Heritage preservation funds now available

Snohomish County is currently accepting applications from public and nonprofit agencies for projects that develop and promote heritage preservation in the county.

By providing matching funds on a competitive basis, the Community Heritage Program supports projects that promote the public’s access to county history. Funding is available for professional development, public education, capital improvements or collections management.

“The opportunity to learn from our past as well as our varying cultures is often only possible through historical preservation,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “These funds help make that possible.”

Money is awarded from recording fees collected by the Snohomish County Auditor. The allocation of these fees for projects that “promote historical preservation or historical programs, which may include preservation of historic documents” is authorized under RCW 36.22.170. The revenues accrue to a dedicated fund and may not be used for any purposes other than those stipulated in the RCW.

As has been done in the past, the Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission will review applications and make recommendations to the Snohomish County Executive and County Council for final approval.

Previous awards have been used to create a cyber tour of heritage landmarks across Snohomish County, collect oral histories of Snohomish County citizens for an audio anthology, purchase archival materials to properly store museum collections and the digitization of newspaper collections.

Funds will be available beginning in June and will be awarded on a competitive basis to applicants who can complete their proposed projects by Dec. 15, 2012. Funds are reimbursed for approved project costs only. Historically, project allocations have averaged about $3,500.

Details of eligibility and other program requirements are included in the application package, which must be filled out and returned to the Snohomish County’s Office of

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Economic Development by 5 p.m. Monday, April 9. Applications received after that time and date will not be considered.

Applications are [here](#).

**DUI patrols out in force for St. Patrick’s Day weekend**

Police agencies including the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office will be looking for impaired drivers from March 5 through March 18 during the St. Patrick’s “Drive Hammered, Get Nailed” campaign thanks to an overtime grant sponsored through the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

“With St. Patrick’s falling on a weekend, it’s likely that liquor establishments will be busier than usual,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “We want to make sure patrons make plans ahead of time to get home safely.”

Task Force members will be partnering with area establishments and making on-premise visits to be sure everyone gets home safely. Snohomish County – as well as King and Pierce counties – is partnering on the Target Zero Teams project and will use additional grant money to put more enforcement teams on roadways during this campaign.

Data shows that between 2005 and 2011 in Washington State, 53.8 percent (21 out of 39) of traffic deaths around the Saint Patrick’s Day holiday involved an impaired driver. In 2010 in Snohomish County, 59 percent of traffic deaths involved an impaired driver (19 out of 32) – higher than the state average of 52 percent (238 out of 460).

Law enforcement agencies in Snohomish County that will be participating include: Arlington, Bothell, Brier, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Tulalip Tribal Police, the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office, as well as the WSP Target Zero Team and the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

**Human Services workshop focuses on elder care**

It’s never too soon to start thinking about end-of-life care for you or a loved one. Join Snohomish County’s Aging & Disability Services Division on March 28 to learn about “Five Wishes,” a form used to help people make decisions about their medical care later in life.

In coordination with the Snohomish County Council on Aging and the Everett Clinic, Snohomish County staff will help participants understand the importance of having end-of-life medical needs answered, including:

- The person who can make decisions when a loved one can’t.
- The types of medical treatments wanted or not wanted.
• Information that can be released to family and friends.

The free workshop will be 10:30 a.m. to noon, March 28, at Compass Health’s Administrative Offices, 4526 Federal Ave., Everett, in Building Two’s Central Conference Room.

In addition, county staff will share information about various advanced directive documents, including power of attorney and POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) forms.

To register for this free seminar, contact Joyce Frasu at 425-388-7377 or j.frasu@snoco.org.

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