

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Approval of Echo Lake Neighborhood Association Mini-Grant for \$5,000
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Communications & Intergovernmental Relations
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Joyce Nichols, C/IR Director

**PROBLEM / ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The Echo Lake Neighborhood Association has requested \$5,000 in Mini-Grant funds to contribute to the installation of a piece of public art in Echo Lake Park near the Interurban Trail. The neighborhood association has been interested in a marker that incorporates both art and the history of the area for many years. In 2001, the City Council approved \$3,400 in Mini-Grant money for the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association to purchase and install an art/historic marker in the park. The project was put on hold until construction of the Interurban Trail in this area was completed. With trail construction in this area complete, the neighborhood association is proposing to use the \$3,400 in previously approved Mini-Grant funds, add it to the requested \$5,000 in 2006 Mini-Grant funds and combine it with \$8,400 in matching funds from the 1% for Art program to create a more substantial piece of art in Echo Lake Park. The neighborhood association was inspired by the beautiful bronze Raven art installation at the NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the south end of the Trail and would like to have a similarly nice art/historical installation along the section of trail that runs through the well-used section of Echo Lake Park.

On November 30, Echo Lake Neighborhood Association representatives went to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board to propose that the \$8,400 in Mini-Grant funds be used as a match for \$8,400 from the 1% for Art program. The \$16,800 in combined funding would allow a more significant piece of art to be created. The Parks Board approved the idea, contingent on City Council approval of this grant for \$5,000 in 2006 Mini-Grant funds.

In 2007, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board would oversee review, selection and implementation for the Echo Lake Park art as part of the process of using 1% for Art money. Echo Lake Neighborhood Association would provide a representative to serve on a committee for the public art selection.

This project would result in a tangible improvement to the neighborhood. As proposed by the Neighborhood Association, an art installation funded by pooling money could be a more significant piece of art. The project also reinforces the commitment of the Echo Lake community to Echo Lake Park, where neighborhood volunteers have spent hundreds of hours this year, weeding and mulching planting beds adjacent to the Interurban Trail. The proposed project meets the requirements set forth for use of Mini-Grant funds.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Council authorized \$30,000 in the 2006 budget to fund Neighborhood Mini-Grants. This is the fifth Mini-Grant submitted for approval this year. The project budget is included in Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Council approve \$5,000 in 2006 Mini-Grant funds for the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association. If approved, the \$5,000 would be combined with \$3,400 carried-over from the 2001 Mini-Grant, for a total of \$8,400 in Mini-Grant funds.

Approved By:      City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND**

Resolution No. 54 established the Neighborhood Mini-Grant program, with the process and administration of the funds to be handled by Neighborhoods staff. The allocation of the total funds available is determined from year to year by appropriation of the City Council. All such grants to individual neighborhood associations are governed by rules approved by the City Council October 7, 1996 and amended November 23, 1998. Grants must be approved by City Council prior to their implementation.

The Mini-Grant program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to each of the active, qualifying neighborhood associations in the City of Shoreline. Neighborhood associations are required to match Mini-Grant funds. A match may be generated from co-sponsoring groups, businesses, organizations, schools, media, in-kind donations and/or "sweat equity".

Mini-Grant project categories include the following:

- Projects that create or enhance a tangible improvement in the neighborhood;
- Projects that disseminate information and increase awareness of the goals and mission of the neighborhood association to the neighborhood community;
- Projects that directly benefit a public agency or organization and its immediate neighborhood, and that require the active involvement of both the public agency and members of the neighborhood in planning and carrying out the program.

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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Echo Lake Neighborhood Association Budget for Art Installation

Echo Lake Neighborhood Association  
 2006 Mini-Grant Budget  
 Art Installation in Echo Lake Park

<u>Project / Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2006 Mini-Grant funds for art	\$5,000
2001 Mini-Grant funds approved by City Council and carried over until Interurban Trail construction was completed	\$3,400

1% for Art matching money for Interurban Trail art	\$8,400
<b>TOTAL Art Project Budget</b>	<b>\$16,800</b>

**Project Match**

The Echo Lake Neighborhood Association proposes to provide match for its Mini-Grant through "sweat equity". The Association will provide the following labor in Echo Lake Park: coordinating and directing volunteers; removing invasive species and weeds; mulching weeded beds; and picking up and disposing of litter.