

2014 Neighborhood Matching Grant Program Project Descriptions

Bigelow Neighborhood Association – Bigelow Springs Park Improvements

Grant Requested: \$4,000.00

These funds are requested to cover the cost of materials and equipment rental (\$3,107) and Parks, Arts & Recreation Department staff time (\$893.00). All of the on-site work will be provided by neighborhood volunteers, with a total RNA contribution estimated at \$12,381.00. With improvements to this City-owned park, which include excavating and shoring up Bigelow Springs, installing benches, and creating new walking paths, this project is intended increase enjoyment of this park and will benefit all park users.

Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood Association – Project 1: Planting Nut and Fruit Trees at the Capital Vision Community Garden

Grant Requested: \$575.00

The neighborhood requests \$575.00 to purchase 12 nut trees and 8 fruit trees. The RNA will provide \$800.00 in sweat equity and donated materials and supplies. This neighborhood park enhancement project will add fruit and nuts to its existing public food production capacity while providing greater definition for the 2 ½ acre community dog park. As described in the application, “the fruit and nuts will be available to all.”

Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood Association – Project 2: Neighborhood Association Sign and Bulletin Board Relocation

Grant Requested: \$200.00

To increase visibility of the RNA’s public notices, the community proposes relocating the neighborhood sign and noticeboard, requesting a \$200.00 matching grant from the City. While as much of the original sign as possible will be reused, this grant will pay for new materials/supplies and printing/reproduction. The community will match the City grant with \$300.00 of volunteer hours. The sign will be moved from Bigelow Park to Capital Vision Community Garden, private land which is available to the public as a community garden and dog park.

Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood Association – Project 3: Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

Grant Requested: \$3,225.00

The Bigelow Highlands RNA wants to improve its readiness in the event of a disaster and requests a \$3225.00 grant (\$2625.00 for materials and supplies; \$600.00 in contracted services). The neighborhood in-kind match of \$5,440.00 will be complemented by a \$220.00 donation from other sources for rentals/leases and printing/reproduction. As stated in the application, the training will prepare 25 neighbors to “increase our knowledge of how we can help ourselves and others when outside help may not be immediately available.” All participants will receive a CERT backpack kit.

Cooper Crest Neighborhood Association – Soil Vegetation Protection Areas (SVPAs) Landscaping

Grant Requested: \$2,000.00

This \$2,000.00 grant request would cover the majority of the cost of plants for this landscaping project. The SVPAs were identified during preliminary platting to be targeted for native plant retention. The neighborhood plans to plant drought resistant vegetation in these areas. The RNA’s \$2,000.00 match includes sweat equity, materials/supplies, and rentals/leases.

Hidden Creek Neighborhood Association – Stormwater and Erosion Control

Grant Requested: \$3,276.08

The Hidden Creek Neighborhood Association proposes installing a rain garden to reduce winter flooding in the community’s common area as well as load on the City’s stormwater system. The grant request includes payment to the project’s contractor hired by the RNA (\$2,422.16) and payment for City of Olympia Public Works’ staff time (\$704.64). The community itself will provide a match of \$3,276.08, which includes payment to the contractor and estimated volunteer hours.

Northeast Neighborhood Association – 2014 Love Our Local Festival, Mural and Mandala Painting

Grant Requested: \$3,660.00

The Northeast Neighborhood Association requests partial funding towards the annual “Love Our Local Fest”. This year’s event includes the painting of a new mural and repainting of the community’s existing mandala. The requested City match would include a contribution of \$2,226.00 towards cost of hiring art consultants, and \$1,434.00 towards materials. The RNA’s match is \$3,660.00 of mostly volunteer time, with a \$300.00 hard match for costs of materials and printing. Project goals include cultivating community and beautifying the San Francisco/Bethel intersection.

Olympia Downtown Association (ODA) – Jefferson Street Alley Enhancement, Part 2
Grant Requested: \$4,000.00

The ODA requests \$4,000.00 towards contracted services and materials/supplies for this art installation. The ODA has pledged to provide \$5,500.00 in funds and in-kind services. The community will contract an artist to create an art piece which will be installed at the (non-potable) artesian well in the alley. This is the second part of an alley beautification project, which started with a 2013 matching grant for a mural. The overall goal of this project is to make Olympia even more pedestrian friendly, using the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.