

Department of Neighborhoods

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Department Overview

The Department of Neighborhoods (DON) works to bring government closer to the residents of Seattle by empowering them to make positive contributions to their communities and involving more of Seattle's residents, including communities of color and immigrants, in civic discussions, processes, and opportunities. As part of its mission, DON also manages the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF), which provides grants to preserve and enhance the City's diverse neighborhoods.

DON has three lines of business:

The **Community Building Division** delivers technical assistance, support services, and programs in neighborhoods to strengthen local communities, engage residents in neighborhood improvement, leverage resources and complete neighborhood-initiated projects. The programs that support this work include:

- P-Patch Community Gardens;
- Neighborhood District Coordinators;
- Major Institutions and Schools;
- Historic Preservation;
- Neighborhood Planning Outreach; and
- Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF).

The **Director's Office** provides executive leadership, communications, and human resources services for the entire department.

The **Internal Operations Division** provides financial and information technology services to department employees so they may serve customers efficiently and effectively.

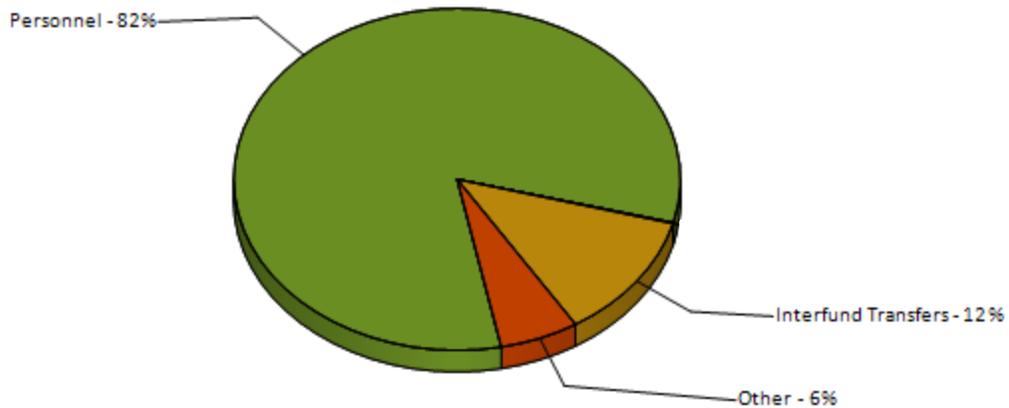
Budget Snapshot

Department Support	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Proposed	2016 Proposed
General Fund Support	\$9,871,594	\$12,374,007	\$5,533,642	\$5,588,041
Total Operations	\$9,871,594	\$12,374,007	\$5,533,642	\$5,588,041
Total Appropriations	\$9,871,594	\$12,374,007	\$5,533,642	\$5,588,041
Full-time Equivalent Total*	42.75	44.50	39.50	39.50

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2015 Proposed Budget - Expenditure by Category



Budget Overview

The 2015-2016 Proposed Budget for the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) includes a number of significant changes in response to the creation of the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL), including transferring the Office for Education and the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative to DEEL. The Office for Education (OFE) is responsible for administering the Education-Support Services Levy and receives most of its funding from this source (which is budgeted in a separate department); however a portion of OFE programs are supported by General Fund and will be transferred out of DON and into DEEL. These programs include the Early Learning Academy and the Read and Rise pilot program, both added in the 2014 Adopted Budget. The Early Learning Academy provides training and professional development to preschool teachers and caregivers to improve outcomes for the children they teach or care for. Read and Rise is a two-year pilot program designed to engage some of Seattle's most at-risk families and communities in supporting literacy development in children pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade. The Proposed Budget reflects these program transfers to DEEL in 2015.

As part of this new department, the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI) will also be transferred to DEEL. SYVPI works to reduce juvenile violent crime through a variety of youth violence prevention programs, including active outreach, case management, and employment services including internships, individual and group programming, and support services. OFE currently provides oversight for SYVPI and this transfer will maintain that management structure.

The proposed budget makes several investments to strengthen Seattle's vibrant neighborhoods. The proposed budget includes additional resources for the P-Patch Community Gardens to address the rapid increase in the number of P-Patch gardens that DON manages. Since 2008, 27 gardens have been created, improved or expanded bringing the total number of gardens DON now manages to 88. The P-Patch Community Gardening program

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brings together volunteers, local non-profits, the Seattle Housing Authority, and other agencies to support, develop and manage community gardening in Seattle. The proposed budget also includes additional administrative support, increased utility budget, and funding for ongoing database maintenance needs.

