



City of Seattle

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE



Toolkit to help you access City resources, local programs, and funding opportunities to enhance your community.

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SAFE & ACTIVE STREETS				
Neighborhood Street Fund Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) 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. Program funds come from The Levy to Move Seattle.	3-year application cycle; next project selection is 2019.	NSF@seattle.gov or (206) 733-9050	www.seattle.gov/transportation/btg_nsf_large.htm
Safe Routes to School Mini Grant Program SDOT Grant	Mini Grants provide assistance to schools, PTAs or PTSAs, 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.	Awards up to \$1,000 for two annual funding cycles (spring and fall); applicants may receive funding once per year	Contact Ashley Rhead at (206) 684-7577 or Ashley.Rhead@seattle.gov	www.seattle.gov/transportation/ped_srts_grant.htm
Public Space Management SDOT Program	The Public Space Management group promotes and regulates a safe, accessible, and attractive shared right of way. Public space management permits include uses of the right of way by the general public and by businesses, as well as temporary and longer-term uses including block parties, signal box artwork, neighborhood pole banners, and sidewalk cafés.	Variety of permits offered	Contact the Public Space Management Team at (206) 684-5267 or publicspace@seattle.gov	www.seattle.gov/transportation/publicspacemanagement.htm
Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program SDOT Program	This program addresses community concerns when large numbers of drivers routinely travel much faster than the speed limit. SDOT partners with communities to complete work in a phased approach, to ensure that SDOT and the community have a clear and common understanding of the problem. Please see the website for more information.		Contact Neighborhood Traffic Operations at (206) 684-0353 or neighborhood.traffic@seattle.gov	www.seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp_calming.htm
Pedestrian Improvements SDOT Program	The Seattle Department of Transportation identifies, installs, and maintains pedestrian improvements, including sidewalks, curb ramps, marked crosswalks, pedestrian and school crossing signs, and more. The Pedestrian Master Plan prioritizes access to transit and schools.		Contact: WalkAndBike@Seattle.gov or call (206) 684-7583	www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedestrian.htm

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Community Crosswalks SDOT Program	Special painted crosswalks are a great way to represent a neighborhood. They can be used to showcase a community's unique culture and history or just liven up an intersection with artistic and colorful stripes. The cost of crosswalks vary by project. Crosswalks can be funded by the Neighborhood Matching Fund.	Free to apply, cost varies by project	For application assistance, contact [206] 233-0093 or NMFund@seattle.gov ; For location and design assistance, contact Howard.Wu@seattle.gov or [206] 684-3902.	www.seattle.gov/transportation/CommunityCrosswalks.htm
Walking Map Feet First (Non-profit)	Feet First created neighborhood walking map for West Seattle as a way to both celebrate and transform your community. On the maps, you'll read about important current events, up and coming groups, and how to put your finger on the pulse of the community.	Commission price \$15,000-\$20,000: includes printing 20,000 color maps	[206] 652-2310 or info@feetfirst.org for more information	www.feetfirst.org/walk-and-maps
Adaptive Streets & Tactical Urbanism SDOT Program	The Adaptive Streets Program is focused on creating inexpensive, temporary solutions that improve streets and public spaces. "Pavement to Parks" projects create opportunities for public spaces in underutilized roadway space, and "Tactical Urbanism" projects enhance safety and mobility with low-cost, easy-to-install materials.	SDOT funds the design and construction of projects, and neighborhood groups assist with maintenance and programming	Contact Susan McLaughlin at [206] 733-9649 or susan.mclaughlin@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/transportation/adaptivestreets.htm
Wayfinding SDOT Program	SDOT can help neighborhoods develop and fund wayfinding signs that highlight neighborhood destinations. This program is under development, and will be available in 2018-19.			www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedestrian_masterplan/pedestrian_toolbox/
Your Voice, Your Choice-Parks and Streets SDOT Program	Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets is a participatory budgeting initiative in which Seattle residents democratically decide how to spend a portion of the City's budget on small-scale park and street improvements. A total of \$285,000 is set aside in each City Council District, and residents can cast their ballots for their top three choices in the district where they live, work, go to school, receive services, or volunteer.	Free to participate	Contact Kraig Cook at [206] 256-5944 or kraig.cook@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice

