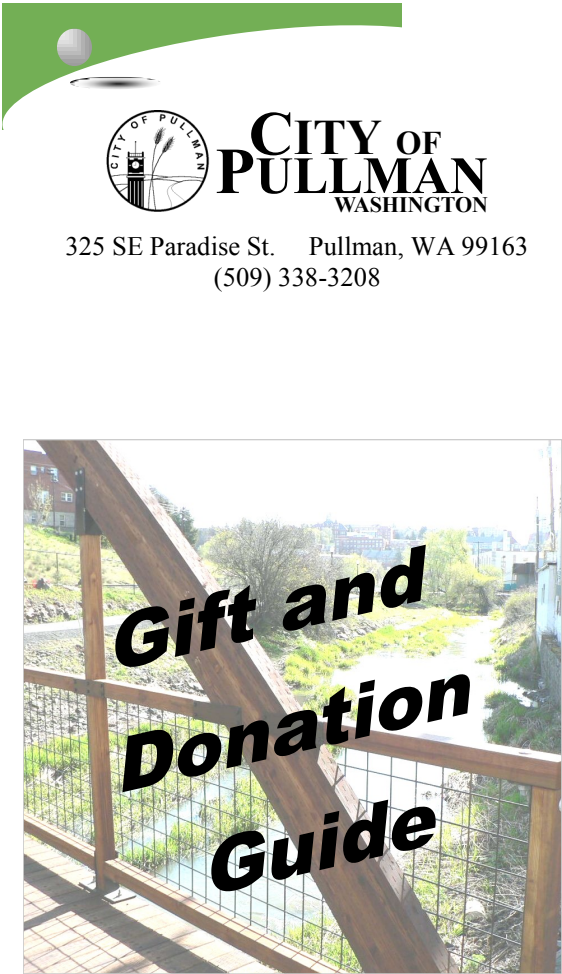


# What to give

You may wish to consider various aspects of the city’s operations in your gifting decisions. In most cases, cash contributions are probably the most appropriate. If you want to make a non-cash contribution, please check in advance to ensure that your gift can be used in a meaningful way.

- Downtown hanging flower baskets
- Care To Share recreation sponsorships
- Personnel training expenses
- Fire rescue equipment or publications
- Police operations
- Park equipment acquisitions
- Park lighting
- New park or park expansion funds
- Lawson Gardens development
- Books, magazine subscriptions, recorded books, DVDs, or CDs for Neill Public Library
- Senior Center donations
- Recreation equipment
- Cemetery expansion
- Tree and bulb donations
- Pothole repairs
- Path development and lighting
- Transit shelters
- Public art

*Thank you for your support!*



*Individuals and groups pride themselves in their ability to contribute in a worthwhile and meaningful manner to Pullman’s good. Civic contributions take many forms, including volunteer work efforts, cash contributions, land donations, and gifts of all kinds.*

# Gifts enhance Pullman’s quality of life

**The city motto is HIGH tech, HIGHER education, HIGHEST quality of life.** We continually strive to make the community is as attractive as possible.

Although federal and state dollars for local funding are shrinking, we can continue to work to make our quality of life even higher. Your donations are one way of achieving this goal. Your support will make Pullman an outstanding community for years to come.

Individuals and groups can invest in our community’s future by making contributions to the city of Pullman. The entire citizenry benefits from the thoughtful foresight of those who have given generously to making Pullman a better place.

It is our hope that the information provided in this brochure will create a greater awareness of these contributions. We challenge others to participate in this worthwhile civic cause.



**Pullman—the city of parks and paths**

## What are the benefits of giving?

1. From a community perspective, donations contribute to the overall enhancement of the community. For example, from its 1988 inception to completion in 2006, the Pullman Downtown Riverwalk, spearheaded by the Pullman Civic Trust, inspired \$400,147 in donations from 273 individuals, couples, families, businesses and funds from state and local government for a total of \$1.05 million.
2. Donations of all kinds, including volunteer service, help to keep taxes low. Police, fire, library, recreation and parks volunteers help to reduce overtime costs and the need for increased staffing. Dollar donations hold down expenditures for park expansions, library book acquisitions, etc.
3. Contributors may be able to reduce their federal income taxes. To ensure that you are in compliance with the most recent tax laws, you should check with a tax consultant with respect to this possibility.



*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. –Winston Churchill*

## How to give

*According to RCW 35.21.100, cities have the authority to accept and use donated money or property. By Pullman City Code 4.05, donations of \$5,000 or more are accepted by ordinance by the city council.*

*To facilitate giving in any amount, various budget categories have been established. You may donate undesignated monies to the general fund for any government need, earmark your gift for a specific department, or specify a restricted use.*

*Prior to offering a non-cash donation, you may want to discuss your intentions with the mayor or city supervisor.*

*You may also contribute through the Inland Northwest Community Foundation and indicate that you would like your donation to be for city of Pullman projects.*

## Examples

### Major individual gifts



**Shirrod Heritage  
Addition — Neill  
Public Library**

- Distributions from the **Shirrod Family Memorial Fund** made possible the construction and maintenance of the Neill Public Library Shirrod Heritage Addition.
- **Gerald Lawson** deeded 13 acres for a botanical park (Lawson Gardens) and established a trust for its construction and perpetual maintenance.
- Terre View Park (**Ed & Mary Schweitzer**), Petry Natural Area (**Glenn & Melodie Petry**), Itani Park (**Rafik & Mary Sue Itani**) and Mary's Park (**Herbert Neil**) are a few examples of generous individual gifts of property.

### Memorial gifts

- A basketball court was constructed at McGee Park to

honor **Steve & Patrick Ryan**, two brothers who were killed apart in separate accidents.

- Lawson Gardens terrace walkways were improved in memory of **Alvin Chandler**.

### Service club donations

- **Kiwanis** have provided funds for park playground equipment, crime prevention materials, library furniture, and more.
- **Lions** placed “Heart Friends” benches through the city, constructed picnic shelters and contributed funds for the gazebo at Reaney Park, and more.
- **Rotary** has donated funds for the Lawson Gardens rose garden, path improvements, library picture books, downtown benches, and more.

### Private business donations

- **SEL** Wayside Garden is a Grand Avenue Greenway Beautification project — a most generous gift of SEL dollars and employee volunteer efforts.

- **Bill's Welding** provided a concrete retainer for beautification plantings on South Grand Avenue.

### Non-profit donations

- Since 1983, **Pullman Civic Trust** has been instrumental in creating a healthy, prosperous, and sustainable community through projects that enhance the natural and man-made environment.

### Volunteer service

- **Reserve firefighters** respond to emergency calls and participate in community service events.
- **Friends of Neill Public Library** do volunteer projects to meet library needs.
- The **Grand Avenue Greenway Committee** has been beautifying Grand Avenue since 2000.
- Numerous groups and clubs participate in beautification and maintenance efforts throughout the city.