

2014 Neighborhood Park and Street Fund Project Application

Applicant Information

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How did you hear about this fund?	Department of Neighborhoods and Metro Transit		

Project Information

1. **What type of project is this:** PARKS TRANSPORTATION (see box on page 2)

2. **Please describe the problem you are trying to address:**

Our Community was given a Metro Transit Hub. This has increased accessibility to Roxhill Park, and has created an opportunity to make appropriate and positive improvements. As a designated Natural Area, and the only naturally occurring sedge peat bog in the City, this park is a jewel for the Community. There are several things that are keeping this park from reaching its full potential:

Safety Concerns: Recent incidents in the park have diminished the appeal of Roxhill Park.

Limited Adult Appeal: Two large projects were recently completed in the park; a new playground and a new skate park. We would also like to engage our Adult and Elder members of the Community as well.

Lack of Educational Opportunities: Original educational signage in the park is in need of repair. We believe it can also be improved and expanded upon to create educational programming for all users of the park.

3. **Describe your proposed solution:**

Safety Solution: We propose to create a lighting design and installation study. Seattle Police, the King County Sheriffs Office, Parks Department and Metro Transit agree that lighting is needed. Metro has stated that they do not have the necessary funds to implement this solution.

Adult Appeal Solution: We have contacted local advocates, MOMentum, for a needs and cost estimate. This will tie in well with the existing playground equipment, as caregivers can watch their charges and exercise at the same time. It will also give nearby Community resident's access to free exercise equipment.

Educational Opportunity Solution: We have contacted Roxhill Elementary and Sustainability Ambassadors to develop programming for elementary, middle and high school students. These educational programs will showcase the benefits of the natural areas within the park, and create a new generation of stewards. Signage repair and expansion will also allow older users access to a self-guided educational opportunity.

4. **What is the physical location of the proposed project or problem; provide the EXACT address and/or cross streets.**



2850 SW Roxbury St. Seattle, 98106. Bordered by Roxbury St to the South, Barton St to the North, 27th Ave SW to the East and 29th Ave SW to the West. We propose the lighting to be on Barton St and 29th Ave SW only.

5. If it is near a school, please identify.

Roxhill Elementary School shares the park property on the Southwestern section. Chief Sealth High School, Denny International Middle School, Holy Family and Arbor Heights Elementary are within a half mile of the park. These schools will also be able participate in educational programming.

6. How does the project address maintenance upgrades or repairs to existing city parks and/or streets?

The proposed signage and equipment have been used in other City parks with a history of low maintenance. The educational components will improve Community member interest and usage of the park. Educational service projects can be used to help offset Parks maintenance costs.

7. Does the project improve access for people with disabilities? If so, how?

Park access will be improved with signage that will be ADA compliant. Adult exercise equipment can also include some elements that will be appropriate for people with disabilities. Lighting will vastly improve visibility of existing sidewalks.

8. Does the project address safety needs? If so, how?

The improvements to park access will increase participation by Community members with additional eyes and ears on the park. Lighting along the perimeters of the park will aid Metro, Seattle Police and the King County Sheriffs Office in the efforts to improve safety at night.

9. In which Neighborhood District is your project located? (see attached map) Please select one. If your project is within an overlap area, you must select ONE district only.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Duwamish | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia/Queen Anne | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> North | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |

Project Support

10. Have you discussed this project with your community and/or neighbors? Yes X No

Please identify the community group(s) you contacted, with contact information, if applicable:

We held several regular Westwood / Roxhill / Arbor Heights Community Council meetings that were dedicated to safety and accessibility improvements for Roxhill Park. These improvement ideas came directly from the Community at those meetings. In this process, we have also engaged the following individuals and groups:

Roxhill Park Steward, *Scott Blackstock*, e: scottie1039@aol.com

Daystar Retirement Village, *Michele Mitzer* e: Michele@daystarseattle.com p: 206-937-6122

Metro Transit, *Marty Minkoff* e: Marty.Minkoff@kingcounty.gov p: 206-477-5799

King County Sheriffs Office, *Sargent Patrick McCurdy* e: patrick.mccurdy@kingcounty.gov p:206-423-3840

Roxhill Elementary, *Marisol Mendoza*, e: pmmendoza06@hotmail.com

Seattle Police Department, *CPO Officer Jonathan Flores*, e: jonathan.flores@seattle.gov

Seattle Parks Department, *Carol Baker* e: Carol.Baker@seattle.gov & *Phil Renfrow* e:phil.renfrow@seattle.gov
Sustainability Ambassadors, *Peter Donaldson* e:peterdonaldson50@gmail.com
Madison Marquette, (Westwood Village), *Andy Thompson* e: andy.thompson@madisonmarquette.com

11. Have you worked with the City of Seattle on this project in the past? Yes No

Please identify the individual or department you worked with.

For transportation projects:

It is always best to discuss your project with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) **before** submitting your application. Such projects are often deceptively complex or unfeasible. For many projects, SDOT may be able to help you increase the competitiveness of your application.

For traffic calming projects, you MUST participate in SDOT's traffic calming program before applying for your project to ensure that the project is beneficial, feasible and that there is sufficient community support. Information about the program is available on line at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/neighborhoodtraffic.htm.

How to Apply

E-mail application to: NeighborhoodParkandStreetFund@seattle.gov

Save document to a PDF file if applying by e-mail.

Fax to: 206-233-5142

Mail to: Seattle Department of Neighborhoods/NPSF
Attn: Wendy Watson
PO Box 94649, 700 5th Avenue, Suite 1700
Seattle, WA 98124-4649

Questions?

- If you have questions about the application process, or about the feasibility of your proposal, contact your Neighborhood District Coordinator. A list of coordinators is available at <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/districts/>. You may also contact Wendy Watson at wendy.watson@seattle.gov or 206-684-0719
- For Parks projects, contact Pamela Kliment at Pamela.Kliment@seattle.gov
- For Transportation projects, contact John Vander Sluis at John.VanderSluis@seattle.gov