The proposed budget also includes additional support for the continuation of the People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE) by adding a half-time position to coordinate the program. PACE was launched in 2012 as a civic leadership training program that builds the skills of up-and-coming community leaders who will support existing and emerging community groups. The program meets once a month for eight months and enrolls roughly 26 participants a year from nearly all of Seattle's 13 neighborhood districts. PACE also provides an opportunity for participants to learn from community leaders and elected officials who volunteer as session and seminar instructors, mentors, and advisors. Providing additional staff support to PACE will allow the program to continue to grow and expand as it moves beyond the initial two-year pilot phase.

Incremental Budget Changes

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	2015		2016	
	Budget	FTE	Budget	FTE
Total 2014 Adopted Budget	\$ 12,374,006	44.50	\$ 12,374,006	44.50
Baseline Changes				
Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes	\$ 44,391	0.00	\$ 57,056	0.00
Realign Programs to Reflect Operations	-\$ 26,918	-0.50	-\$ 26,918	-0.50
Adjustment for One-time Adds or Reductions	-\$ 462,250	0.00	-\$ 462,250	0.00
Adjustment for One-time Adds or Reductions - OFE	-\$ 538,000	0.00	-\$ 694,612	0.00
Proposed Changes				
Transfer SYVPI to the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL)	-\$ 5,632,485	-3.50	-\$ 5,633,021	-3.50
Transfer General Fund OFE Programs to DEEL	-\$ 369,612	-2.00	-\$ 213,000	-2.00
P-Patch Community Gardens Improvements	\$ 24,207	0.50	\$ 24,207	0.50
Increase Support for PACE	\$ 63,025	0.50	\$ 63,025	0.50
Proposed Technical Changes				
Citywide Training and Travel Reallocation	-\$ 1,878	0.00	-\$ 1,878	0.00
Final Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes	\$ 59,156	0.00	\$ 101,426	0.00
Total Incremental Changes	-\$ 6,840,364	-5.00	-\$ 6,785,965	-5.00
2015 - 2016 Proposed Budget	\$ 5,533,642	39.50	\$ 5,588,041	39.50

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Descriptions of Incremental Budget Changes

Baseline Changes

Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes - \$44,391

Citywide technical adjustments made in the "Baseline Phase" reflect changes due to inflation, central cost allocations, retirement, healthcare, workers' compensation, and unemployment costs. These adjustments reflect initial assumptions about these costs and inflators early in the budget process.

Realign Programs to Reflect Operations - (\$26,918)/(.50) FTE

This adjustment recognizes a number of internal transfers between programs to reflect actual department operations as well as any positions that were added through a quarterly supplemental or other ordinance.

Adjustment for One-time Adds or Reductions - (\$462,250)

This item includes budget reductions for three one-time projects that were added in the 2014 Adopted Budget, including:

- Elevator upgrades at Washington Hall (\$300,000);
- Historic resources surveys of the Georgetown and University Park neighborhoods (\$62,250); and
- The Refugee Women Civic Leadership Institute pilot (\$100,000).

Adjustment for One-time Adds or Reductions - OFE - (\$538,000)

This item includes budget reductions for one-time planning costs associated with the development of a Universal Preschool Action Plan (\$488,000) and a pre-school feasibility study completed in 2014 (\$50,000). This adjustment also removes funding of \$156,612 in 2016 for the Read and Rise pilot program. Initial funding for Read and Rise was for two years with the intent of determining whether funding should be continued at the end of 2015 as part of the 2016 budget process.

Proposed Changes

Transfer SYVPI to the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) - (\$5,632,485)/(3.50) FTE

This item transfers the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI) to DEEL in 2015 including the 3.50 FTEs assigned to the program.

Transfer General Fund OFE Programs to DEEL - (\$369,612)/(2.00) FTE

This transfers two existing programs currently in the Office of Family and Education (OFE) to DEEL in 2015: the Early Learning Academy (\$213,000) and the Read and Rise pilot program (\$156,612). This item also transfers two positions in OFE to DEEL.

P-Patch Community Gardens Improvements - \$24,207/.50 FTE

Since 2008, the P-Patch Community Gardens program has grown by over 30% and there are now more than 3,000 plots in 88 gardens. To address this growth and provide better management of the P-Patch community gardens, this item increases an existing half-time administrative staff assistant to full time to support the work of the community garden coordinators. DON will pay for this position using existing funds.

