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City of Seattle's Neighborhood Park and Street Fund now accepting proposals

Deadline is February 4, 2013

November 19, 2012 (Seattle, WA) – The city of Seattle is now accepting proposals to the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund (NPSF), formerly known as the Neighborhood Projects Fund. This fund supports improvements to neighborhood streets and parks proposed by the community. The deadline for applications is February 4, 2013.

The NPSF can be used for projects valued up to \$90,000. Park projects that have been funded in the past include playground improvements, trail upgrades, tennis or basketball court repaving, natural area renovations, and accessibility improvements. Examples of street projects include crossing improvements such as [marked crosswalks](#), [curb ramps](#), and pedestrian countdown signals; and [traffic calming](#), such as [traffic circles](#), [median islands](#), and [speed feedback signs](#).

To learn more about the fund or to propose a project, visit www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/npsf/default.htm. Both residential and business groups are encouraged to apply.

The NPSF is a competitive process and the proposals are evaluated in three steps. First, each Neighborhood District Council reviews the applications and selects three projects based on the following: positive impact to the neighborhood as a whole, the support of the neighborhood, and whether other funding sources are leveraged for the project. Their selections are forwarded to Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Seattle Parks and Recreation for feasibility and cost analyses. Next, each Neighborhood District Council uses this information to prioritize among their three projects. Finally, city staff makes funding recommendations based on this information, in addition to considering a fair distribution of projects across the city.

Once the final decision is made by the Mayor and Seattle City Council, the funds are awarded in December and projects are implemented by SDOT and Seattle Parks and Recreation in 2014.

For questions, contact your [Neighborhood District Coordinator](#) or Wendy Watson at 206-684-0719.

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