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Play Streets SDOT Program	A play street closes a neighborhood street to traffic so that kids (and adults) can have more space for play and physical activity. This program helps residents create more space for play with a permit that is free and easy to obtain. Play streets may occur up to three times a week for six hours a day. The application and additional information is available on the program's website.	Free to apply; applications are issued during April-September, and October-March		www.seattle.gov/transportation/playstreets.htm
Neighborhood Spring Cleanup Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Program	Spring Clean is Seattle's premier community cleanup event. Seattle Public Utilities invites residents to participate. 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.	Free to participate; occurs in April and May	To get started, call (206) 233-7187, or Register online at www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean	www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean
Volunteer to Clean up Graffiti SPU 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, and garbage bags.	Free to participate	(206) 684-7647 or adoptastreet@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/util/GraffitiRemoval
Adopt a Street SPU Program	Help Keep Seattle Streets Litter-free! 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, and graffiti removal supplies.	Free to participate	Contact (206) 684-7647 or adoptastreet@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/util/AdoptaStreet
PARK(ing) Day SDOT Free Event	PARK(ing) Day is an opportunity for Seattleites to rethink how streets can be used. Seattle has participated in this international event since 2007 and given people the opportunity to temporarily turn on-street parking spots into public spaces. The program is intended to encourage creative placemaking while raising awareness about the importance of walkable, livable, and healthy communities.	Happens once a year on the third Friday in September		www.seattle.gov/transportation/seattleparkingday.htm

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Festival Street SDOT Program	Festival streets are designated portions of streets that can be opened for pedestrian-focused events on multiple occasions. A festival street designation allows community members to plan a series of events throughout the year with a single permit, instead of requiring a special activity permit for each event.	Annual public space permit	Contact the Public Space Management Team at [206] 684-5267 or publicspace@seattle.gov	www.seattle.gov/transportation/permits-and-services/permits
ENGAGED COMMUNITIES & THE ARTS				
Neighborhood & Community Arts Office of Arts and Culture Grant	This grant 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.	Up to \$1200 per year; annual application; free to apply	Contact Jenny Crooks at [206] 684-7084 or jenny_crooks@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/neighborhood_community.asp
CityArtist Project Office of Arts and Culture Grant	This grant 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 2018, the opportunity is open to Literary (excluding Playwriting), Media/Film and Visual artists.	Up to \$8,000/year; annual application; free to apply	Contact Irene Gómez at [206] 684-7310 or irene.gomez@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/arts/cityartist-projects
Youth Arts Office of Arts and Culture Grant	This grant supports out-of-school arts training for Seattle middle/high school teens led by experienced teaching artists in all art forms. This grant process prioritizes youth with limited to no access to arts and culture.	Up to \$1,000; annual application; free to apply	Contact Kristi Woo at [206] 727-8671 or kristi.woo@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/youth_arts.asp
Civic Partners Office of Arts and Culture Grant	The grant provides support for 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.	Funding based on organizations budget; free to apply	Contact Kathy Hsieh at [206] 733-9926 or kathy.hsieh@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/organizations.asp
Cultural Facilities Fund Office of Arts and Culture Grant	This grant provides funding to Seattle arts, heritage and cultural organizations, plus arts service organizations.	Up to \$50,000; annual application deadline; free to apply	Contact Matthew Richter at [206] 733-9955 or matthew.richter@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/cultural_facilities.asp
smART Ventures Office of Arts and Culture Grant	This grant supports activities that encourage innovation and widen cultural participation, particularly by individuals or organizations that may not be served by ARTS' other funding programs.	From \$500 - \$1,000; applications accepted year-round; free to apply	Contact Jenny Crooks at [206] 684-7084 or jenny_crooks@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/smart_ventures.asp

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Neighborhood Block Party SDOT Program	A block party helps you connect with your neighbors, reimagine your block, and strengthen community relationships. With a free permit, you can temporarily close your street and use the right of way to host a party for your neighbors.	Can request up to one party/month; free permit		www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_blockparty.htm
Block Watch Seattle Police Department (SPD) Program	This program is 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.	To get started, contact crime prevention coordinator	Contact your Crime Prevention Coordinator to get started. See the website for more details	www.seattle.gov/Police/blockwatch/default.htm
Community Emergency Hubs Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Program	Community Emergency Hubs are places where people gather after a disaster to help each other. Hubs are established by community members, who often organize using the Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP) program. While the Office of Emergency Management supports Hubs, the mission of the Hub is accomplished solely through neighbors and community members.		Contact the Seattle Office of Emergency Management at (206) 233-5998 for more information	www.seattle.gov/emergency-management/working-together/community-emergency-hubs
DYNAMIC NEIGHBORHOODS				
Neighborhood Matching Fund Community Partnership Fund Department of Neighborhoods (DON) Grant	The Community Partnerships Fund awards up to \$100,000 to support community members in building community relationships around a project. Activities supported by this fund may be physical projects as well as less tangible educational, cultural, and relationship-strengthening activities. All projects must demonstrate capacity to build stronger and healthier communities.	Up to \$100,000; application deadlines in Spring, Summer, and Fall; free to apply	Contact (206) 233-0093 or NMFund@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund
Neighborhood Matching Fund Small Sparks Fund DON Grant	The Small Sparks Fund 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.	Up to \$5,000; application must be received 6 weeks before project start; free to apply	Contact (206) 233-0093 or NMFund@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund

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Find It, Fix It Community Walks DON Grant/Program	The Find It, Fix It Community Walks help to improve neighborhoods one block at a time. During these walks, neighbors, police, and City officials walk together to identify unsafe or poorly maintained elements, such as overgrown trees, or litter. Then, the City and community work together to fix these problems. Community Walks have been held throughout the city, resulting in hundreds of infrastructure improvements.	Up to \$3,000; subject to change	Contact Hailey Oppelt at (206) 386-1907 or hailey.oppelt@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/find-it-fix-it-community-walks
Trees for Neighborhoods SPU Grant	Trees for Neighborhoods is the City of Seattle's residential tree planting project. Since 2009, Trees for Neighborhoods has helped Seattle residents plant over 8,000 trees in their yards and along the street. That's 6,300 more trees working to clean our air and water, make our streets more walkable, and our neighborhoods healthier!	Application opens in July; free to apply	Contact (206) 615-1668 or TreesForNeighborhoods@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm
Vending in Public Spaces SDOT 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.		Contact (206) 684-5267 or annualpermits@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_vend.htm
Community Access and Parking Program SDOT 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.		Contact Jonathan Williams at (206) 733-9026 or jonathan.williams2@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/communityparking.htm
Seattle Parklet & Streateries Program SDOT Program	Parklets and streateries are a cost-effective way to convert on-street parking spots into public spaces that all Seattleites can enjoy, while still maintaining a healthy parking supply and ensuring our streets move people and goods efficiently. SDOT is working with local businesses and community organizations to permit parklets and streateries.		Contact Casey Rogers at (206) 733-9707 or casey.rogers@seattle.gov	www.seattle.gov/transportation/parklets.htm

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Tables and Chairs and Sidewalk Café Permits SDOT 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, seating can be a great way to encourage walking, and promote local economic development. There are two types of permits – a “Tables and Chairs” permit and a “Sidewalk Café” permit.		Contact (206) 684-5267 or publicspace@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_sidewalkcafe.htm
ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HEALTHY FOOD				
P-Patch Community Gardening Program DON Program	This program offers and promotes community-stewarded open spaces for organic urban agriculture to individuals and groups. This is the largest municipally-managed community gardening program west of New York City. The P-Patch program also provides special opportunities that serve youth, low-income and underrepresented populations.	P-patches are also designated as community emergency hubs	Contact (206) 684-0264 or p-patch.don@seattle.gov for more information	www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/ppatch/
Urban Agriculture (Growing food in planting strips) SDOT Program	Many Seattle residents are beautifying their streets by planting flowers, shrubs, trees, vegetables, and berries (fruit trees are prohibited) in the planting strip in front of their property, between the sidewalk and street. The Seattle Department of Transportation encourages this, but requires a free permit for raised beds and tree planting to ensure that sightlines and public safety are considered.		Contact the Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224 or email help@gardenhotline.org , SDOTpermits@seattle.gov	(gardening guidelines); www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/mylawngarden/foodgardening/plantingstrips/
Fresh Bucks Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Program	Fresh Bucks makes healthy food more affordable for families receiving SNAP (food stamps). Use your EBT card at participating farmers markets and farm stands, and receive a dollar-for-dollar match (up to \$10 per day) to spend on extra fruits and vegetables. \$10 in EBT becomes \$20 for fresh fruits and vegetables with Fresh Bucks.		Contact (206) 386-4607, or FreshBucks@seattle.gov for more information	www.freshbuckseattle.org
ROAR Mobile Farm Stand Roots of All Roads (Non-Profit)	ROAR is a mobile farm stand selling locally produced fruits and vegetables and offering education and community events.			https://roarseattle.org/