

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Approval of Neighborhood Mini-Grant Funding for Briarcrest Neighborhood Association and Innis Arden Club
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services Division, City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY:	Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator

PROBLEM / ISSUE STATEMENT:

As established in Resolution 54, the City budgets annually for Neighborhood Mini-Grants and City Council approval is required. Two Neighborhood Mini-Grants are proposed for City Council approval.

Briarcrest Neighborhood Association is requesting \$4,800 to convert the planting strip adjacent to South Woods on 25th Ave NE from NE 150th to NE 152nd from mown grass to native groundcover plantings.

Innis Arden Club is requesting \$5,000 to create and install four artistic entrance signs at four locations, with structure in the art to provide display for notification of community events, and City of Shoreline logo to enhance the sense of place.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

City Council authorized \$20,000 in the 2009 budget to fund the Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program. This is the second group of 2009 Neighborhood Mini-Grant submitted for approval; \$9,850 is already allocated for three grants leaving \$10,150 available. The budgets for these projects total \$9,800 and are included in Attachments A and B.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve \$9,800 in Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds to Briarcrest Neighborhood Association and Innis Arden Club.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____

INTRODUCTION

Briarcrest Neighborhood Association is requesting Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds to install native plants adjacent to South Woods on 25th Ave NE, which is a major entrance to the neighborhood. The project would be an opportunity to improve the aesthetics of the street and building neighborhood relationships through installation and maintenance by neighborhood volunteers.

This planting in the right-of-way planting strip would continue the beautification resulting from improvements installed along the South Woods walkway on NE 150th around the corner onto 25th Ave NE.

Briarcrest Neighborhood Association has met with Public Works Department staff to discuss the logistics of the project including plant selection, establishment and maintenance. The proposed native plantings meet recommendations from the Sustainability Strategy for natural landscaping.

Innis Arden Club is requesting funds to contribute to the installation of four entrance signs at four locations. These signs would be an artistic combination of a large boulder etched with "Innis Arden" and a curvilinear piece of rolled steel with a City of Shoreline logo cut out of it partially surrounding the boulder. In addition, decorative metal rods made into fern fronds will double as a place to hang signs publicizing community events (see Attachment C for drawing). Innis Arden Club has received appropriate permitting through Planning and Development Services for the installation of four signs.

Innis Arden Club is installing artist-designed signs to raise civic pride in the neighborhood and to promote a sense of place, recognizing four key entrances to Innis Arden, and establishing its location in the City of Shoreline with the city logo.

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 on October 7, 1996 and amended on November 23, 1998. Grants must be approved by City Council prior to their implementation.

The Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program provides an opportunity for any active, organized, qualifying neighborhood association in the City of Shoreline to apply for a grant not to exceed \$5,000. Neighborhood associations are required to match Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds. A match may be generated from co-sponsoring groups, businesses, organizations, schools, media, in-kind donations and/or "sweat equity".

Neighborhood 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.

Briarcrest Neighborhood Association (BNA) is proposing a tangible improvement in the neighborhood. The work parties to install and maintain the improvements would also provide an opportunity to increase awareness of the neighborhood association and connect neighbors who volunteer together.

BNA has completed six Neighborhood Mini-Grants including installation and subsequent repair of a kiosk on 25th Ave NE, installation of neighborhood identification signs, installation of street trees on 25th Ave NE and a playground improvement at Briarcrest Elementary.

Innis Arden Club is proposing signs that would be a tangible improvement and raise awareness of the neighborhood association by providing a location for publicity signs. Innis Arden has had two Neighborhood Mini-Grants: one to create a tile mural at Sunset Elementary and second to clear vegetation for pedestrian safety.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve \$9,800 in Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds to Briarcrest Neighborhood Association and Innis Arden Club.

ATTACHMENTS

- A – Briarcrest Neighborhood Mini-Grant Budget
- B – Innis Arden Mini-Grant Budget
- C – Innis Arden Sign Drawing

**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association
2009 Mini-Grant Project Budget
Native Planting on 25th Ave NE**

<u>Project / Item</u>		<u>Cost*</u>
Plant material	various sources	\$3,500
Compost and mulch	Pacific Topsoil & other	\$970
Right-of-Way permit	City of Shoreline	\$330
Total Mini-Grant Request		\$4,800

* Estimated costs include tax and may be adjusted based on final pricing.

Project Match

The Briarcrest Neighborhood Association (BNA) proposes to provide project match for the Mini-Grant by providing all site preparation and grass removal, rototilling, and planting. BNA also proposes to provide watering and weeding of the site regularly during the first summer and "as needed" in subsequent years.

