

# NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

## OVERVIEW

Seattle is building a network of neighborhood greenways. Neighborhood greenways are safer, calm residential streets for you, your family and neighbors. On streets with low car volumes and speeds a greenway can:

- Improve safety
- Help people cross busy streets
- Discourage cars from using neighborhood streets to avoid main streets
- Protect the residential character of our neighborhoods
- Keep speeds low
- Get people to where they want to go like parks, schools, shops and restaurants

Neighborhood greenways do not add bike lanes and there are minimal if any on-street parking impacts. They are mostly funded through the nine-year voter approved Bridging the Gap Levy. Existing greenways include: 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Wallingford, Beacon Hill, Ballard, 26<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, and Fremont Avenue N.

There are 248 miles of greenways identified in the draft [Bicycle Master Plan Update](#) (BMP). The BMP provides a framework for prioritizing neighborhood greenways.

## HOW CAN THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND SUPPORT GREENWAYS?

The Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) is a resource for enhancements to existing or upcoming [neighborhood greenways](#). For prioritized greenways that will come on line within the next five years, or for completed greenways, the Neighborhood Matching Fund could be used for a variety of enhancements to green the greenway and make them even more pedestrian friendly, add art or other fun elements to a route, or host an event in the neighborhood. Seattle Department of Transportation Street Use review and permitting will be required for many of these enhancements. A list of greenways planned for the next three to five years will be available mid-2014.

Some ideas for projects include:

<b>Landscaping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree planting</li> <li>• Rain garden</li> <li>• Pocket parks</li> </ul>	<b>Traffic calming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic circles</li> <li>• Intersection painting</li> </ul>	<b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Night Out gatherings</li> <li>• Education/Outreach</li> <li>• Pop-Up Greenway</li> <li>• Organized bike rides</li> </ul>
<b>Pedestrian &amp; Bike Enhancements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street furniture/benches</li> <li>• Little Free Library</li> <li>• Bike racks</li> <li>• Wayfinding</li> <li>• Interpretive signage</li> <li>• Walking Maps</li> </ul>	<b>Art Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control box art</li> <li>• Murals</li> <li>• Banners</li> </ul>	<b>Work Parties</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkable zone clean-up and education</li> <li>• Stairway clean-ups</li> <li>• Traffic circle clean-up and replanting</li> </ul>

## STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL NMF PROJECT

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Every Neighborhood Matching Fund project must demonstrate that the project is supported by the impacted community or neighborhood. Some of the ways to illustrate and develop community support for project are the following:

- Develop a diverse steering committee with at least 5-8 people from the community where the project is taking place.
  - Steering committee must propose and submit NMF application requesting funding
- Include a variety of opportunities for community members to be involved in planning and implementing the project
- Form partnerships with community members to secure commitments for community match such as space, volunteer time, funding, equipment, and furnishings.

### PROJECT FEASIBILITY

- Project must be consistent with City policy and be approved by the agency responsible for the location (SDOT, Parks, SPU, etc.)
  - Work with the agency to determine feasibility, requirements, costs, and approvals.
- Project requires community match consisting of volunteer labor, donated materials, donated professional services, and/or cash
  - For planning or non-physical projects, the match required is ½ to 1
  - For physical projects the required match is 1:1.

### APPLYING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND

The start-up process for any project usually includes some of the following steps:

- Contact a Neighborhood Matching Fund project manager
- **Review NMF Program Funding Guidelines at [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods)**
- Register for the database at: [webgrants.seattle.gov](http://webgrants.seattle.gov)
- Develop response for NMF application questions which require project description, outreach plan, work plan, budget, match commitments

### RESOURCE LIST

#### Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

- Neighborhood Matching Fund: 206-233-0093, [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/default.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/default.htm)
- NMF Contact: Patricia Lopez, Neighborhood Matching Fund Program Supervisor, [Patricia.Lopez@Seattle.gov](mailto:Patricia.Lopez@Seattle.gov)
- Neighborhood District Coordinators: [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/districts](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/districts)

#### Seattle Department of Transportation

- Neighborhood Greenways in Seattle: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/greenways.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/greenways.htm)
- Seattle Bicycle Master Plan: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaster.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaster.htm)

#### Community Resources

- Seattle Neighborhood Greenways Community Coalition: [www.seattlegreenways.org](http://www.seattlegreenways.org)
- Feet First: [www.feetfirst.org](http://www.feetfirst.org)
- Cascade Bicycle Club: [www.cascade.org](http://www.cascade.org)