

## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\*

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*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Neighborhoods; authorizing implementation of certain Neighborhood Matching Fund projects in 2016, and specifying that 2016 appropriations for the Neighborhood Matching Subfund shall carry forward automatically to future budget years.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This proposed legislation allocates funds for seven projects in the 2016 Neighborhood Matching Subfund (NMF) Large Projects Fund (LPF) totaling \$650,741. While funds are already appropriated in the 2016 Adopted Budget, this ordinance identifies specific projects, and gives the Department authority to execute public works contracts, if appropriate.

The Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) program was established in 1987 via Resolution 27709 to fund neighborhood-based projects initiated and implemented by community members in a Seattle neighborhood. Projects include physical improvements, planning, organizing, environmental, and arts and culture. Applicant groups are not required to have nonprofit status to secure NMF funding.

The Citywide Review Team (CRT), comprised of up to 17 community volunteers, reviews and rates NMF Large Projects Fund applications and makes award recommendations. The LPF award recommendations require support of the Mayor and approval of the City Council. This ordinance allocates funds for the 2016 Large Projects Fund based on the recommendations of the CRT with concurrence by the Mayor. This set of awards totals \$650,741 and will be matched by \$1,048,216 in community cash, volunteer labor, in-kind professional service and/or donated supplies and materials.

### **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

### **3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

Total allocated funding of \$2,244,512 for the Neighborhood Matching Subfund in the Large Projects Fund was already appropriated to NMF in the 2016 budget. Of this total, \$700,000 was appropriated for Participatory Budgeting and \$1,544,512 was appropriated for Large Projects.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

No.

- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

By not implementing this legislation, the city would not leverage non-city resources (including cash) valued at almost \$1,048,216 provided by the community for these seven projects.

- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

Yes.

##### **Seattle Department of Transportation**

The **East Howe Steps Plaza project** is located on property managed by Seattle Department of Transportation. The application was reviewed by SDOT staff including: Howard Wu, Associate Civil Engineer and John Marek, Supervisor, Traffic Spot Improvements. SDOT authorized the East Howe Steps Plaza subject to approval of the design and securing proper permits. The oversight and monitoring of these projects is covered by permitting costs already included in the project budget.

##### **Seattle Public Utilities**

The **Beacon Food Forest** project is located on property managed by Seattle Public Utilities. The application was reviewed by SPU staff including: Danielle Purnell and Cyndy Holtz, Watersheds Business Area Manager. SPU authorized Beacon Food Forest expansion subject to approval of the design by SPU and securing proper permits. Ongoing City coordination, approval of design plans and permitting is required.

##### **Finance and Administrative Services**

The **East Howe Steps Plaza** project and **Beacon Food Forest** project were reviewed by FAS staff member Joy Jacobson, Capital Projects Coordinator Supervisor. The review ensures ADA compliance on physical projects on City of Seattle property.

- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

- e) **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

No.

- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

**g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

Yes. See attached maps.

**h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

The following LPF awards have potential perceived RSJ implications:

Project Name	Potential RSJ Implications
The Ubunya Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides artists of color the opportunity to work, develop their artistry, and share their performances with the public.</li> <li>• Provides an event platform for groups whose mission serves marginalized people and those who otherwise would not be able to afford the costs to use Washington Hall.</li> <li>• Provides the public access to culturally relevant programming and events free of charge, thereby eliminating the cost barrier.</li> <li>• Creates opportunity for under-represented ethnic groups with limited financial resources to host quality cultural events at a renowned cultural facility.</li> <li>• Fosters a sense of unity and pride within the Central District. This is reflected in the project title “Ubunya” which means unity in the Zulu language.</li> <li>• Is led by community members from a broad range of ethnic backgrounds and cultural identities, including those currently under-represented among leadership roles within the arts community.</li> </ul>
Rainier Valley Radio KVRU Capital Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constructs a radio station that will serve as a community asset to the diverse residents of Southeast Seattle.</li> <li>• Provides a forum for discussions on diversity, social justice, multiculturalism, freedom of expression, and social change.</li> <li>• Will highlight the voices of various communities currently drastically under-represented in popular media including Native Americans, Latinos, Filipinos, Tongans, African Americans, and other under-represented cultural perspectives.</li> </ul>
Digital Storytelling in the International District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a forum for immigrant residents of Chinatown International District to share their valuable, but often untold stories as immigrants.</li> <li>• Provides an opportunity for immigrants to develop English language digital technology skills that will allow them to document their own stories.</li> </ul>

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First Place Scholars Facility Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility repair and maintenance for a historical building in the Central District, a historically African American community.</li> <li>• The facility’s usage includes a school that serves homeless children. People of color are disproportionately adversely affected by homelessness.</li> <li>• The facility’s usage includes spaces for programming and services that assist low-income individuals and groups, such as tax preparation clinics, wellness programs, and computer labs. People of color are disproportionately adversely affected by poverty.</li> </ul>
Phase II Construction of the Beacon Food Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of the Beacon Food Forest will increase the community gardening opportunities to Beacon Hill residents who are diverse in race, culture, immigrant status and socio-economic status.</li> <li>• Increase the opportunity and space to grow new varieties of plants, fruits and vegetables that are prevalent in Asia, African and Latin America, and meet the needs and interests of many Beacon Hill residents.</li> <li>• Create additional ADA accessible gardening beds for elders and people with disabilities.</li> </ul>

**i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program’s desired goals.**

NA.

**j) Other Issues:**

None.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

Attachment 1: 2016 Large Projects Fund Award Recommendations