**Innis Arden Club
2009 Mini-Grant Project Budget
Four Entrance Signs**

<u>Project / Item</u>		<u>Cost*</u>
<u>Mini-Grant Request</u>		
4 Rocks (large 4 man rocks)	Marenakos Rock Center	\$2,500
Fern fronds	Emel Design	\$2,500
<u>Other project Costs</u>		
4 hot rolled steel bands	Emel Design	\$2,800
4 City of Shoreline logos cut in steel	Timmins Steel Solutions	\$1,000
Sign design		\$1,800
Sandblast "Innis Arden" on rocks	Marenakos Rock Center	\$3,200
Delivery and setting rocks	Marenakos Rock Center	<u>\$1,200</u>
Total Project Cost		\$15,000

Request from Neighborhood Mini-Grant \$5,000

* Estimated costs include tax and may be adjusted based on final pricing.

Project Match

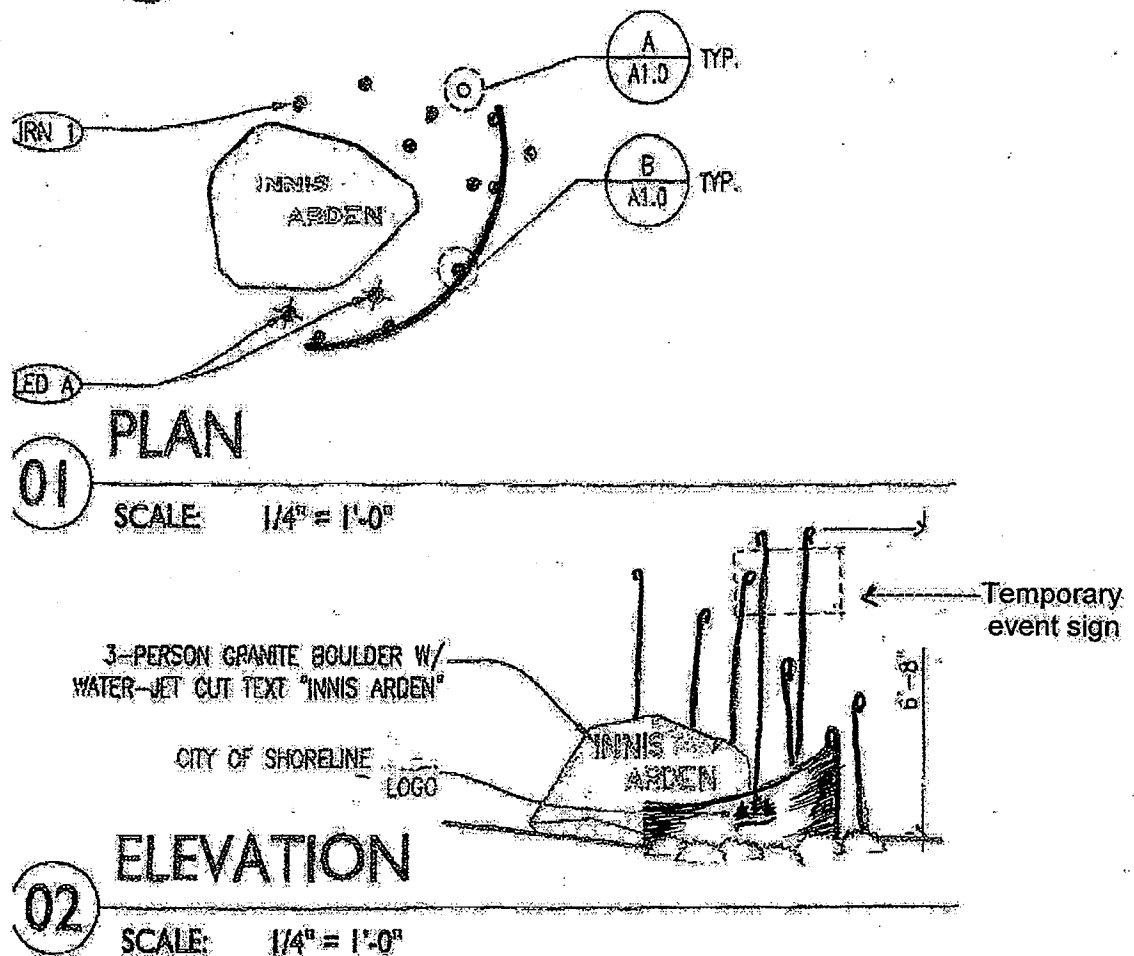
Innis Arden proposes to match the Neighborhood Mini-Grant by funding the balance of the costs for the sign project.

Application for Mini-Grant: Innis Arden Neighborhood Signs

Attachment C

Elevation Drawings:

01 is a top down view. 02 is a side view.



Identical Installations will be done at each site. This elevation drawing applies to all sites. "Innis Arden" is sandblasted into each rock with 6 to 7 inches letters highlighted with black paint. The fern fronds are 2 to 8 feet high. See Appendix 1 for example of a Fern Frond. The "City of Shoreline" logo is placed on an 8 feet wide arc that is approximately 1 foot high on one end and 2.5 feet high on the other end. Small, low laying native ground cover, such as Knick-Knick, will be used to enhance each site.