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INVEST IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD **\$50,000 of Neighborhood Matching Grants now available for 2007**

RENTON - As part of a continuing commitment to neighborhoods, the City of Renton announces its first round of grants for the 2007 Neighborhood Grant Program. The program is dedicated to stimulating community projects that build stronger neighborhoods, leverage city funds, stimulate resident-driven solutions and build partnerships between the city and its neighborhoods.

The grants are available to residents of neighborhoods who have organized themselves to plan and implement projects for the purpose of improving the viability and livability of their neighborhoods. Eligible organizations include organized neighborhood associations that draw membership from a commonly recognized geographic neighborhood in Renton, or ad hoc groups of neighbors who form an organization to work on a specific project.

Eligible projects include physical improvements that build or enhance a feature of the neighborhood or benefit the general public. Projects to produce and distribute newsletters are also eligible for neighborhood grants.

The amount of matching funds allocated to a neighborhood is based on a project's merit and will be determined by Renton City Council. There is no limit on the amount of matching funds available per grant project. The typical grant award is \$3,000 to \$5,000 per project.

Examples of neighborhood projects eligible for funds include:

- Improvements and/or identity signage for neighborhood entries and gateways
- Landscaping of traffic islands and streetscapes
- Beautification of trails or play areas
- Neighborhood clean-up
- Community gardens

- Youth projects
- Newsletters
- Neighborhood events

Grant applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday February 16, 2007. Awards will be announced in April 2007.

For more information or to receive an application, please contact Norma McQuiller, Neighborhood Coordinator, at 425-430-6595. The application is also available online at www.rentonwa.gov , click on Neighborhoods, then go to Neighborhood Grant Program.