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An increase of \$10,000 will alleviate pressure on the program due to increased cost of water, as both the cost and usage have grown rapidly over the last five years. This add also includes approximately \$14,000 to provide regular maintenance to the P-Patch program's web-based database that the department will launch in October 2014. This database will allow for greater ease of usage, allowing plot holders to make online payments and allowing program managers to manage plot turnover and assignment more efficiently.

Increase Support for PACE - \$63,025/.50 FTE

Launched in 2012 as a civic leadership training initiative, the People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE) will complete its two-year pilot phase at the end of 2014. An essential mission of the PACE program is to build relationships between historically underrepresented communities and mainstream community groups, with the goal of recruiting 30% of its participants from historically underrepresented groups. In both years of the pilot, PACE exceeded that goal recruiting 53% in 2012 and 57% from underrepresented groups in 2013-2014. The guiding principle of PACE is to activate and empower these community members to create change and equity. Over the life of the pilot, participants developed 13 Neighborhood Matching Fund Small Sparks projects with neighborhood groups to preserve and enhance their communities.

This item adds a staff person to coordinate and operate the PACE program as the program did not have a dedicated position during the pilot period. This position will manage all aspects of the program including the recruitment and selection of participants, identification and support of community instructors, and developing a robust PACE alumni program.

Proposed Technical Changes

Citywide Training and Travel Reallocation - (\$1,878)

This adjustment makes small reductions to training and travel budget appropriations Citywide. The Budget reallocates these funds to a new Centralized Management and Leadership Development program in the Department of Human Resources. More information on the new training program can be found in the Department of Human Resources budget section.

Final Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes - \$59,156

Citywide technical adjustments made in the "Proposed Phase" reflect changes due to inflation, central cost allocation, retirement, healthcare, workers' compensation, and unemployment costs. These adjustments reflect updates to preliminary cost assumptions established in the "Baseline Phase."

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Expenditure Overview

Appropriations	Summit Code	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Proposed	2016 Proposed
Community Building Budget Control					
Historic Preservation-Community Building		0	1,194,842	867,276	874,620
Major Institutions and Schools		218,288	224,518	236,308	237,942
Neighborhood District Coordinators		1,297,894	1,374,753	1,331,687	1,343,122
Neighborhood Planning Outreach		251,007	271,377	293,055	296,953
P-Patch Community Gardens		785,049	776,827	884,118	891,856
South Park Information and Resource Center		51,762	0	0	0
Total	I3300	2,604,000	3,842,317	3,612,444	3,644,493
Director's Office Budget Control					
Communications		154,859	161,681	159,162	160,198
Executive Leadership		289,801	319,069	311,100	312,696
Historic Preservation		808,267	0	0	0
Total	I3100	1,252,927	480,750	470,262	472,894
Internal Operations Budget Control Level	I3200	1,388,910	1,514,041	1,450,936	1,470,654
Office for Education Budget Control Level	I3700	62,647	907,612	0	0
Youth Violence Prevention Budget Control Level	I4100	4,563,110	5,629,287	0	0
Department Total		9,871,594	12,374,007	5,533,642	5,588,041
Department Full-time Equivalent Total*		42.75	44.50	39.50	39.50

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Appropriations By Budget Control Level (BCL) and Program

Community Building Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Community Building Budget Control Level is to deliver technical assistance, support services, and programs in neighborhoods to strengthen local communities, engage residents in neighborhood improvement, leverage resources, and complete neighborhood-initiated projects.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Program Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
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Neighborhood Planning Outreach	251,007	271,377	293,055	296,953
P-Patch Community Gardens	785,049	776,827	884,118	891,856
South Park Information and Resource Center	51,762	0	0	0
Total	2,604,000	3,842,317	3,612,444	3,644,493
Full-time Equivalents Total*	30.00	29.75	30.00	30.00

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The following information summarizes the programs in Community Building Budget Control Level:

Historic Preservation-Community Building Program

The purpose of the Historic Preservation - Community Building Program is to provide technical assistance, outreach, and education to the general public, owners of historic properties, government agencies, and elected officials to identify, protect, rehabilitate, and re-use historic properties.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Expenditures/FTE	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Historic Preservation-Community Building	0	1,194,842	867,276	874,620
Full-time Equivalents Total	8.50	8.25	8.00	8.00

Major Institutions and Schools Program

The purpose of the Major Institutions and Schools Program is to coordinate community involvement in the development, adoption, and implementation of Major Institution Master Plans, and to facilitate community involvement in school re-use and development.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Expenditures/FTE	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Major Institutions and Schools	218,288	224,518	236,308	237,942
Full-time Equivalents Total	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50

