

MINI GRANTS

SAFE ROUTES to SCHOOL program



Mini Grants provide assistance to schools, PTAs, and community groups

All state-approved K-12 schools located within the City of Seattle are eligible to apply. Schools that received Mini Grants in the past are eligible to apply again if end of year reports have been completed.

Groups can request up to \$1,000 to be spent within up to two years. Funds must be used for programs that improve conditions for walkers and bikers or encourage more kids to ride their bikes or walk to school.

To apply, follow these simple steps:

- Complete the Mini-Grant Application and submit by November 2, 2012
- Recipients will be selected by December 3, 2012.
- Funding distributed after January 1st, 2013
- Follow-up: Prepare an end of year summary with photos and 1-page report of how funds were used.

After three years of encouraging walking and biking to school, Bryant Elementary has increased the percent of kids walking and biking to school from 11 percent to 33 percent and reduced driving from 66 percent to 54 percent!

For more information contact SDOT Safe Routes to School Coordinator Brian Dougherty at 206- 684-5124 or brian.dougherty@seattle.gov

RECEIVE SUPPORT FOR:

- *Student Patrol*
- *School Speed Zone Awareness*
- *Pedestrian Safety Activities*
- *Traffic Circulation Improvements*
- *Walking School Bus*
- *Crossing Flags*
- *Bike Safety Education*
- *Bike Rodeos*
- *Bike Parking at School*



MINI GRANT APPLICATION

To apply for a Seattle Safe Routes to School Mini Grant, enter your contact information, tell us how much money you need and answer the five questions below.

The deadline for us to receive your application is November 3, 2012.

Send via mail or email to:

Seattle Department of Transportation
Attention: Brian Dougherty
P.O. Box 34996
Seattle, WA 98124-4996
brian.dougherty@seattle.gov

School or Group Name:	Denny International Middle School
Type of Group: (i.e. School, PTA, etc)	PTSA
Group Leader Name:	<name>, title if appropriate
Group Leader Phone Number:	<phone>
Group Leader Email Address:	<email>
Alternate Contact Name:	<name>, title if appropriate
Alternate Contact Phone Number:	<phone>
Alternate Contact Email Address:	<email>
Amount Requested (up to \$1,000):	\$1,000.00



MINI GRANT APPLICATION (use back side if necessary)

1. Describe the way your group will use these funds.

We propose to use the mini grant funds to provide improved infrastructure and creative incentives to support and encourage more Denny students to choose alternative and healthy ways to get to school. We would like to focus on creating a bike friendly culture enriched in student and teacher involvement. We will use the funds for signage, promotional materials, reward prizes, incentives, and safety equipment including covers for at least two of our bike racks. We will also organize a bike club of both students and teachers in order to support bike-related activities and events throughout the year.

Specifically, we propose the following:

1. Signage: We will post bicycle safety tips around bike racks and throughout the school halls. Denny currently has a paved road that runs along the West side of the building from the teachers' parking lot that is currently under-utilized. We will create a map of school grounds, add signage and flags near the school entrances and at key traffic and crossing locations to warn allow safer entrance of bicycles onto campus. Approximate cost = \$200
2. Safety information and training: We will organize and implement a training session (or school assembly) on bike safety and riding skills. We will recruit the help from a local bike shop and/or Bike Works Seattle to provide safety-related prizes to students for participation and interest. Approximate cost = \$200
3. Bike rack improvements: We will purchase materials and hire a contractor to cover two of our outdoor bike racks to protect bicycles from winter weather. Approximate cost = \$300
4. Incentives and Recognition for bicycle commuters: We will create a recognition process to encourage more students to ride such as small treat days on a monthly basis, safety prizes such as lights, reflective straps, bike tune ups, gloves and other gear. We will work with students and parents who are involved with the bike club to ensure we use effective incentives and will ask local business for donations. Approximate cost = \$300

Total grant requested \$1,000



2. How will this project improve pedestrian and bicycle safety at your school?

The safety projects will improve both pedestrian and bicycle safety by identifying a safe route for cyclists, separate from the main entry to school. It will also provide greater visibility for motor vehicles, making them more aware of bicycle traffic around the main entries and exits of the school.

Our safety and incentive programs will increase the number of students making healthier transportation choices that will lead to less traffic in the drop-off circle and parking lot, and reduce car traffic around the school. The more students walking and biking to school makes the grounds and areas around the school safer.

3. How will these funds encourage more children to walk or bike?

Currently there are a low number of students who ride their bikes each day. By providing information about best biking practices, helpful tips to biking to school, and by incentivizing and recognizing frequent and outstanding bicyclists at the school, our hope is that the number of students biking to school will increase.

By covering the most frequently used bike-racks and having a safety and practical workshop on biking to school, our hope is that more students will ride even on rainy days, knowing that their bike will remain dry and less likely to be damaged by rain.

Our plan to form a bike club at the school (made up of both students and teachers) will help to maintain this activity throughout the year and keep awareness of bike needs at the forefront of the school culture.

4. Please estimate the timeline to implement this project.

We anticipate that these funds will provide a full year of "Safe Routes to school" programs from January to December 2013.

Specifically:

1. Signage: production and posting around school: January – February 2013
2. Bike rack improvements: January 2013
3. Bike safety assembly: March 2013
4. Incentive programs: Monthly January 2013 through December 2013
5. Bike Club: Ongoing January 2013 through December 2013

5. Finally, please attach a letter of support from your school principal.

Please see attached

