



OPPORTUNITY

WHAT IS THE SMALL MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM?

The Airport Community Ecology (ACE) 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 ACE Fund's Small Matching Grants Program improves the environment and the quality of life in SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT SO FAR?

The Small Matching Grants Program awarded over \$85,000 to local environmental projects across all three cities. Grantees represent a diversity of issues areas and strategies to improve the environment, such as the following:

- Educational events about marine wildlife, beach etiquette and coast stewardship
- Community garden and healthy food access projects
- Invasive weed removal in Saltwater State Park
- Plastics and litter reduction awareness programs

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR FUNDING?

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, youth or athletic associations, chambers of commerce, and community groups located in or providing services in SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines. All successful projects:

- Improve the environment and quality of life
- Accomplish specific, measureable outcomes
- Demonstrate ways to satisfy the state law-required 3:1 match

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WHAT IS THE 3:1 MATCH?

In accordance with state law, each project must demonstrate a 3 (project) to 1 (Port) match for Port funds awarded. (i.e: For every dollar requested through the grant fund, three dollars of community value must be identified by the applicant.) This match might be a challenge to potential applicants, so the Port has provided eight innovative ways to easily satisfy the match. Some of the match options include: Volunteer hours, Greenhouse Gas Reductions, and/or Tree Benefits Calculations.

The ACE Fund creates opportunities for community members to improve livability in neighborhoods. The Small Matching Grants Program values projects that enhance built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability and equity, educational opportunity, cultural, entertainment and recreation possibilities.



2017 ACE Fund Grant Recipients.

ACE Fund goals include:

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

TIMELINE – SPRING 2018 GRANTS PERIOD

Call for Applications **January 16, 2018**

Application Deadline **March 26, 2018
12:00 Noon**

Awardees Notified **June 2018**

The Port will provide drop-in sessions in all three cities to provide information about the grants program, application, process, and answer questions. Join in from 5:30 to 7pm at a session near you!

Wednesday, Feb 7 Burien/ Community Center
(14700 6th Ave SW)

Wednesday, Feb 28 Des Moines/ Library
(21620 11th Ave S)

Thursday, Mar 1 SeaTac/ Valley View Library
(17850 Military Road S)

Please visit the program website www.portseattle.org/Environmental/Pages/ecology_fund.aspx for updates and more information on how to apply.

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