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County Seeks Applications for Small Capital Projects

The Snohomish County Council is accepting applications for small capital projects partnership (SCPP) grants until October 10, 2014.

Qualified projects must be submitted jointly by both the applicant group and a public entity. Project proposals will be evaluated against criteria, including:

- the proposed project's consistency with funding limitations imposed by the State of Washington for Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds,
- feasibility and timing to implementation (including any funding and/or permit issues),
- the level and cost of Snohomish County's involvement,
- availability of matching funds, in-kind materials, and labor,
- the applicants' demonstrated success in completing similar projects, and
- other relevant information demonstrating the proposed project's value, readiness, and benefit.

"These grants provide great opportunities for the county to meet the needs of our local communities" said Council Chair Dave Somers.

In 2013, projects that received these grants included funding for an elementary school playground and a dog park, both great assets to people throughout our community. "The dog park in Mukilteo has brought tremendous joy to our citizens, as well as their four-legged friends," said Councilmember Brian Sullivan. Councilmember Terry Ryan expanded saying "I'm excited we have an opportunity to partner with local groups for the betterment of our communities."

The total amount to be dispersed among the successful applicants is \$50,000. SCPP grants are issued on a reimbursement basis only. All work on the successful projects must be completed before the grant funding will be issued. Councilmember Ken Klein added, "I encourage all qualified local organizations to apply for this grant as the money provided could help to fund several essential projects in our community."

“This type of cooperation will help community and neighborhood groups accomplish projects that might not otherwise be possible,” said Councilmember Stephanie Wright.

Requests for technical assistance regarding application development and general questions about the program may be directed to Sharie Freemantle, Office of the Snohomish County Council, at 425-388-3559 or at Sharie.Freemantle@snoco.org.

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