

Phinney Neighborhood Block Grant Voter Pamphlet

**An opportunity
to decide how to
spend \$200,000
of Neighborhood
Improvement
money.**



A Beginning . . .

On June 13, 14, and 15, 1980, Phinney Neighborhood residents will be asked to decide how to spend \$200,000 of Block Grant funds on a variety of neighborhood projects. In 1978, the Phinney Neighborhood was chosen by the City Council as one of five block grant neighborhoods to be included in the New Neighborhood Program. The neighborhood became eligible for these grant monies by showing that they met criteria defining low and moderate income neighborhoods and by showing neighborhood support through a petition campaign spearheaded by the Phinney Ridge Community Council. A neighborhood planner from the City's Office of Neighborhood Planning began working with the neighborhood in February, 1979. In May and June, 1979, the planner and several neighborhood residents doorbelled the entire neighborhood, speaking to or leaving information for each household. Residents were then invited to a series of neighborhood meetings to begin identifying problems and needs of the Phinney Neighborhood. Individuals who attended these meetings were asked to participate in the Phinney Neighborhood Block Grant Steering Committee and serve on sub-committees created to address the neighborhood problems and make realistic proposals designed to help solve them. The proposals discussed in this pamphlet are the fruit of one year's work by these citizen committees working closely with the neighborhood planner. They represent a sincere effort to identify programs and projects, addressing neighborhood needs, and qualifying for the \$200,000.

And now a word from your sponsor. . .

The Phinney Neighborhood Association is a neighborhood-based non-profit corporation created out of the Phinney Block Grant Steering Committee. The PNA and the City of Seattle's Office of Neighborhood Planning are jointly sponsoring the publication of this voter pamphlet and the neighborhood vote on June 13, 14, and 15, 1980. In addition, the PNA will sponsor neighborhood gatherings to allow you the opportunity to ask questions and get more information on the proposals that will appear on the ballot.

A voter information booth and voting booth will be located at the Woodland Park Presbyterian Church (225 N. 70th) on Friday, June 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, June 14th and Sunday, June 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members of the Phinney Neighborhood Association will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Money Matters . . .

Block Grant funds are some of our federal tax dollars which are returned to local governments. This money must be used to assist in meeting the needs of low and moderate income people. Specifically, the money can be used to fund physical-improvements such as street improvements or recreation facilities. They can also be used to fund programs that serve primarily low or moderate income people such as senior services and weatherization programs. All of the proposals discussed in the pamphlet have been developed with these guidelines in mind.

Neighborhood Goals. . .

It is important to remember that these proposals were generated by your neighbors and the money must be used for projects within the boundaries of the neighborhood. The Phinney Neighborhood Association has looked carefully at the concerns, problems and proposals that came from the neighborhood meetings and committees. From these they have come up with the following proposed community goals. They ask that you use these in evaluating the proposals that will appear on the ballot.

1. To maintain the unique character of the Phinney Neighborhood and to assist its residents in enhancing the quality of their lives.
2. To foster neighborhood identity and cohesiveness.
3. To better serve the needs of low and moderate income neighborhood residents.

By the people, for the people . . .

Some of the more active participants in the Block Grant process got together and created the Phinney Neighborhood Association. The PNA is a non-profit corporation made up of your neighbors. The PNA meets on the second Monday of each month and actively seeks funding for neighborhood projects which can be governed by neighborhood residents. The PNA also has had the responsibility of monitoring the Block Grant process since February, 1980. Since their incorporation, they have received a \$20,000 grant from the Neighborhood Technology Coalition to conduct a series of self-help storm window construction workshops. Membership is open to any resident of the Phinney Neighborhood. For more information on the storm window workshops, or if you are interested in joining the PNA and participating more actively in your neighborhood, call Steve Paul, President of the PNA, during the day at 632-6666 or in the evenings at 789-4697.

Accomplishments . . .

