



# SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON) strives to strengthen Seattle by engaging all communities. DON serves Seattle’s residents by providing programmatic support and building inclusive partnerships to ensure they receive equitable access to government. To accomplish this, we foster community partnerships, cultivate emerging leadership, and facilitate community inclusiveness. Outreach and engagement is the core of DON’s mission, with equity serving as a guiding principle. By establishing equitable outreach and engagement practices, DON creates opportunities and broadens accessibility which is reflected in the programs DON administers.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND** provides funds to local groups for neighborhood-initiated improvement, organizing, or planning projects. Every award is matched by the community through volunteer hours, locally raised money, donated materials, and in-kind professional services. There are two levels of funding based on the request - from small amounts up to \$50,000.

**DUWAMISH RIVER OPPORTUNITY FUND** awards funding to support new and existing small-scale projects focused on addressing challenges faced by communities in the Duwamish River area during the Superfund clean-up.

**YOUR VOICE, YOUR CHOICE** lets Seattle residents decide how to spend \$2 million of the City’s budget. Community members share ideas and vote on small-scale park and street improvements by council district.

## OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATORS** serve as a resource and liaison to community members, making it easier for residents to be engaged in their neighborhoods and beyond. If you want to connect with your neighborhood, learn about City services, or have an idea to share, our team is ready to help.

**EARLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR DESIGN REVIEW** encourages dialogue between developers and the community before building designs are complete. Our staff advise developers on their outreach plans, if requested, and provide them with resources and tools to effectively conduct outreach.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE HUB** is your online “one-stop shop” for information, city resources, tools, and trainings to help you engage with the City and with your community. This web portal offers tools to help you get informed about the city, get engaged with others, and get organized in your neighborhood. Find the hub at [seattle.gov/resourcehub](http://seattle.gov/resourcehub).

## STRENGTHENING SEATTLE BY ACTIVELY ENGAGING ALL COMMUNITIES



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### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**COMMUNITY LIAISONS** are independent contractors who are trusted advocates and expert community navigators in historically underrepresented communities, which include communities of color, immigrants and refugees, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, senior, youth, and people experiencing homelessness. They serve as a resource and liaison to ensure the City forges connections and receives diverse and meaningful civic participation.

**PEOPLE'S ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** (PACE) offers leadership development and skill building for emerging leaders in a multicultural, participatory environment. Offered three times a year, participants learn hands-on strategies from experts on such topics as community building, inclusive engagement, and accessing government.

### **COMMUNITY ASSETS**

**P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM** manages community-stewarded open spaces for organic gardening available to individuals and groups. As the largest municipally-managed community gardening program west of New York, our 89 gardens serve more than 3,500 gardeners, along with programs that serve youth, low-income, and underrepresented populations.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM** manages the identification and protection of more than 400 historic structures, sites, objects, and vessels, as well as eight historic districts. It provides information on the basics of historic preservation, including the landmark designation process and incentives for property owners to encourage preservation and renovation. It also supports the work of citizen review boards involved in historic preservation.

**MAJOR INSTITUTIONS AND SCHOOLS PROGRAM** provides a way for neighbors of Seattle's larger institutions (i.e. hospitals, universities, schools) to be involved in their development plans so that neighborhood concerns are considered. This program organizes and staffs city-appointed advisory committees for each project.

### **COMMISSIONS**

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION** advises the City on priorities, policies, and strategies related to equitable civic engagement and public participation in City decision-making processes.

**SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION** provides information, advice, and counsel to the Mayor, Seattle City Council, and City departments concerning issues and policies affecting renters.

**SEATTLE YOUTH COMMISSION** discusses solutions for issues that Seattle youth face and advises City departments and elected officials on City policies.