

Community Grants Programs

Food Equity Fund (FEF)

About FEF

The Food Equity Fund, part of the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, aims to improve access to sustainable and equitable food systems in Seattle. This initiative focuses on supporting communities experiencing significant food and health inequities, including BIPOC, immigrants, refugees, low-income households, youth, and elders.

Programs

FEF provides funding through two main grant programs:

- Food Equity Fund Grant: Supports large-scale projects with grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000.
- Starter Fund: Offers grants from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for smaller, grassroots initiatives.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include non-profits, community groups with a fiscal sponsor, and tribal organizations. Projects must serve the Seattle area, be open to the public, and aim to strengthen local food systems.

Application Process

Applications must include a narrative, workplan, budget, and proof of 501(c)(3) status or fiscal sponsorship. All applications are submitted via email.

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More Info: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/community-grants/food-equity-fund



Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF)

About Neighborhood Matching Fund

Established in 1988, the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) supports community-led projects that enhance neighborhood improvements, organizing, or other initiatives in Seattle. Key to the NMF is the requirement that recipients match their grant with contributions from the community, which can include volunteer time, donated materials, professional services, or cash. Eligible groups such as neighborhood associations, community organizations, informal groups, and business groups are encouraged to apply if they are committed to fostering strong community ties. These groups must be inclusive, actively engage diverse community members, and primarily consist of individuals who live and/or work in Seattle. The fund supports a variety of innovative community projects that are free, open to the public, and involve residents in both planning and execution. Projects must also be ready to start within 1-2 months of funding, show potential for tangible community improvements, demonstrate community match, and occur within Seattle city limits. Additionally, events that have received NMF funding in the past two years are ineligible.

Small Sparks Fund

This fund offers awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to support small-scale community projects. It aims to encourage and support community involvement and neighborhood projects. Funding is provided to match community resources such as volunteer time, donated materials, and other contributions.

Community Partnership Fund

With awards ranging from \$5,001 to \$50,000, this fund is designed to support larger community projects. It requires a matching contribution from the community, which could include volunteer labor, materials, or professional services.

Contact Information

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