

**Neighborhood Project Fund
Final Ranking 2012**

	Amount Requested	Amount Funded	Cumulative Ranking	Recommended For Funding
1. Grant Creek Trail	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	260	Yes
2. Burns St. Stage	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	235	Yes
3. Russell School	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	227	Yes
4. Walnut Street	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -	208	Funded by MRA
5. Miller/Brooks Signal Box	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	196	Yes
6. Rattlesnake Bears and Apples	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	170	Yes
7. Hellgate Park *	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	163	Yes*
8. Bellevue Park	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	149	Yes
9. Whitaker Park **	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	133	No**
10. McCormick Playground	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	123	No
11. University Trees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	113	No
12. Neighborhood Ambassadors	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	111	No
13. Swift Weed Eradication	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 0.00	0	No
TOTALS:	35,500.00	\$ 18,200.00		

* The NPF Committee recommends this project be fully funded, contingent on Hellgate Park raising the remaining funds as stated in their application by 9/17/12.

**If Hellgate Park does NOT fully realize their project funds as stated in their application by 9/17/12, then the NPF Committee recommends that Whitaker Park receive full funding in the fall of 2012.

Neighborhood Project Fund Committee Recommendations

(Neighborhood Project Funds 2012)

1. **Neighborhood Small Grant Funds \$1,800**

City Council allocates \$1,800 of the \$20,000 Neighborhood Project Funds to be used for small project grants, pursuant to City Council [Resolution 7581](#). The Community Forum will review and approve small project grant applications at the monthly meetings. The City Clerk is responsible to ensure that small project grants are spent in accordance with City policies and procedures.

2. **Grant Creek Trail Amenities \$3000**

(Neighborhood Improvement and Neighborhood Outreach)

Applicant: Kim Birck for Grant Creek Trails, Association The Grant Creek Trail is a long-awaited recreational and commuter trail that will connect neighborhoods in Grant Creek, eventually running all the way from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation trail system up to Snowbowl Road. This first phase, schedules to begin construction in 2012, is the 2 miles that lie within city limits. (County portion to follow in 2015-16). The budget for the trail project does not include funding for necessary amenities including benches, mutt mitt stations, and leach lending stations, which would be paid for with this grant.

NPF Committee Recommendations: \$3,000 *If citizens do not carry out animal waste in mutt mitts, then the Grant Creek Trail Association will be responsible to do this task.*

3. **Burns Street Center Stage Building Project \$2,200**

(Neighborhood Improvement and Outreach)

Project Coordinators, Hermina Harold/Bob Oaks The Burns Street Center, a newly remodeled NMCDC-owned community center is developing programs for kids and teens and would like to build a stage that will allow much desired cultural and educational opportunities to take place; music, theater, dance, neighborhood council meetings or workshops.

NPF Committee Recommendations: \$2,200 *Burns Street Building will allow civic groups, such as Neighborhood Councils, reasonable access.*

4. **Russell Elementary School Site Improvements \$3000**
(Neighborhood Improvement)

Applicant: Nick Salmon This project focuses on site improvements and play equipment for Russell Elementary School. The project includes the removal of pavement in order to provide larger areas of irrigated grass, expanding fall zones around existing play areas, planting deciduous trees along Russell Street and adjacent to other play areas, and installing new play equipment that supplements the play opportunities for students of all age levels.

The site improvements represent a dramatic yet affordable change to the school property from a neighborhood with limited means. The committee has raised \$33,000 of the projected \$94,750 needed to complete the project and is pursuing grants from foundations, local businesses and families.

NPF Committee Recommendations: \$3,000 City Engineering has agreed to assist with some design work for reconfiguration of the parking lots and access to Russell Street. This grant would fund playground equipment for Russell School and a Public Welcome sign ensuring public access to the playground before and after school hours. Playground and fall zone must meet all safety standards (see CSP for details) and be ADA approved. Playground, equipment, installation and fall zone must be fully certified and insured. Park equipment supports must be institutional size at 5", not 3". A Memorandum of Understanding with the MCPS must be created ensuring public access to the playground before 8 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m Monday through Friday, and all day weekends and summers. A Public Welcome sign (at least 12" wide) shall be displayed near the playground. Final certification of playground equipment and the installation (including fall zone) must be provided by a licensed Playground inspector before funds are expended. Also, consider an installation by volunteers, with a professional supervisor to reduce the budget.