In addition to working on the proposals that are reflected in this voter's pamphlet, your neighbors have to be congratulated for their other efforts on behalf of the neighborhood. They have worked to find solutions that take advantage of current City programs and funds or that involve political action. Some of the efforts initiated and worked on include:

1. The creation and incorporation of the Phinney Neighborhood Association (PNA). This non-profit group, with membership open to all residents of the Phinney Neighborhood, will seek programs and funding on behalf of the neighborhood and responding to expressed needs.
2. The work of Mr. Tony Ross, the Community Development Committee and the Phinney Neighborhood Association in applying for and receiving a grant from the Neighborhood Technology Coalition to coordinate and operate a Self-Help Storm Window Weatherization Project. This will give neighborhood residents the opportunity to construct and install their own storm windows.
3. The efforts of the Land Use Committee to work on behalf of the Neighborhood in appearing at hearings on land use issues affecting Phinney Ridge and participating in the creation and criticism of the multi-family section of the proposed new city comprehensive land use policies.

Where do we go from here?

As a member of the Phinney Neighborhood, your role is an important one.

Here's what you can do:

1. Read the voter information pamphlet carefully;
2. Come to the all-neighborhood meeting, meet your neighbors, ask questions about the proposals and the Neighborhood Association;
3. Vote for those projects which you feel have the most merit or are important to you.
4. Get involved in activities to implement those proposals which are funded.

This is your chance to have a direct voice in how your tax dollars are spent in your own neighborhood.

Stand up and be counted.

How can I vote?

Eligibility:

If you are 16 years old or over, live in the neighborhood (own or rent), or own or operate a

business in the Phinney Neighborhood, you are eligible to vote. You will be asked to bring proof of your residence or business address as a means of verification, for example: a driver's license, library card, a recent utility bill or a recently received letter.

Absentee Ballots:

If you are unable to vote in person, an absentee ballot can be mailed to you. This service is intended for those physically unable to get to the polling place. To receive a ballot, you must request one in writing from Marc Krandel, Office of Neighborhood Planning, Department of Community Development, no later than June 6, 1980. A form for requesting an absentee ballot follows. All absentee ballots must be returned to the Office of Neighborhood Planning no later than Friday, June 13, 1980.

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Send to:

Office of Neighborhood Planning
Department of Community Development
400 Yesler Way
Seattle, WA 98104

Attention: Marc Krandel

Sample Ballot:

The ballot will list each project in the same order as described in this pamphlet. Each voter will be given \$200,000 in "play money" to "buy" her/his favorite projects. In addition, on each project that you do not "buy", please express your opinion as to whether you support, oppose, or are neutral about having the project implemented.

Should some of the Block Grant money be spent to support a transportation system for senior citizens on Phinney Ridge for three years?

If you believe it should, place \$20,000 in the stickers below.

If you did not spend money on this project, please check one of the following:

Comments:

Support Neutral Oppose

Projects will be prioritized based on the number of votes each gets. Those projects which receive the most votes whose cumulative project costs do not exceed \$200,000 will be implemented

first. Priorities may shift, however. If there are cost overruns on the projects with the highest priority, those projects lower on the list will not be funded so that the \$200,000 limit is not exceeded.

What the future holds...

After the vote, the ballots will be counted and those projects which receive the majority of votes will be the winners. All neighborhood residents who participated in the vote will be notified as to the outcome by mail. The results will also be given to the Outlook and the Ballard News-Tribune for publication. As soon as possible after the vote, projects will be implemented. The Phinney Neighborhood Association and other citizens will keep an advisory eye on the work progress. If any cost overruns occur on projects, the PNA will be called upon to make new decisions. All neighborhood residents are encouraged to participate in the PNA. Call Steve Paul, President of the PNA, at 632-6666, or Marc Krandel, your neighborhood planner, at 625-4492, for further information.

These Block Grant funded projects will hopefully meet some of the neighborhood needs. However, other problems identified by your neighbors cannot be solved by spending block grant monies; but, will need continued citizen action. The Phinney Neighborhood Association can provide a forum for this kind of problem resolution as well as being a place to get information and assistance along self-help lines.

