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Media Advisory

Eighteen ‘Small and Simple’ projects to receive \$212,496 through the Neighborhood Matching Fund program

SEATTLE – Small and Simple Projects Fund awards totaling \$212,496 will be made to 18 community groups at a special awards ceremony to be held by the City of Seattle’s Department of Neighborhoods. Another \$274,203 was matched by the organizations through volunteer labor, cash, donated materials and professional services.

Recipients include community groups from all over the city, ranging in support for projects such as park improvements, mural painting at a local high school, a youth development conference and more.

- Who: Mayor Nickels, City Councilmember Sally Clark, community groups receiving awards
- What: Awarded four times a year, the Small and Simple Projects Fund is provided by the city’s Department of Neighborhoods and supports groups committed to building better communities
- When: March 24: social at 5:30, program from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Where: Ravenna Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna Ave. N.E.

The Small and Simple Projects Fund, which is one of four programs under the Neighborhood Matching Fund, provides awards up to \$15,000 to support community driven projects. Other programs include: the Large Projects Fund, the Tree Fund, and the Neighborhood Outreach and Development Fund.

Since the program was created 21 years ago, the Neighborhood Matching Funds have awarded over \$42 million, with a community match of over \$64 million. Projects also involved approximately 65,000 volunteers who donated over 400,000 work hours.

For more information, visit the Department of Neighborhoods website at: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/>. Or call: 206-684-0464.