5. **Miller Creek/Brooks Street Traffic Signal Box Art \$1,000**
(Neighborhood Improvement)

Project Coordinator: Jeff Stevens This is a grant pays for artwork on the traffic signal box at the intersection of Miller creek Road and Brooks. This will be a joint project of the South 39th Street Neighborhood Council and the Missoula Public Art Committee. This is the last uncompleted traffic signal box within the boundaries of the South 39th Neighborhood Council.

NPF Committee Recommendations: \$1,000 Funds should be used in accordance with the Neighborhood Project Budget Worksheet provided. Coordinate installation, materials, design, and location with Public Works Dept., Missoula's Public Art Committee (Kathi Olson), Communications Shop Supervisor (Rick Larson), and the Department of Transportation (Jack May).

6. **Rattlesnake Bear Aware and Apple Share Project \$3000**
(Neighborhood Outreach)

Applicant: Katie MacKendrick for Rattlesnake Creek Watershed Group The Rattlesnake Creek Watershed Group proposes to coordinate a collaborative "Rattlesnake Bear Aware and Apple Share Project" to: 1) create an information clearing house of existing apple harvesting and processing resources including gleaning programs and options for tree typing maintenance, protection, and replacement; 2) develop a value-added apple products feasibility inquiry and report; 3) raise awareness through websites, maps, an educational flyer, tabling events, and classroom presentations; and 4) celebrate our work during a fall Apple Share and Bear Aware event at Ten Spoon Winery. Rattlesnake residents and stakeholders are eager to partner with the Rattlesnake Creek Watershed Group on this project aimed at: further reducing bear attractants and human and bear safety concerns; building neighborhood networks and capacity to address existing problems; and exploring the feasibility of value-added apple products that could generate funds to help create a bear-resistant Rattlesnake Valley.

NPF Committee Recommendations: \$3,000 No stipulations.

7. **Hellgate Park \$3000**
(Neighborhood Improvement)

Applicant: Bill Flanery/Dave Spildie for Hellgate Park Planning Committee

This project is designed to provide the preliminary planning for Hellgate Park. The planning is being undertaken by a five members of the local community, the Hellgate Park Planning Committee. The Park is currently under Missoula County administration, but the City of Missoula has expressed interest in transferring the Park to city administration. This plan to facilitate the transfer of the park from County to City ownership has the support of Lisa Moisey of Missoula County Parks. To that end they have proposed funding \$3,000 if an in-kind match can be obtained to proceed with preliminary planning. This application for a grant is intended to obtain that funding with an accompanying match. The majority of the funds will be utilized to hire a landscape architect to guide development of the park and its infrastructure.

NPF Committee Recommendations: \$3,000 Need to raise additional \$5,130 needed for Landscape Architect by Monday, September 17, 2012 to receive NPF. Parks staff will not be available for master planning until fall 2012. The project schedule should be adjusted accordingly. Applicant should set up a meeting with Parks staff to establish a final schedule. Parks staff must be involved in the selection process of the Landscape Architect for the project. Sponsor needs to partner with Parks through creation of a master plan of Hellgate Park. Parks' reviews are required during that process.

8. **Bellevue Park Master Park Plan Survey \$3000**
(Neighborhood Planning)

Applicant: Christine Ross for Southgate Triangle Neighborhood Council Leadership Team. The purpose of this project is to secure funding to pay for professional service to prepare a detailed land survey, including boundaries for the area known as Bellevue Park in order to create a master park plan.

NPF Committee Recommendations: \$3,000 Parks staff will not be available for master planning until fall 2012. The project schedule should be adjusted accordingly. Applicant should set up a meeting with Parks staff to establish a final schedule. Parks staff must be involved in the selection process of the Landscape Architect for the project.

The following projects were not recommended for funding:

9. **Whitaker Park Perimeter Trail Design Schematics and Construction \$3000**
(Neighborhood Planning)

Applicant: John O'Connor & Angie Lopach The goal of this project is to obtain engineering and design documents to determine best location, width, and materials for a perimeter trail, easement access trails, and signage into Whitaker Park as detailed in the F/PC study adopted by Missoula Parks Board.

