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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: PROJECT NEIGHBORLY GRANT DEADLINE EXTENDED

Bellingham, WA- September 26, 2017 - Due to popular demand the **Whatcom Community Foundation has extended its grant application deadline for Project Neighborly!** Applications for Project Neighborly proposals are now due **Friday, October 13th** by 3 pm.

“We were thrilled with the community response and even more excited to see the [projects in action](http://www.whatcomcf.org/our-story/blog/),” <http://www.whatcomcf.org/our-story/blog/> said Community Foundation CEO Mauri Ingram. “We hope to build on that momentum, and encourage anyone who has an idea to apply.”

The Project Neighborly grant program is for people who have great ideas about how we can all become better neighbors. *Project Neighborly grants help connect people who do not typically come together and binds our community.*

Project Neighborly grants of up to \$5,000 fund inspiring, actionable, relevant projects that develop a sense of community and promote neighborliness throughout the rural and urban areas of Whatcom County. The Whatcom Community Foundation is investing \$100,000 in Project Neighborly projects. All projects must take place in 2018.

Last year was the first year of the program in which 30 ideas, ranging from neighborhood bowling, forums and fire prevention activities, to a block party trailer, urban planning events and a Lummi Island tea party, were funded. Projects came from all corners of the county and all manner of groups, from neighborhood associations and faith organizations, to schools, local government and tribes, non-profits, Western Washington University and the Bellingham Herald.

Applying for this grant is easy! Apply online for a Neighborly Grant here:
<http://www.whatcomcf.org/community-impact/grants/project-neighborly-2018/>

Whatcom Community Foundation amplifies the force of philanthropy-by connecting people, ideas and resources-so that communities flourish. For more information about this program and other grant opportunities, contact the **Whatcom Community Foundation at (360) 671-6463.**

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