra (Sam) Woods

walkandbike@seattle.gov

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedestrian.htm>

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

Department of Transportation

Program

Addressing community concerns when large numbers of drivers routinely travel much faster than the speed limit requires active participation by residents working in a strong partnership with SDOT. This is always done in a phased approach, starting by ensuring that SDOT and the community have a clear and common understanding of the nature of the concern. For additional information regarding the Traffic Calming Program, please access the website and contact SDOT staff.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp_calming.htm

Transit on 23rd Avenue

Department of Transportation

Improved bus transit speed and reliability are important elements of the 23rd Avenue corridor improvement project.

Contact - Jeff Bender

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Healthy and Stable Communities

The Central Area is an inviting neighborhood that feels safe and comfortable to walk around at any time of day. Its many parks provide ample opportunities for physical activity and social interaction. People can live in the neighborhood long term and feel a strong sense of community.

P-Patch Community Gardening Program

Department of Neighborhoods

Program

Offers and promotes community-stewarded open spaces for organic urban agriculture to individuals and groups. As the largest municipally-managed community gardening program west of New York City, the staff manages 89 gardens that serve more than 3,098 households and 6800+ gardeners. It also manages special programs that serve youth and low-income and underrepresented populations.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/ppatch/>

Community Tree Program

Department of Transportation

Program

SDOT is interested in finding neighborhoods about 100 trees can be planted within (about) a 4 to 5-square block area. These trees will be planted, watered through establishment, and maintained by SDOT. For tree planting guidelines and to suggest locations, please access the program website.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/btg_streettrees.htm

Seattle reLeaf

City of Seattle

Program

You can plant trees around your home through our Trees for Neighborhoods project, take a Tree Walk of the unique trees in a neighborhood, or volunteer to help us remove overgrown vegetation, renew small landscapes, and provide critical care for young street trees through our Tree Ambassador project.

Contact us at treeambassador@seattle.gov or call 206-615-1668

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/trees

Urban Agriculture (Growing Food in Planting Strips)

Department of Transportation

Program

To find out how to grow food in your planting strip please contact SDOT

Contact - Diane Walsh

diane.walsh@seattle.gov

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/mylawngarden/food-gardening/plantingstrips/>

Environmental Health Services

Seattle & King County Public Health

Services

The Environmental Health Services Division focuses on prevention of disease through sanitation, safe food and water, proper disposal of wastes and toxics, and promoting safe and healthy environmental conditions throughout King County for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

Learn more by calling (206) 263-9566 or visit us at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs.aspx>

Neighborhood Spring Cleanup

Seattle Public Utilities

Program

Spring Clean is Seattle's premier community cleanup event. Seattle Public Utilities invites residents to participate April 1 - May 31. Help pick up litter, stencil storm drains, paint out graffiti, remove invasive plants, or join an event in your community. All Spring Clean projects are on public property. Volunteers receive free litter cleanup bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste disposal permits.

To get started call 206-233-7187, or

Register online at www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean

Volunteer to Clean Up Graffiti

Seattle Public Utilities

Program

Want to clean up graffiti in your neighborhood? Seattle Public Utilities will provide you with the following supplies:

- Paint (white-brown-gray)
- Rollers
- Brushes
- Scrapers
- Gloves
- Trash grabber
- Garbage bags

Get started by calling (206) 684-7647 or visit us online at:

www.seattle.gov/util/GraffitiRemoval.

Adopt a street

Seattle Public Utilities

Program

Help Keep Seattle Streets Litter-free. Join more than 700 active volunteer groups who clean up nearly 200 miles of city streets. The mission of the Adopt-a-Street program is to promote civic responsibility and community pride as well as to enhance Seattle's quality of life through clean streets and beautiful neighborhoods.

As an Adopt-a-Street volunteer, you will receive:

- Cleanup supplies
- Safety equipment
- Special after cleanup garbage pickup
- Educational resources
- Graffiti removal supplies

Learn more by calling (206) 684-7647 or visit us at:

www.seattle.gov/util/AdoptaStreet

Small Climate Project Fund

Office of Sustainability & Environment

Grant

Provides up to \$500 to support climate focused special events or education and outreach initiatives. Existing events are not eligible.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/environment/climate-change/community-climate-projects>

Clean and Green Seattle Initiative

Office of Sustainability & Environment, Office of Economic Development

Grant

Promoting the greening and beautification of neighborhood business districts by offering grants and resources for greening projects, increasing efforts to promote trees and greenery and encourage green development.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/economicDevelopment/biz_district_guide/clean_green.htm

RainWise Rebates for Rain Gardens

Seattle Public Utilities

Program

Stormwater from rain and other precipitation carry pollutants to Puget Sound and other waterways. Be part of the solution. Rain gardens can be thought of as a personal water quality system. A rain garden is a shallow, constructed depression that is planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses. It is located in your landscape to receive polluted runoff from hard surfaces such as a roof, a sidewalk and a driveway. Rain gardens slow down the rush of water from these hard surfaces, hold the water for a short period of time and allow it to naturally infiltrate into the ground.

See if you are eligible for a rain garden on your property – rebates can cover most of the cost.

