



# ENVIRONMENTAL MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

## GUIDELINES, APPLICATION PROCESS, & FOCUS AREAS

The City offers grants of up to \$5,000 per application to individuals, community groups, schools, churches, and business owners for projects that benefit our environment and community.

### GUIDELINES

#### Projects must:

- Make a real and easy-to-measure positive impact on our environment and community
- Include at least a 20% match for eligible project costs (This means you need to contribute money, volunteer hours, or staff time that add up to at least 20% of the total grant funds)
- Be completed within 2024

#### We will prioritize projects that:

- Address one or more of our focus areas listed below (see the [next page](#) for more details on each focus area)



Prepare our community for the impacts of climate change



Prevent and reduce waste



Protect and restore our natural habitats



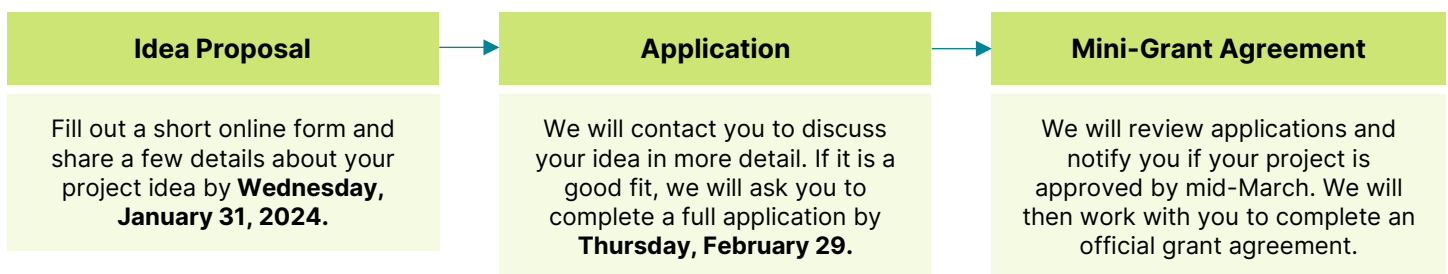
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- Come from people or community groups who haven't gotten an Environmental Mini-Grant before
- Feature a partnership with a Shoreline organization, like a community group, school, neighborhood association, or business

#### Please note:

- We can only award one Mini-Grant per group or individual per year
- Usually, we provide Mini-Grants on a reimbursement basis (This means the City pays you back for approved project costs *after* you buy the things you need)
- If your project is approved, you will need to send in a W-9 form to receive the Mini-Grant funds

### HOW TO APPLY



For more information visit [ShorelineWA.gov/EnvironmentalMiniGrant](https://ShorelineWA.gov/EnvironmentalMiniGrant). If you have questions at any time during this process, please contact Sarah Bruemmer, Environmental Program Specialist, at (206) 801-2452 or [sbruemmer@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:sbruemmer@shorelinewa.gov).

## FOCUS AREAS

Below are our 2024 focus areas and example project ideas. We will prioritize projects that address one or more of these areas. **Please note the examples we have provided are just that – examples!** We welcome more ideas that support Shoreline's [Climate Action Plan](#).



### Prepare our community for the impacts of climate change

Help our community adapt and get ready for the effects of climate change. These effects can include things like extreme heat, wildfire smoke, floods, and harmful mental and physical impacts, especially for vulnerable populations.<sup>1</sup> Here are some project ideas to get you started:

- Make and share tools or resources to help people stay safe during extreme heat, wildfire smoke, or floods
- Start a community garden to grow culturally important food and to support fair access to food
- Offer internships, mentoring, or green job training for young people
- Increase awareness about the impacts of climate change impacts and ways to help through art or education



### Prevent and reduce waste

Reduce garbage, help people reuse and repair things, and recycle and compost more. Here are some project ideas to get you started:

- Host an event to repair and teach others how to fix everyday items like clothing, appliances, or furniture
- Create a lending library or other resource that helps people reuse things
- Start a composting or recycling program at a school, community center, or place of worship
- Switch to using reusable dishes and utensils at a business, school, or community center



### Protect and restore our natural habitats

Plant trees, keep our lakes and streams clean, and create more green spaces to improve air quality, provide shade and protection from heat, and reduce flooding. Here are some project ideas to get you started:

- Plant trees to increase shade and absorb carbon dioxide, especially in areas with a lot of pavement or concrete that makes for hotter temperatures
- **Remove pavement** at schools, churches, or community centers and put in gardens for pollinators or plant more trees
- Host a **beach clean-up** or a litter pick-up event in your neighborhood
- Teach the community about caring for our natural areas and wildlife



### Use less fossil fuels in our cars and buildings

Support ways of getting around that don't need gasoline or diesel fuel, like biking, walking, and electric vehicles. Improve building energy use by converting natural gas heating systems to electric options. Example projects include:



- Provide education or classes on bicycling and bicycle safety
- Set up an e-bike lending library to provide access to electric bicycles
- Install bike racks for public use or bike storage lockers for employees, students, or patrons to use at a business, school, or community center
- Install electric vehicle charging stations for the public to use at a business or community center
- Replace natural gas heating systems and appliances with electric options at a school or other building serving vulnerable community members

<sup>1</sup> Some people in our community are more harmed by the effects of climate change such as children, older adults, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions, communities of color, low-income households, and those experiencing homelessness. For more information see [Public Health Seattle & King County's Blueprint for Addressing Climate Change and Health](#).