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New Program Offers Funding To Promote More Walkable Communities

October 15th Deadline To Apply For Micro Grants To Promote Safer, More Walkable Places

(Edmonds, WA) - Have a passion for promoting walking? Funds are now available through a new program designed to help community groups promote more walkable places. America Walks and the Every Body Walk! Collaborative has announced a new micro grant program designed to help walking advocates make their communities safer, more walkable places. But you need to act fast – the deadline to apply for the grants is October 15th.

The one time award will fund 10-15 community groups up to \$2500 for “activities designed to increase local walking programming and stimulate community demand for infrastructure improvements that provide accessible, safe, walkable places for the entire community.” The national program is in response to the recent Surgeon General’s Call to Action on Walking and Walkability which indicates walking should be at the top of the list of public health strategies to prevent disease and improve people’s health.

“Edmonds has a lot of great places to walk and we all want to see our community be even safer and more walkable. It’s certainly a priority for the city,” says Development Services Director Shane Hope. “This program is a great opportunity for community groups to get funding to help achieve that goal.”

For more information about the micro grants, go to <http://americawalks.org/call-to-action-every-body-walk-collaborative-micro-grants/>.

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