

Snohomish County

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County's heritage preservation program accepting applications for projects

Snohomish County is currently accepting applications from public and nonprofit agencies for projects that develop and promote heritage preservation in the county. The program provides matching funding for professional development, public education, capital improvements or collections management.

"We have such a rich inheritance," said Wendy Becker, Snohomish County's cultural and economic development manager. "We want to support projects that promote the community's access to our county's history."

Money is awarded from recording fees collected by the Snohomish County Auditor.

Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission will review applications and make recommendations to the Snohomish County Executive and County Council for final approval. Previous awards have been used to restore Bothell and Stanwood heritage sites, purchase archival materials for storing museum artifacts and the digitalization of brittle newspaper collections.

Funds will be available beginning in June and will be awarded on a competitive basis to applicants who can complete their proposed projects by Dec. 15, 2015. Funds are reimbursed for approved projects only. Project allocations average about \$3,500.

Details of eligibility and other program requirements are included in the application package, which must be filled out and returned to the Snohomish County's Office of Economic Development by 5 p.m. Monday, March 9. Applications received after that time and date will not be considered. Applications are available at <http://bit.ly/1AUru9B> or by contacting the Office of Economic Development at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #411, Everett, WA, 98201.

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