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AIRPORT COMMUNITY ECOLOGY FUND

WHAT IS THE AIRPORT COMMUNITY ECOLOGY FUND?

The Airport Community Ecology Fund, authorized by the Port of Seattle Commission in November 2016, recognizes that neighboring communities experiencing more impacts from airport operations should also experience more benefits. The Commission directed that the program support environmental projects and programs in the cities of SeaTac, Burien and Des Moines.

Improving the natural environment in communities affected by airport operations

HOW DOES THE ECOLOGY FUND HELP AIRPORT NEIGHBORS?

Environmental projects and programs, particularly planting programs to add trees and green spaces, provide multiple benefits. They slow and clean runoff from rain, filter air pollution, provide cooling shade, and enhance the character and beauty of our neighborhoods. The fund can help to sustain and improve the quality of life in our airport communities as the airport, and our region, grows.

The fund will benefit airport communities through grants to non-profit groups and partnership programs with local cities. Additional benefits:

- Creating a stronger sense of community by working together on projects
- Enhancing public awareness of ecological issues
- Supporting existing projects that need funding

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WHO CAN SUBMIT A GRANT PROPOSAL?

Local community organizations, chambers of commerce, service organizations, community, youth or athletic associations, or other associations located and providing services in the cities of SeaTac, Burien and Des Moines. Projects must meet these criteria:

- Applicant is an eligible organization
- Project occurs within the cities of SeaTac, Burien or Des Moines
- Project accomplishes specific, measurable outcomes
- Project shows a local match of three times the grant value (through funding, volunteer labor, donated materials, supplies, and/or professional services)

HOW WILL THE GRANTS BE AWARDED?

A seven-member panel, consisting of Port staff and representatives from each of the three cities, will evaluate each application. Panel recommendations will be shared with the Port Commission for final approval. The award amounts may be adjusted as the program matures, applicant data and feedback are collected, and the first awards cycle is completed.

HOW DOES MY GROUP APPLY?

Sign up with your e-mail address to receive more information: www.portseattle.org/EcologyFund. The application, available in July, will be posted on the website and provided via e-mail. Applicants who submit by Sept. 1, 2017 will be considered for the first round of awards to be made in fall 2017.

HOW CAN A CITY PARTICIPATE IN THE ECOLOGY FUND?

The cities of SeaTac, Burien and Des Moines can benefit from the Ecology Fund through the Green Cities Partnership Program. The Port is partnering with Forterra, a local non-profit organization that promotes livable cities with a good quality of life for all residents, to support a lasting, community-based urban forestry program in these airport communities. Projects will be identified and prioritized through community outreach.

The Green Cities Partnership Program will first engage the community to get input and feedback about priorities that will be included in a work plan. Then the program will develop an evaluation of trees on parks, schools, public squares, and/or habitat sites, and support community and environmental stewardship projects.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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