Contact Person: Steve Paul 789-4697

Your neighborhood planner will continue to work with the Phinney Neighborhood Association on the neighborhood plan. The plan will include land use, social service and transportation recommendations and policies. Each neighborhood resident is encouraged to submit ideas and help. Please call your planner, Marc Krandel, at 625-4492 for information.

Where and When

The voting will take place . . .

**Friday, June 13, 1980,
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 14, 1980,
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 15, 1980,
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Woodland Park
Presbyterian Church
225 N. 70th**

(N. 70th and Greenwood N.)

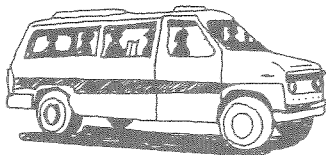
I. Senior Concerns

1. Senior Transportation *202*

Cost: \$20,000

Need:

There are many seniors living in the Phinney Neighborhood and surrounding areas. They often do not drive and have trouble taking a Metro bus for essential trips such as health care, social service, grocery shopping, and personal business. For some, the bus does not run directly to where they need to go, or they have difficulty carrying parcels on and off the bus. For others, it is physically difficult or impossible to get into or off of the bus. Taxi service is expensive and gas prices continue to rise. In order to stay in their homes, seniors on fixed incomes must keep their costs down and have a way of meeting their needs outside of the home.



Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be used to subsidize a senior transportation service. This would be done by leasing a van for three years. The Greenwood Senior Center and Northwest Senior Center have demonstrated a willingness to seek funding to match the neighborhood contribution. This would provide a permanent driver, administration and maintenance of the service. This proposal would also provide funds for a study to determine the success of the project. The data would also be used to find new funding for the service after the three years of Block Grant subsidy. If no new funding is found, service would have to be discontinued.

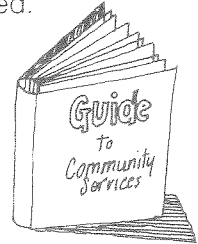
**Contact Person: Karen Marshall
784-3800**

no 2. Resource and Information Guide for Seniors

Need:

Various organizations and agencies currently provide the general public with brochures outlining services they specifically offer. Merchants advertise discounts

for seniors in daily and neighborhood newspapers. There are some resource directories which list all the resources available in King County. These guides are most often directed at and used by service providers and not senior citizens. Seniors are faced with collecting large numbers of brochures which are often unreadable and present difficulty in determining what services they may be eligible to use. Seniors must search around to find the service that meets their needs. Many give up in frustration. This process is especially difficult for those persons who are visually disabled or handicapped.



Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be used to develop and distribute a comprehensive guide to community services and resources to senior citizens residing in the Phinney Neighborhood. It is further proposed that this resource guide be: printed in large type, making it easy to read; be well indexed to make it easy to find the resource in need; including information on merchant discounts available to senior citizens; and be updated every six months for two years.

**Contact Person: Karen Marshall
784-3800**

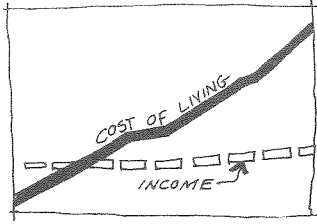
3. Homesharing for Seniors *ok*

Need:

Many senior citizens have trouble making ends meet. Homeowners are facing the ever-rising costs of housing. Many senior citizens have lost a partner and find themselves without companionship or the help of a second person in the care of their home. Many senior women live alone and are afraid to open the door or to go out to take care of their needs.

Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be spent to fund an intensive outreach program in the Phinney Neighborhood to educate and inform older residents about the possibilities of shared living. More than 25% of the population in the Phinney



Neighborhood are over 62 years of age. This housing alternative helps to fight inflation while keeping older people self-sufficient. This outreach would be done by the Homesharing for Seniors program now located in the Stevens Neighborhood. The program has operated successfully through the Stevens Neighborhood Housing Improvement Program. Many seniors have been introduced to other seniors seeking a compatible housemate. The program is operated with the strictest confidentiality. Financial guidance is offered as well as referral to community resources such as moving assistance, housing repair and transportation.