Learn more at:

www.rainwise.seattle.gov

HomeWise: Weatherization Services

Office of Housing

Program/Grant

The Seattle Office of Housing offers FREE weatherization and energy efficiency services for qualified low-income households.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/housing/HomeWise/default.htm>

Downpayment Assistance Program

Office of Housing

Grant, Up to \$70,000 per Household

The Office of Housing provides up to \$70,000 per household in downpayment assistance to lower-income buyers through partnerships with local nonprofits and lending institutions.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/housing/buying/resources.htm>

Home Repair Loan Program

Office of Housing

Loan, Loans Start at \$3,000

The Office of Housing's Home Repair Loan Program provides 0% or 3% loans to low-income households to make critical repairs to owner-occupied single family homes.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/housing/buying/repair_loans.htm

Multifamily Property Tax Exemption

Office of Housing

Program

The Program provides a tax exemption on the residential improvements on new multifamily projects in exchange for setting aside 20% of the units for moderate-wage workers. Projects must be located in a residential targeted area.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/housing/incentives/mfte.htm>

Utility Discount Program

Human Services Department, Seattle Public Utilities, and Seattle City Light

Program

The Utility Discount Program helps income qualified Seattle City Light customers lower their electric bills by 60%. If enrolled in the program, customers may also get a free home energy visit that could identify ways for the household to save on electric consumption. Seattle Public Utilities customers will also receive 50% off their water, sewer, and garbage bills if enrolled in this program.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/light/assistance/>

Farm to Table

Human Services Department

Program

Links senior meal sites and Seattle child care programs to local area farms. The goal of these efforts is to get local, organic produce into some of Seattle's most under-served communities.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/children_families/nutrition/farm_to_table.htm

Summer Food Service Program

Human Services Department

Program

The program provides no-cost breakfasts, lunches, and snacks for kids and teens ages 1-18 in summer time. The meals are served to children and teens at approved sites where at least half the participants are eligible for free or reduced price school lunches.

Learn more at:

http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/children_families/nutrition/summer_food.htm

Youth Outreach

Seattle Police Department

Program

Seattle Police participate in numerous opportunities to continually build their connection with young people with programs and services. Senior commanders also serve on the Mayor's Youth Commission to meet with young leaders and discuss police programs and policies.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/youth/>

Community Police Academy

Seattle Police Department

Program

The purpose of the Community Police Academy is to increase understanding between the Seattle Police Department and the community members of Seattle through education and interaction.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/programs/policeacademy/default.htm>

Block Watch

Seattle Police Department

Program

A program based on the principle that neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime. It has been shown to be an effective deterrent of crime at the neighborhood level.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/Police/blockwatch/default.htm>

Night out Against Crime

Seattle Police Department

Program

A national Crime Prevention event. It is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, increase neighborhood support in anti-crime efforts, and unite our communities. It is a great chance to learn about crime prevention, while also celebrating your community and spending time with your neighbors

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/nightout/whatis.htm>

Living Room Conversations

Seattle Police Department

Program

These conversations are designed to bring together local community members and police officers in a small group setting promotes an open dialogue that allows participants to address neighborhood issues directly with officers who work in the area. These discussions often include neighborhood safety concerns, the opportunity to get to know your local police officers and to ask those officers questions you may not otherwise have the opportunity to ask.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/community/livingroom.htm>

Demographic Advisory Councils

Seattle Police Department

Program

These diverse councils provide an effective way to build bridges between minority communities and the police department, which results in increased awareness, improved understanding, and open dialogue regarding challenging issues including perceptions of racial profiling. Advisory councils are also a good way to gain knowledge and understanding of SPD and policing in general.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/programs/advisory/default.htm>

For All Priorities

Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Projects Fund

Department of Neighborhoods

Grant, \$25,000 to \$100,000

The Large Projects Fund provides awards up to \$100,000 to support community members in building community relationships around a project. Large Projects Fund activities may be physical projects as well as less tangible but equally significant educational, cultural, and relationship-strengthening activities. All projects must demonstrate its capacity to build a stronger and healthier community.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/largeproject.htm>

Neighborhood Matching Fund Small And Simple Projects Fund

Department of Neighborhoods

Grant, \$1,000 to \$25,000

The Small and Simple Projects Fund provides awards up to \$25,000 to support community members in building community relationships around a project. Small and Simple Projects Fund activities may be physical projects as well as less tangible but equally significant educational, cultural, and relationship-strengthening activities. All projects must demonstrate its capacity to build a stronger and healthier community.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/smallandsimple.htm>

Neighborhood Matching Fund Small Sparks Fund

Department of Neighborhoods

Grant, Up to \$1,000

The Small Sparks Fund provides awards up to \$1,000 to support community members in becoming civically engaged. Projects can include neighborhood organizing, membership expansion or numerous other types of activities. All projects must demonstrate its capacity to build a stronger and healthier community.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/smallsparks.htm>

Neighborhood Park And Street Fund

Department of Neighborhoods

Grant, Up to \$90,000

A portion of Seattle's city budget is set aside for neighborhood improvements (valued up to \$90K) to streets and parks that are proposed by the community. The Neighborhood District Councils review applications and select three projects to forward to Parks and SDOT for detailed feasibility and cost analysis. Funding decisions are based on recommendations from District Councils, Parks and SDOT, and the final decision is made by the Mayor. For application information, please access the website.

Learn more at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/npsf/default.htm>