Neighborhood District Coordinators Program

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The purpose of the Neighborhood District Coordinators Program is to provide a range of technical assistance and support services for residents and neighborhood groups to develop a sense of partnership among neighborhood residents, businesses, and City government.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Expenditures/FTE	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Neighborhood District Coordinators	1,297,894	1,374,753	1,331,687	1,343,122
Full-time Equivalents Total	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00

Neighborhood Planning Outreach Program

The purpose of the Neighborhood Planning Outreach Program is to lead the inclusive outreach and engagement activities of Neighborhood Planning efforts across the City by working with communities to revise Neighborhood Plans to reflect changes and opportunities presented by new development and major transportation investments, including Light Rail. It also assists City departments with other outreach and engagement efforts.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Expenditures/FTE	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Neighborhood Planning Outreach	251,007	271,377	293,055	296,953
Full-time Equivalents Total	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50

P-Patch Community Gardens Program

The purpose of the P-Patch Community Gardens Program is to provide community gardens, gardening space, and related support to Seattle residents while preserving open space for productive purposes, particularly in high-density communities. The goals of the program are to increase self-reliance among gardeners, and for P-Patch Community Gardens to be focal points for community involvement.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Expenditures/FTE	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
P-Patch Community Gardens	785,049	776,827	884,118	891,856
Full-time Equivalents Total	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00

South Park Information and Resource Center Program

The purpose of the South Park Information and Resource Center was to provide temporary support for a multi-lingual resource center for the South Park community and its diverse immigrant population to mitigate the impacts on the community during the period of time that the South Park Bridge is under construction. The center provided direct assistance such as employment application assistance, translation and interpretation services, and English classes, as well as connected customers to outside services and resources. Reconstruction of the South Park Bridge was completed in 2014 eliminating the need for this funding.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
South Park Information and Resource Center	51,762	0	0	0

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Director's Office Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Director's Office Budget Control Level is to provide executive leadership, communications, and operational support for the entire department.

Program Expenditures	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Communications	154,859	161,681	159,162	160,198
Executive Leadership	289,801	319,069	311,100	312,696
Historic Preservation	808,267	0	0	0
Total	1,252,927	480,750	470,262	472,894
Full-time Equivalents Total*	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

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The following information summarizes the programs in Director's Office Budget Control Level:

Communications Program

The purpose of the Communications Program is to provide printed and electronic information on programs and services offered by the Department, as well as to publicize other opportunities to increase civic participation.

Expenditures/FTE	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Communications	154,859	161,681	159,162	160,198
Full-time Equivalents Total	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Executive Leadership Program

The purpose of the Executive Leadership Program is to provide leadership in fulfilling the Department's mission, and to facilitate the Department's communication and interaction with other City departments, external agencies, elected officials, and the public.

Expenditures/FTE	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Executive Leadership	289,801	319,069	311,100	312,696
Full-time Equivalents Total	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

Historic Preservation Program

The purpose of the Historic Preservation Program is to provide technical assistance, outreach, and education to the general public, owners of historic properties, government agencies, and elected officials to identify, protect, rehabilitate, and re-use historic properties. The 2013 Adopted Budget transferred this program to the Community Building Budget Control Level.

Expenditures	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Historic Preservation	808,267	0	0	0

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Internal Operations Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Internal Operations Budget Control Level is to provide financial, human resources, facility, administrative, and information technology services to the Department's employees to serve customers efficiently and effectively.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Program Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Internal Operations/Administrative Services	1,388,910	1,514,041	1,450,936	1,470,654
Total	1,388,910	1,514,041	1,450,936	1,470,654
Full-time Equivalents Total*	6.75	6.75	6.50	6.50

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Office for Education Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Office for Education (OFE) Budget Control Level is to help children succeed in school and close the achievement gap. This BCL supports education and literacy programs that fall outside the scope and funding of the Families and Education Levy. The Office for Education BCL ends with the creation of the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) in the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget. Services provided by this BCL will now be provided by DEEL.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Program Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Office for Education	62,647	907,612	0	0
Total	62,647	907,612	0	0
Full-time Equivalents Total*	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00

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Youth Violence Prevention Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Youth Violence Prevention Budget Control Level is to help reduce juvenile violent crimes. The 2015-2016 Proposed Budget transfers the Youth Violence Prevention program to the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative BCL in the Department of Education and Early Learning.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Program Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed
Youth Violence Prevention	4,563,110	5,629,287	0	0
Total	4,563,110	5,629,287	0	0
Full-time Equivalents Total*	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00

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