NPF Committee Recommendations: Not funded. \$3,000 May be funded in fall of 2012, if Hellgate Park does not fully realize their project funds as stated in their application by Monday, September 17, 2012.

10. **All-Abilities Playground Project at McCormick Park: \$3,000**
(Neighborhood Improvement)

Project Coordinator: Jennifer Montgomery The All-Abilities Playground Project (a committee of Friends of Missoula Parks) aims to replace the out-of-date play equipment at McCormick Park with a large scale, all-abilities playground. Enhancements will include adaptive equipment supporting many styles of play; accessible surfacing; a dedicated area for sensory play; landscaping; and spaces for education and community building. We envision multiple benefits to families with and without disabilities as lessons in

diversity, acceptance, courage and resilience are shared in an atmosphere of fun!

NPF Committee Recommendations: *Not funded.*

11. **University Neighborhood Tree Planting and Public Outreach \$3000**
(Neighborhood Improvement)

Applicant: Jessica Tuberty This project proposes a small scale tree planting within the University District parks, trails, and street rights-of-way and to conduct a public outreach program and survey of the neighborhood's interest in and knowledge of trees and the urban forest.

NPF Committee Recommendations: *Not funded.*

12. **Neighborhood Ambassador Program \$3,000**
(Neighborhood Outreach)

Applicant: Beki Hartmann With over one third of University of Montana students living off campus, the University neighborhood experiences unique issues. These including increased garbage, parking problems, excessive noise, and overall lack of neighbor communication. The Neighborhood Ambassador Program seeks to mitigate these issues and break down barriers between student renters and their homeowner neighbors. Additionally, the program provides an opportunity for neighbors to voice concerns regarding issues to a University-sponsored program. This gives more than 7,000 residents the opportunity to participate more actively in their neighborhood. Over time, we hope to create a lasting and meaningful sense of community between students and the neighborhood in which they reside.

NPF Committee Recommendations: *Not funded.*

13. **Waterfront Weed Eradication at the Historic Swift Building \$2600**
(Neighborhood improvement and Neighborhood Outreach)

Applicant: Julie Osborn The 100-year-old historic Swift building, located on the Clark Fork Riverfront parkway at the end of South Fourth Street east in downtown Missoula, sits on a unique parcel adjacent to the Riverfront Trail and restored native prairie, which is maintained through volunteerism of local community members and the dedicated labor and expertise of local botanist, John Pierce. Missoula-based non-profit Ecology Project International (EPI) purchased the Swift building in 2009 with the vision to create a

community center for conservation education: the Swift Center. EPI is seeking funds to enhance the property around this building for the community and reduce the propagation of noxious weeds by completing a weed eradication and native landscaping project in the rear of the building adjacent to the irrigation canal that connects to the Clark Fork River. Target species for eradication include creeping Bellflower and Norway maple. The proposed project will directly support the conservation goals outlined in the Missoula Conservation Lands Management Plan, adopted by Missoula Parks and Recreation early last year. This project will benefit the community by reducing the spread of noxious weeds, improving the aesthetic of a prominent historical feature of the city, and offering education opportunities for community members about native species and their benefits to the ecosystem.

NPF Committee Recommendations: *Not funded.*

14. **Walnut Street Neighborhood Landscape Improvement Project \$2700**
(Neighborhood Improvement)

Applicant: Gwen Hoppe This project proposes to install water service for a neighborhood pocket park that will keep the existing vegetation thriving and make it possible to extend the landscaping to an undeveloped boulevard on the same block. A reliable water source could make it possible to plant a pollinator-friendly garden. The money would buy the installation of the water tap to make it possible to supply drip irrigation to the landscape along West side of Walnut Street near Second and First Street. It would also pay for the rehabilitation of the site disturbed by the excavation and the plants, soils, and irrigation supplied for a narrow 40-foot pollinator-friendly garden. The project will connect neighbors in the Walnut Street area with Willard High School students that will research, design and plant the pollinator-friendly garden. The Walnut Street Neighborhood Nature Scape has made a more inviting transition from the neighborhoods to the river trail system. This project will help connect the neighborhood with our beautiful trail systems.

NPF Committee Recommendations: *Not funded. Missoula Redevelopment Agency moved to fund this project.*