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**CITY LAUNCHES NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM
Community Members Can Get up to \$5000 for Neighborhood Projects**

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (March, 2017) This week the City of Bainbridge Island is kicking off its neighborhood matching grant program to provide funding for neighborhood improvement projects.

The Neighborhood Matching Grant Program will provide funding of up to \$5000 for projects or events that create or enhance a tangible improvement in a Bainbridge Island neighborhood; or build or expand neighborhood and community connections or civic engagement among Bainbridge Island residents. All projects must benefit the public, and must include at least two Bainbridge Island households as applicants. Details about the program and an application are available on the City website: <http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/891/Neighborhood-Matching-Grant>. Applicants begin the process by submitting an Idea Letter to the City's Communications Manager who will then work closely with applicants to help ensure the project's success.

According to City Manager Doug Schulze, "The City is very excited to be launching this project as a mechanism to support community improvements and encourage community fellowship. We've long been looking for a way to foster togetherness and encourage creative problem solving, and we believe that this program will be effective at attaining both of these goals."

Bainbridge Island will now be one of dozens of Washington communities that offer their residents a Neighborhood Matching Grant Program. In other communities these programs have been used to support projects such as pea patch gardens, neighborhood newsletters, organizing a Neighborhood Watch or Map Your Neighborhood emergency preparedness program, or neighborhood beautification projects such as signage, benches or invasive plant removal.

Funds will be available for qualifying projects on a first-come, first-served basis. All projects must be completed within a calendar year. For more information on the program contact [Kellie Stickney](mailto:kstickney@bainbridgewa.gov), Communications Manager at 206.780.3741.

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