**Contact Person: Christine Nyburg
329-7303**

4. Health and Safety Workshops for Seniors

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Cost: \$15,000

Need:

As people grow older, personal health becomes an increasingly important issue. Many of the health problems faced by the senior citizens in our neighborhood can be prevented. Proper nutrition is one way seniors may take control of their own health. Some safety precautions can prevent such accidents as falls. Broken bones are one of the major reasons seniors have to give up their homes in favor of more supervised living arrangements.



Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be spent to set up, advertise and conduct a series of health and safety workshops for the senior citizens living in the Phinney Neighborhood. These workshops will be available also to those families in the neighborhood who are caring for an older family member. Workshop topics should include nutrition, preventative health and mental health issues and home safety for senior citizens. This may help keep our neighbors healthy and in their homes.

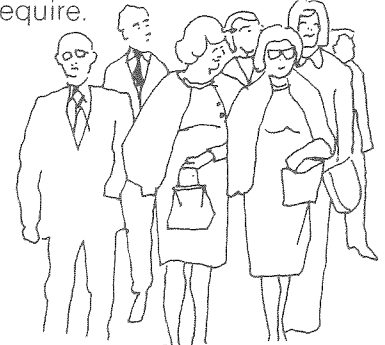
**Contact Person: Marc Krandel
625-4492**

II. Neighborhood Programs

5. Community Center *3* Cost: \$100,000

Need:

Phinney has not been an identifiable neighborhood. Residents living in various parts of the neighborhood are not sure whether they are part of Greenlake, Greenwood, or Ballard. There is also no centrally located, accessible, identifiable place for neighborhood groups to meet. Most people have to go to Ballard or Greenwood to get needed social services. The bus service to Ballard makes it difficult for many of our elderly neighbors to get the services they require.



Proposal:

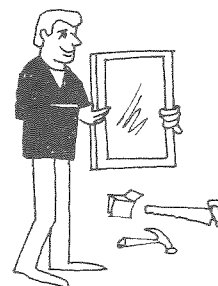
It is proposed that Block Grant money be spent to set up a community center. The center would provide a focus for the exchange of services, skills, and information. In addition, the center would provide a convenient central location and meeting place for neighborhood activities and organizations. Educational, social and recreation services will be offered at the center by existing agencies. This "one-stop shopping" will offer neighborhood residents an accessible, centrally located multi-service center. Neighborhood identity and involvement will be encouraged by this type of community-based, neighborhood controlled activity.

Note:

A great deal of investigation and work has already been put into this proposal by neighborhood residents and the City. Both the neighborhood and the City require the the community center be self-supporting after three years. This is a one-time grant. There will be no Block Grant money available to support the community center after the first three years of operation. The Office of Neighborhood Planning, with community participation, has hired a consultant to do an economic analysis of the community center proposal. The consultant will study the prospect of generating revenue for support of the community center. If the results of the study show the community center proposal to be feasible, a structure, organization and budget will be recommended. If the study shows the community center proposal not to be feasible at the level of operation the community has proposed, the City may fund a center that will operate at a smaller, but self-supporting scale. The Phinney Neighborhood Association feels that no matter what level the community center operates at, a centrally located, community controlled, service-oriented space is a valuable step toward community identity.

Contact Person: John Strong, 789-5429

provided to instruct individuals in the construction of wood and plexiglass storm windows. Materials would be provided free to individuals meeting income guidelines. Workshops would also provide other information on weatherization techniques and resources. Individuals would also receive assistance in installation of the storm windows. The cost savings from joining together to purchase materials and constructing the windows will help every household in the neighborhood stay warmer this winter.



This project is especially designed to help seniors on fixed incomes and low and moderate income people stay warm, stay healthy, and stay in the community as active participants in the neighborhood's future.

Contact Person: Tony Ross
784-2832

III. Self-Help

6. Self-Help Storm Window Construction Workshop *13* Cost: \$25,000

Need:

Many individuals in the Phinney Neighborhood have low or moderate incomes. Within this group are many senior citizens or single parent families who are on fixed incomes. With inflation eating away at our incomes, it is easy to understand why some people have difficulty keeping up with the price of their basic needs. Cutting down on drafts coming from windows and doors conserves energy and thereby saves money. This saving of money allows people to pay their bills and stay in their homes rather than possibly being displaced.

Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be used to aid in the self-help construction of storm windows. Workshops would be

7. Recycling Stations *2* Cost: \$5,000

Need:

It is important for communities to realize the costs of throwing cans and bottles away. We have all become aware that energy is a scarce resource and an expensive one. Land available for landfill is becoming scarce. The cost of making aluminum from ore is ten times higher than making it from recycled cans. The higher price is reflected in the cost of electricity for production. The more power needed to make aluminum, the more each of us has to pay at the store and on our own utility bills. There are no recycling stations on Phinney Ridge. People who want to recycle have to take their cans and bottles to Wallingford or Fremont stations.



Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be used to develop up to three recycling facilities on Phinney Ridge. The stations will be built by neighborhood residents. Educational campaigns will be organized to teach people how to use these stations, as well as advertising their locations. This program will encourage energy conservation through household recycling. It will provide a convenient means to recycle within the neighborhood. It will also establish a community project which is self-supporting and which may, in time, become a revenue generating activity.

Contact Person: Ed Medeiros
782-6232

8. Tree Bank
Cost: \$10,000

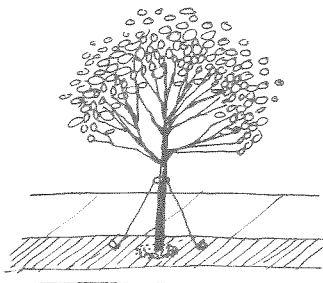
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Need:

Street trees can be an important element in community revitalization or preservation. They have aesthetic appeal to many people who live and work in the neighborhood. In addition, they can provide each home with a much needed buffer from the visual, noise and air pollution impacts of automobiles.

Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be spent to establish a neighborhood tree bank to be coordinated through the arborist for the City of Seattle Engineering Department. Each homeowner, if they desire, would be given the opportunity to choose one of several varieties of trees approved by the Engineering Department. These trees must be planted in the parking strip.



Note: City policy regarding street trees states that new trees will be provided only if the property owner agrees in writing to maintain them and incur all costs associated with maintenance.

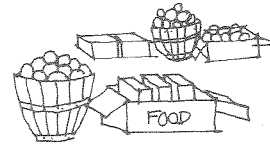
Contact Person: Elizabeth Rodgers
789-1233

9. Neighborhood Local Produce Market and Food Buying Clubs

Cost: \$2,500

Need:

Depending on income, food requires 30% to 60% of a family's budget. Each of us has experienced the inflationary rise in food prices. Most of the vegetables that appear in our supermarkets are grown in California. Shipping these vegetables to our markets requires energy; the gas and oil used by trucks. The cost of energy keeps rising. For the elderly who are on fixed incomes, the rising cost of food further restricts their buying power as well as their diets. This kind of project helps local farmers and thereby protects the quality of life we have come to know in the Northwest.



Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be spent on equipment for food buying clubs (sometimes referred to as pre-order co-ops) and to set up a non-profit, volunteer operated, neighborhood local produce market. It is further proposed that Block Grant funds be spent to set up workshops to teach neighborhood residents how to run food buying clubs and a neighborhood local produce market. Cooperative buying of bulk commodities (cheese, grains, etc.) saves families money and makes them more aware of the quality of food they eat. The opportunity for neighborhood residents to buy locally grown produce at low prices at a neighborhood market speaks for itself. The involvement and interaction of neighbors will help express neighborhood identity and togetherness.

Contact Person: Alice Poggi
789-4754

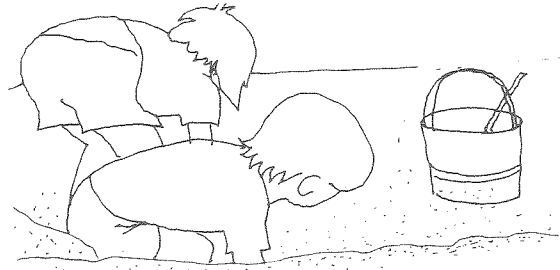
10. Pre-School Co-op
Cost: \$10,000

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Need:

The Phinney Neighborhood has gone through much transition in the past five

years. Most of the families who now live in the area have children primarily of pre-school age. For many of these families, this is the first home they have owned. In many instances, both parents work and there is a real need for day care for their children. The cost of day care is sometimes more than the family can afford.



Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be spent to organize a pre-school co-op in the Phinney Neighborhood. This would be accomplished by advertising and holding workshop/meetings on the organization and operation of pre-school co-ops. A co-op would be set up involving interested families. A consultant would provide technical assistance to the co-op until it is running smoothly.

**Contact person: Ed Medeiros
782-6232**

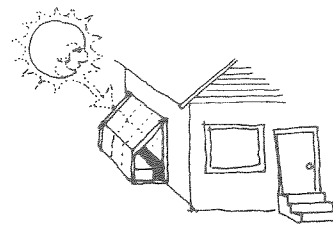
11. Greenhouse Construction Workshops
Cost: \$10,000

Need:

We are still experiencing a sharp inflationary rise in the costs of both energy and food. As winter approaches, people will start to look closely at their budgets to find ways to meet their home heating needs. Food has also taken up an increasingly large part of a family's budget. People need to learn how to meet some of their own heating and food needs.

Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be spent to set up, advertise, and conduct workshops in the construction of attached solar greenhouses. These workshops should teach people how to build an attached solar greenhouse, its advantages for passive heating, and food production. Workshop participants would actually take part in the construction of an attached greenhouse on the home of a neighborhood resident. They would also receive information on passive solar heating with a



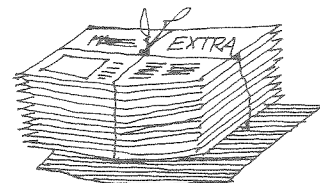
greenhouse and follow-up workshops on food production.

Contact person: Ruth Vega 789-3466

12. Neighborhood Newspaper
Cost: \$7,500

Need:

There are two local newspapers which serve Phinney Ridge; the Outlook and the Ballard News-Tribune. Neither of these newspapers are sponsored by the community. Their service splits Phinney Ridge in two, giving half of the Neighborhood news relating to Ballard and the other half news of Greenlake, Wallingford, and University Districts.



Proposal:

It is proposed the Block Grant money be spent to start a neighborhood newspaper. This newspaper would be sponsored by a board of directors made up of neighborhood residents. The grant would pay for start-up costs. A consultant will help this initial volunteer project get off the ground. Volunteers would be trained in layout, working with printers, advertising and distribution. The project would help establish neighborhood identity and pride. Both of these were of high priority in the initial needs assessment conducted in the neighborhood.

Contact person: Steve Paul 789-4697

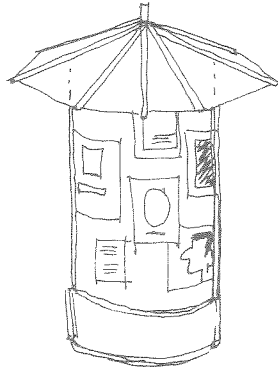
IV. Capitol Improvement

13. Improvements to Woodland Park - 59th and Phinney

Cost: \$50,000

Need:

The Phinney Neighborhood lacks an identifiable space for outdoor neighborhood gathering. There is also no designated area for posting public notices and neighborhood information. The neighborhood needs a public space that it can relate to as its own.



Proposal:

It is proposed that Block Grant money be spent to fund the following improvements to Woodland Park at 59th and Phinney:

1. A picnic shelter
2. Barbecues
3. Picnic tables and benches
4. A kiosk for neighborhood information
5. Upgrading and landscaping
6. A sign naming the area the Phinney Neighborhood Picnic Area.

These improvements would make this area a more identifiable and usable community space. Renaming the area will stand as a memorial for Phinney who donated the land that Woodland Park sits on to the City of Seattle.

**Contact Person: Nick Sfondouris
783-1673**

Notes

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Voting Times & Places

Friday, June 13, 1980
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10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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