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Fall cycle of Small and Simple Projects Fund opens September 1 for applications

Special emphasis on emergency preparedness
Workshops scheduled to assist applicants

August 29, 2011 (Seattle, WA) – The 2011 [Small and Simple Projects Fund](#), a program of the Neighborhood Matching Fund, will be open for applications beginning on Thursday, September 1 for the fall cycle. The fund is open to all eligible applicants and project types.

In recognition of Emergency Preparedness Month this September, [Seattle Department of Neighborhoods](#) (DON) and [Seattle Office of Emergency Management](#) (OEM) encourage community members to apply for funding to help them organize and engage their neighbors and plan for emergency and disaster situations.

The deadline for the Small and Simple Projects Fund for awards up to \$20,000 is **Monday, October 17 by 5 p.m.** Community members can also apply to the Small Sparks Fund for awards up to \$1000 with applications accepted year-round. To learn more, visit www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/.

Two workshops have been scheduled for community members to learn more about the NMF program and emergency preparedness project ideas. The workshops will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Ballard Public Library (5614 22nd Ave NW); and on Thursday, Sept. 15 at The 2100 Building (2100 24th Ave S). All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a workshop.

Community members are also encouraged to contact a Neighborhood Matching Fund Project Manager before applying at 206-233-0093 or NMFund@seattle.gov. For those applying for emergency preparedness projects, contact the Seattle Office for Emergency Management at SNAP@seattle.gov or call 206-233-5076.

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