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Safe Routes to School grant program accepting applications during “International Walk to School Month”

SEATTLE – During October, *International Walk to School Month*, the Seattle Department of Transportation is accepting applications for Mini Grants of up to \$1,000 to fund projects that educate students about pedestrian and bicycle safety and encourage walking and biking to school.

Some examples of past projects funded by the Safe Routes to School Mini Grants include kick-starting a walking school bus with safety vests and flags for bus “drivers;” supporting walk to school month events with prizes and incentives for walkers; incentives for bike to school commuters, like bike locks, lights, and helmets; bicycle safety and maintenance classes to make sure kids know the rules of the road and how to keep their bikes in tip-top shape; traffic circulation plans to make sure traffic flows as safely as possible around schools.

International Walk to School Month is held in October of each year. This event which is held in more than 40 countries gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking. For more information about International Walk to School month, visit <http://www.feetfirst.org/what-we-do/safe-routes/international-walk-to-school-iwalk-celebrations>

How to Apply for a Mini Grant

For more information and to apply for a Mini Grant, visit www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/ped_srts_grant.htm. In addition to the application, a letter of support from the school principal must be emailed, mailed, or faxed by the application due date. For questions, contact Ashley Harris at ashley.harris@seattle.gov. Completed applications are due Oct. 31, 2014 by 5pm and recipients will be announced by Dec. 5, 2014. Funds will be distributed in January 2015.

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