



## 2018 Neighborhood Safety Program Application

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018

(Note: One project location per application)

### Contact Information

Neighborhood Association: Highlands

Phone: 425-941-3737

Project Coordinator: same

Neighborhood Chair: Karen Story

E-mail: karen@nwnative.us

E-mail: same

### General Project Information

Location: NE 100th St

Nearest Cross Street(s): 111th Ave NE

☒ Project Priority 1 (or only project) ☐ Priority 2

#### Project Type:

☐ Bicycle Improvement

☐ Rapid Flashing Beacon

☒ Trail Improvement

☐ Crosswalk Improvement

☐ Sidewalk Improvement

☐ Walkway Improvement

☐ Intersection Improvement

☐ Street Lighting

☐ Radar Speed Sign

☐ Traffic Calming

#### Describe the Project Scope:

Please include all aspects of the project (e.g., ADA ramps, street lights, thermoplastic, hand rails, asphalt vs. gravel).

Safety improvements to the Cotton Hill Park stairs:

- Replace rotten timbers
- Add handrail on one side
- Add bike runnel

City Cost Estimate: \$37,890

### 1. Neighborhood Benefit/Support (0–60 points)

Please explain how the project will address a recognized safety need (especially with school kids or other vulnerable populations) and result in a positive and lasting neighborhood benefit (e.g., creates an important neighborhood pedestrian or bicycle connection):

These stairs connect the Cross Kirkland Corridor to the Highlands and North Rose Hill neighborhoods. They get heavy use by school kids, stair runners, and pedestrians. Since the CKC interim trail was opened, stair use has increased significantly. The railroad tie steps were put in many years ago, and some of them are rotten. Many middle school kids take their bikes to school, or would like to if they could safely get their bikes up and down the stairs. Many

people have been asking for a runnel. The stairs are long, steep, and uneven. A handrail would make the stairs much safer.

Were adjacent neighbors who will be impacted by the project contacted (e.g., street lights)? **Not applicable**

Is there support for the project within the neighborhood (e.g., businesses, schools, and PTsAs)? **Yes**

**Note:** Please attach letters, emails, or a petition of support for your project.

**This information could be provided when I return home on Feb. 28 and have access to my computer files.**

## 2. Community Benefit/Support (0–30 points)

Please explain how the project benefits people outside of the neighborhood (e.g., creates a community-wide connection):

The Cotton Hill Park stairs connect children and adults from the Norkirk, Highlands, and North Rose Hill neighborhoods. Norkirk and Highlands share an elementary and middle school, so kids and parents know each other and go back and forth a lot. The stairs also form part of a stair running circuit that includes Crestwoods Park, and they attract a lot of people from all over town for workouts.

Is there broad community support for the project outside the neighborhood (e.g., businesses, schools, and PTsAs, and community groups)? **Yes**

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## 3. Neighborhood/Community Project Partnership (0–10 points)

Will there be financial contributions and/or volunteer hours for this project (e.g., trail construction or maintenance)? If so, please provide details of the contributions. (**Note:** Volunteer value is \$23.56.)

Description	Financial Contribution (\$)	Volunteer Contribution (# of Hours * \$23.56)	Total
Volunteers can install new ties and build runnel.		100	\$2356
<b>Total Neighborhood/Community Project Partnership</b>			<b>\$2356</b>

### Please submit application to:

City of Kirkland

Kari Page, Senior Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator

123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033

For any questions or further information, please contact Kari Page at kpage@kirklandwa.gov or (425) 587-3875.





**Subject:**RE: Request for letter of support for school walk safety project

**Date:**Mon, 5 Mar 2018 15:59:13 +0000

**From:**McCarson, Debbie <[DMccarson@lwsd.org](mailto:DMccarson@lwsd.org)>

**To:**Karen Story <[karen@nwnative.us](mailto:karen@nwnative.us)>

Good morning,

This sounds like a great idea! I have asked Forrest Miller LWSD Director of Support Services to provide a letter in support of the project. Debbie

**From:** Karen Story [<mailto:karen@nwnative.us>]

**Sent:** Sunday, March 04, 2018 1:06 PM

**To:** McCarson, Debbie <[DMccarson@lwsd.org](mailto:DMccarson@lwsd.org)>

**Cc:** Hae Sue Park <[haesuepark@hotmail.com](mailto:haesuepark@hotmail.com)>

**Subject:** Request for letter of support for school walk safety project

Dear Ms. McCarson,

I'm writing to you as chair of the Highlands Neighborhood Association and a member of the [Neighborhood Safety Program](#) panel to ask if you could write a brief letter of support for safety improvements on a KMS school walk route. I'm cc'ing Hae Sue Park. She and I had hoped that the PTSA could write a letter of support, but the letter is needed before the next PTSA general meeting. Below is a summary of the project, and how it would benefit KMS kids. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you!

Karen

Each year the City of Kirkland's [Neighborhood Safety Program](#) funds a limited number of pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements throughout the city of Kirkland. Each neighborhood submits their top projects, and a panel of neighborhood representatives votes to prioritize the projects. The top priority projects receive funding. Letters of support from schools greatly increase chances for funding.

This year the Highlands neighborhood has chosen to submit an application for safety improvements to the Cotton Hill Park stairs:

- Replace rotten timbers
- Add handrail on one side
- Add bike runnel

These stairs connect the Highlands neighborhood to Kirkland Middle School via the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The stairs get heavy use by KMS kids. A bike runnel would provide a safe way for kids to get bikes up and down. The stairs are long, steep, and uneven, and a handrail would make them much safer.