



King County

2014 KING COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE AREAS GRANT PROGRAM

Please use this template for your submission for funding from the Community Service Areas Grant Program. The level of detail should be appropriate to your organization's proposed activities, and to the level of funding allocated for your organization.

COVER PAGE

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****this individual will be the contact person for questions concerning the project application.***

The application consists of answering the following questions below. Please keep your submission to a maximum of three pages in addition to the Cover Page and the Budget Page. Please keep the font to no less than 11 pt. All supporting documents must be submitted with the application. Incomplete applications will not be rated.

Project Focus is in the following CSA: Snoqualmie Valley / NE King County

Project is located in the following King County Council District: 3

- 1) This request is for \$ 4950 (The maximum request must be less than \$5,000.)
- 2) **What is the funding request for and what will it accomplish?**

This request if approved will fund the expense of A) purchasing two informational signs and B) renting three portable toilets as part of the Snoqualmie River Cleanup Program in Fall City. The grant request will also fund three small but important improvement projects to Fall City Park including: C) river access trail improvements, D) a new mounting block at the equestrian riding arena, and E) replacement of the existing gate at the same arena. The Snoqualmie River and Fall City Park are both located within the core of our community and enhancing the public's experience at these locations is central to the mission of the Fall City Metropolitan Park District.

- 3) **Please state and describe the Funding Priority Goal(s) your project will address:**

There are three parts related to the Funding Priority Goals of our grant application:

1. Enhancement of the established Snoqualmie River Cleanup Program in Fall City.
2. Providing community-requested improvements to Fall City (Community) Park.
3. Incorporating safety features to the equestrian arena at Fall City (Community) Park.

As of the beginning of 2014, the Fall City Metropolitan Park District (FCMPD) has assumed responsibility of the Snoqualmie River Cleanup Program from the Fall City Community Association (FCCA). Our District has been a partner with the program since its beginnings in 2010, by hosting a series of meetings between organizations and individuals including the FCCA, Fall City Fire District #27, King County Sheriff's Office and Marine Unit, King County Parks, King County Solid Waste, Snoqualmie Tribe, Boy Scouts of America Troop #425, representatives from King County Councilmember Lambert's office, and local citizens.

Two outcomes of these meetings included: A) the need to provide information to out of town visitors on locations for parking, entrance and exit points, as well as information about river safety and King County rules, and B) the need to provide portable toilets, because no temporary or permanent sanitation facilities exist at these river access points that experience periods of high use by the public. The requested CSA grant will address both of these collectively-identified public needs.

The FCMPD has been coordinating with King County Parks staff members on specific improvement projects to Fall City Park for several years. Our two organizations have worked well together with the common goal of enhancing the recreational experience of

visitors to our community's signature park. Securing the requested CSA grant funds will significantly aid the FCMPD with completing the three key improvement projects, C) new river access trail completion, D) a new equestrian mounting block, and E) safety upgrades to existing gates at the equestrian arena.

4) Please provide a work plan for your project and the specific activities necessary to carry them out. Include a timeline where relevant.

- A.** Immediately purchase two 4' x 8' informational signs complete with maps for use at the Snoqualmie River's upstream access put-in sites, commonly referred to as Plum #1 and Plum #2. Install the signs which show river entrance and exit sites and other relevant river-use information prior to the river float and recreation season (occurring mid-July to mid-September) and remove them at the conclusion of the recreation season for storage at the FCMPD facility.
- B.** Rent four standard sized portable toilets for use during the Snoqualmie River float and recreation season (mid-July to mid-September). One portable toilet will be located at the Zurfleuh downstream river access and boat launch site which is near the confluence with the Raging River. The second location with two portable toilets is at "fisherman's landing" near the SR 202 bridge in Fall City, which is used by floaters, fishermen, and families. A fourth will be located near the east parking lot of Fall City Park, which is being promoted through signage and electronic media as the primary parking area for river float participants, but is also used by park users and bicyclists who use this lot as the starting point for their ride in the Snoqualmie Valley.
- C.** Coordinate with KCDNRP on the appropriate time to distribute CSA grant-purchased 5/8-inch gravel necessary to complete the river access trail within Fall City Park. Work by community volunteers on this new trail was initiated in spring 2013. Alignment of the new trail was determined in conjunction with KCDNRP staff and the Snoqualmie Tribe who has led efforts to eradicate invasive plant species in this area and replace them with native vegetation. It is anticipated that this element of the project will be completed in spring 2014.
- D.** Promptly complete coordination efforts with KCDNRP staff on the appropriate design and location of an equestrian mounting block for public use at the Fall City Park Equestrian Riding Arena. Upon consensus of the style and materials suitable for use at this King County park, immediately purchase and construct it at the agreed upon location on site. It is anticipated that this element of the project will be completed in summer 2014.
- E.** Promptly complete coordination efforts with KCDNRP staff on the appropriate design of a replacement gates on the Fall City Park Equestrian Riding Arena. The existing gates are in need of replacement after many years of use by the public. Their functionality is limited because of its substandard height for equestrian riders to operate from a normal size horse. They are also inconsistent with the design standards King County has published for horse arenas and which are adhered to in facilities at other public equestrian facilities including Bridle Trails State Park and Katherine Taylor Park. Upon consensus of the style and materials suitable for use at this King County park, immediately purchase and install it on site. It is anticipated that this element of the project will be completed in summer 2014.

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- 5) **What is your vision for success for your project? Please provide specific outcomes and how you will measure project success that you will report on at the end of the project.**

Success will be measured by implementation of the requested items (Items A – E) for the betterment of the local and greater community who use the publicly accessible assets of the Snoqualmie River and Fall City Park.

