## 2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

## **Ready for Notebook**

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**Budget Action Title:** Pass C.B. 119378 - Neighborhood Matching Fund Guidelines

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Primary Sponsor: Bagshaw, Sally

Councilmembers:

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Council Bill or Resolution: 119378

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## **Budget Action description:**

This green sheet recommends passage of C.B. 119378, the Department of Neighborhood's revised Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) Program Guidelines and Carry-forward ordinance. The NMF, as its name suggests, provides funds to support community improvement efforts. Those funds are matched through community time and fundraising. The proposed legislation would bring the legislative foundation for the NMF program in line with current practice. Key changes to the NMF program are reflected in the new Neighborhood Matching Fund Guidelines attached to the Council Bill and include:

- Using two funding categories: Small Sparks (up to \$5,000) and Community Partnership (up to \$100,000) instead of three, eliminating the Small and Simple grant category which provided grants up to \$25,000;
- Accepting applications for Small Sparks grants on a rolling basis throughout the year, rather than four times a year;
- Accepting applications for Community Partnership grants three times a year, rather than once a year;
- Speeding up the timeline for notice of decisions from three months to six weeks;
- Relying entirely on Executive staff to review grant proposals, previously Neighborhood
  District Councils had a defined role in the review of NMF grant proposals; and
- Moved the five rating criteria into two scoring blocks:

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- 1. Building Community Partnerships
  - a. Community benefit
  - b. Builds community
- 2. Project readiness
  - a. Match
  - b. Project feasibility
  - c. Project effectiveness

Consistent with past practice, the proposed legislation would provide for an automatic carry-forward of funds to allow unexpended appropriations for NMF-funded community projects to remain available in the following year. The practice of allowing unspent operating funds to rollover would be discontinued. There is no direct fiscal impact to the legislation.