

# SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Grants supports local grassroots projects within neighborhoods and communities by providing funding to implement community-driven improvement projects. In addition to the financial award, a central focus of Community Grants is offering support to applicants during every step of the process so that groups learn the skills to secure funding and manage the money once they have it.

## NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND

Created in 1988, the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) provides funding for neighborhood projects that are developed and implemented by community members. Every NMF award is matched by the community through volunteer time, donated supplies and materials, in-kind professional services, and/or cash. Many of the city's most iconic attractions were created by the community with support from the program.

NMF offers two funding opportunities: the Community Partnership Fund, which is offered twice a year with awards up to \$50,000; and the Small Sparks Fund, which is offered on a rolling basis throughout most of the year with awards of up to \$5,000.

## FOOD EQUITY FUND

The Food Equity Fund was developed in 2021 to increase investments in community work led by those most impacted by food and health inequities: Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), immigrants, refugees, people with low incomes, families with young children, youth, and elders.

This grant uplifts and funds an array of unique and creative community endeavors that seek to increase equitable access and opportunities to grow, learn about, and/or eat healthy, affordable, and culturally relevant foods.

The Food Equity Fund offers two tiers of funding, one up to \$75,000 and one up to \$150,000, which have staggered application deadlines. Funding is provided through revenue from Seattle's Sweetened Beverage Tax.

## DUWAMISH RIVER OPPORTUNITY FUND

The Duwamish River Opportunity Fund (DROF) funds community-based projects that improve the quality of life for communities living in the Duwamish River Valley. Funding is particularly focused on projects that address issues of healthy fish consumption, food access, job training, affordable housing, and environmental development. Since 2014, DROF has granted more than \$1.5 million to community projects in the neighborhoods of South Park, Georgetown, and SODO. Currently there is one funding cycle per year with awards up to \$40,000.

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