

2014 Neighborhood Park and Street Fund Project Application

Applicant Information

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How did you hear about this fund?	DON		

Project Name:

Juneau Staircase Rejuvenation Project – Staircase connecting Puget Ridge to North Delridge between 21st Ave SW and 23rd Ave SW

Project Information

1. What type of project is this: **TRANSPORTATION**
2. Please describe the problem you are trying to address:
 - Improve Pedestrian Public Safety and Traffic Safety and increase cyclist accessibility.
 - Public Safety: This staircase does not have working lights and vegetation overgrowth limits visibility to the staircase from below (can only see about the first 20 feet from Juneau & 23rd). Additionally, when walking on the trail, visibility is limited in front because the staircase zigzags with vegetation overgrowth in the elbows.
 - Pedestrian Traffic Safety: At the bottom of the staircase at the intersection of 23rd Ave, Juneau St & Croft Place, there are no Curb Ramps, crosswalks, or other pedestrian safety features. This project would address this safety void.
 - Cyclist Accessibility: Improve cyclists' ability to walk their bicycles up the staircase, providing direct access to Puget Ridge and a feasible cyclists route to South Seattle Community College
3. Describe your proposed solution:
 - Public Safety:
 - Employee CPTED to make staircase safer
 - Vegetation overgrowth: Remove vegetation that canopies and enshrouds the staircase which restricts line of site from the street below (Juneau & 23rd) as well as when you are walking on the staircase. To replace vegetation removed, and replace with native, low maintenance plants that will not encroach on the trails visibility.
 - Staircase Lighting: Restore/install staircase light with energy efficient LED lights.
 - Pedestrian Traffic Safety:
 - Install a curb ramp with crosswalk from the bottom of the staircase across 23rd Ave and Croft Pl/Juneau St.
 - Cyclist Accessibility:



- Install a bicycle runnel/wheeling ramp beside the south side of the staircase to allow cyclist to push their bicycles up and down the staircase with ease.
4. What is the physical location of the proposed project or problem; provide the EXACT address and/or cross streets.
 - SW Juneau Street Staircase between 21st Ave SW and 23rd Ave SW.
 - Upper Intersection: 21st Ave SW & SW Juneau St
 - Lower Intersection: 23rd Ave SW, SW Juneau St & Croft Place SW
 5. If it is near a school, please identify.
 - Yes, Boren School STEM K-8 (recently made permanent home of STEM K-8)
 6. How does the project address maintenance upgrades or repairs to existing city parks and/or streets?
 - Removes vegetation overgrowth the has been unmaintained for years and has created an unsafe environment for pedestrians
 - Repairs/replaces non-functioning lights to increase public safety and increase useable hours of the staircase
 - Install a bicycle runnel/wheeling ramp to increase usability to cyclist choosing to push, instead of carry their bike up two blocks of stairs
 7. Does the project improve access for people with disabilities? If so, how?
 - Though staircases are generally for individuals who are physically enabled, it would provide improvements for some populations
 - Individuals with strength issues and who are unable to carry heavy objects (e.g. a bicycle), would be able to push it up the staircase.
 - Individuals with nighttime vision issues or who are unable to see in the dark would be better able to see the stairs
 8. Does the project address safety needs? If so, how?
 - Yes, the lack of visibility to and from the staircase, the result of vegetation that snuggles up to and above the staircase, along with no lights, makes this passageway inherently unsafe. Whether it be day or night, the proximity of the vegetation creates many hiding spots for potential predators or drug dealers. With Boren School recently becoming the permanent home of STEM K-8, more school children with inevitably use this staircase, along with the increase use of the staircase by Puget Ridge residents as Metro bus service continues to be slashed.
 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.
 - **Delridge Neighborhoods**

Project Support

10. Have you discussed this project with your community and/or neighbors? Yes

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

This project incorporate elements of two previously submitted (though not funding) NSF proposals: North Delridge Community Council & Delridge District Council via 23rd Ave SW Pedestrian Improvements - 2013-27 (curb ramps and crosswalk at Juneau/Croft/23rd) & Brandon Green Superhighway - 2013-26 (wheeling runnels for proposed staircase blocks south)/

11. Have you worked with the City of Seattle on this project in the past? Yes

SDOT, refer to:

Brandon Green Superhighway (2013-26) & 23rd Ave SW Pedestrian Improvements (2013-27)

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
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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