- 6) **Describe your Outreach Plan, the target audience the project is intended to serve, accessibility to the general public, and the number of participants benefitting from the project.**

The program will be announced to the target audience in the Fall City Neighbors Newsletter and in the Fall City Yahoo Group. Beneficiaries of the program will include the downtown businesses, their customers, local residents, seasonal visitors, river recreationalists, and equestrian riders. Note: Fall City Park provides one of only two publicly available outdoor equestrian riding arenas within King County. The Arena was originally built by a local horse club, the Raging River Riders, who act as stewards for the arena and coordinate closely with FCMPD and KCDNRP with its use and maintenance. The club has enlisted the volunteers needed to provide in-kind volunteer work.

- 7) **Describe how the project objectives encourage public engagement and provide an opportunity for unincorporated area residents in the Community Service Area to learn about and participate in their community.**

Implementation of the project objectives provide tangible proof that projects can be accomplished with volunteer efforts and the assistance of King County. It will provide encouragement to citizens with ideas to come forward and collaborate with organizations such as the FCMPD, the FCCA, and Raging River Riders. Local promotion of the opportunities offered by the CSA grant program will only further the objective of increasing participation in civic activities within our community.

- 8) **Please list and describe the roles and relevant mission of your organization and all community partners involved.**

The program will be managed by the Fall City Metropolitan Park District. The three elements associated with the Snoqualmie River (informational signs, portable toilets at river access points, and gravel trail improvements) will be done in cooperation with citizens volunteering on behalf of the FCCA and the FCMPD. The two elements associated with the publicly available outdoor Equestrian Riding Arena at Fall City Park will be done in cooperation with citizens volunteering on behalf of the Raging River Riders equestrian club.

- 9) **What is your long term plan for continued funding and maintenance of project?**

Long term funding for this project will not be necessary. Due to economic conditions and its Tier 3 taxing status, the FCMPD has not collected property taxes since 2011. Therefore, all efforts undertaken by the District are done with the utmost scrutiny as it draws down its financial reserves. Most all of its work relies entirely upon volunteer efforts. This grant application provides financial relief to the FCMPD for one-time purchases of elements identified as Items B, C, D, and E. Item A, rental of portable toilets, may be funded in the future by the FCMPD from its reserves or from donations from business and individuals.

- 10) **Will the project be completed in 2014?** Yes.

BUDGET PAGE

BUDGET ITEM/DESCRIPTION		COST
A. Two 4' x 8' Informational Signs		\$400
B. Portable Toilet Rental (standard units @ \$105/mo.; 3 locations for 3 months; 1 of the 3 locations will have 2 toilets for 3 months)		\$1260
C. Fall City Park River Access Trail Reinforcement (5/8" gravel)		\$490
D. Fall City Park Equestrian Arena Mounting Block		\$1000
E. Fall City Park Equestrian Arena Access Gates		\$3000
SUBTOTAL (A)		\$6150
TOTAL PROJECT COST including the TOTAL PRIVATE MATCH listed below (A + B)		\$9000
PRIVATE MATCH		
COMMUNITY PARTNER	ITEM	AMOUNT
Fall City Metropolitan Park District	Revenue	\$1250
FCMPD Volunteers (Snoqualmie River Cleanup Program) (40 hr. @ \$20 / hr.)	Volunteer & Supv	\$800
Raging River Riders (Fall City Park Equestrian Arena Improvements) (40 hr. @ \$20 / hr.)	Volunteer & Supv	\$800
	TOTAL PRIVATE MATCH** (B)	\$2850
BUDGET REQUEST FROM KING COUNTY***		\$4950

*list the project items and/or for volunteer hours please use \$20/hour for consistency purposes only.

**amount must be at least 25% of total project cost.

***this should match the amount stated in question #1.

For match/in-kind contributions, please include a letter of support from the group providing support.

December 10, 2013

Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks, Director's Office
ATTN: Marissa Alegria
201 South Jackson Street, Suite 700
Seattle, WA 98104

**Re: Fall City Metropolitan Park District CSA Grant Request –
Snoqualmie River Cleanup Program and Fall City Park Improvements**

Dear Ms. Alegria,

This letter is to confirm that if the Fall City Metropolitan Park District (FCMPD) is awarded a Community Service Area (CSA) Grant by King County, that it will contribute matching funds to a total of \$1,250 or 25% of the grant request. Contributions in the form of in-kind volunteer labor from community volunteers and our partner (Raging River Riders) will make up another portion of the grant matching contribution. The FCMPD's grant request will fund three key initiatives:

1. Enhancement of the established Snoqualmie River Cleanup Program in Fall City.
2. Providing community-requested improvements to Fall City (Community) Park.
3. Incorporating safety features to the equestrian arena at Fall City (Community) Park.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by e-mail at kirk.harris@fallcityparks.org or by phone at (425) 922-1120.

Sincerely,

Kirk Harris

Kirk Harris, President and Commissioner
Fall City Metropolitan Park District
Cc: File

Laurie Tarantola
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January 9, 2014

Ms. Marissa Alegria
Directors Office
Department of Natural Resources and Parks
201 South Jackson Street, Suite 700
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Alegria:

On behalf of the Raging River Riders Equestrian riding club I would like to offer our endorsement of the projects applied for by Fall City Metropolitan Park District for award of a Community Service Area Grant.

The Raging River Riders built the Fall City equestrian arena in 1987 with all volunteer labor and money and we have been dedicated supporters of its use and maintenance ever since. The improvements described in the grant application would increase the safety and usability of the facility by the users who are drawn from across the entire County. The Club has pledged all necessary volunteer hours to support the required match and we look forward to seeing these much needed improvements.

Sincerely,

Laurie Tarantola

Laurie Tarantola,
Vice President
Raging River Riders