

# **Innovative Grant Program 2017 Projects**

City of Tacoma

Community and Economic Development

**Community Vitality and Safety Committee**  
**April 27, 2017**



# Background

- Innovative Grants have been an important element of the neighborhood involvement and citizen engagement since the mid-1970s
- Historically the funding was tied to Community Development Block Grant and Real Estate Excise Tax
- Funding source for Innovative Grants was strategically shifted to General Fund

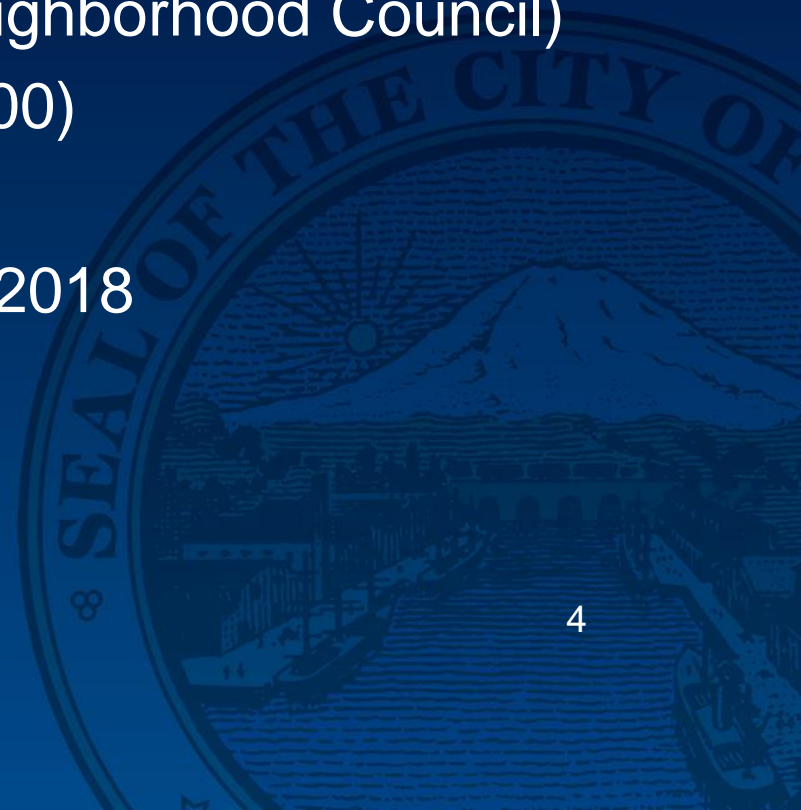
# Types of Projects

- Community building
- Community gardens
- Cultural experience
- Environment/trails
- Farmers' markets
- Outreach
- Placemaking
- Youth/teens projects



# 2017-18 Innovative Grants

- General Fund supported at \$320,000/biennium
- Greater project flexibility
- Even distribution (\$36k per Neighborhood Council)
- 10% maintenance fund (\$32,000)
- Emphasis on equity/diversity
- Remaining funds available for 2018



# Applications Received

- 40 applications submitted
- 30 first time applicants
- 23 projects with equity/diversity impact
- Total ask \$279,124
- 2 NCs received applications in excess of the funding limit (Eastside and South End)
- 3 projects submitted to more than one NC

# Recommended Funding

- 24 projects
- 18 first time applicants
- 11 projects have equity/diversity impact
- Total \$109,818
- \$178,182 remains to be allocated in 2018





# Projects Highlights

- Central – Latin Arts Saturday Market
- Eastside – Graffiti Response Kits
- New Tacoma – G Street Commons Peace Garden
- North End – Graphic Wraps on Pedestrian Cans
- Northeast – Citizen LED Air Quality Project
- South End – Tacoma Sings: Community Singalong at Lincoln
- South Tacoma – Student Community Art Project
- West End – Children's Intro to Produce & Financial Literacy

# Next Steps for Grants

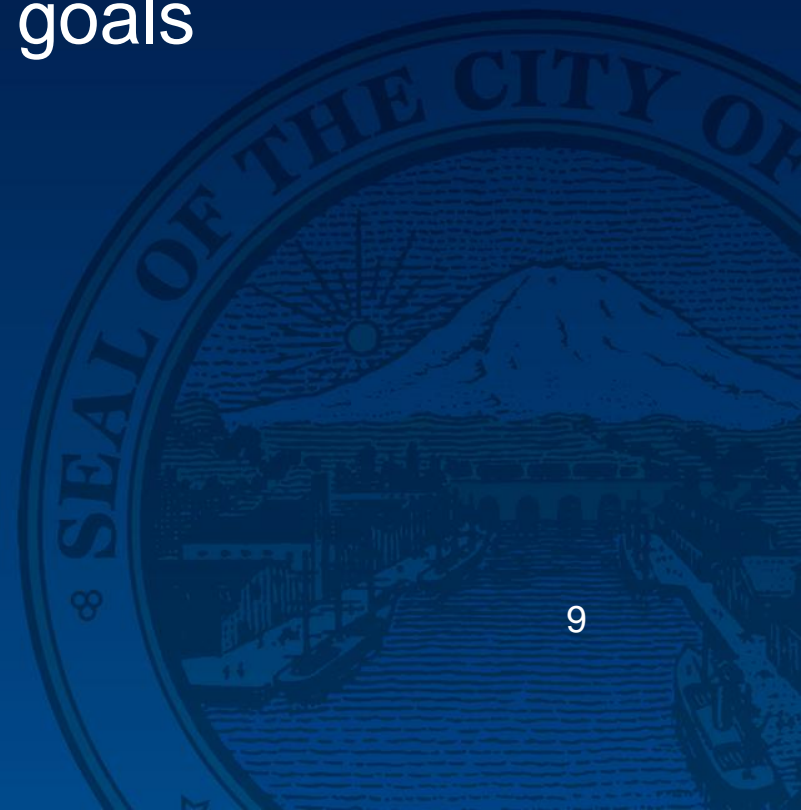
- Formal communication from City to Applicants (by May 10)
- Contracts
- Track completion (invoices, photos)





# Continuous Improvement

- 2017-18 NC Program Review
- Further alignment of grant process with Tacoma2025 and equity goals




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