



## Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness Funding Application

For more information on the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness, please visit:  
<http://www.longbeach.gov/health/services/directory/mayors-fund/>

The City of Long Beach (City) works in collaboration with non-profit and other community partners to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness in our area. Through the City's model Continuum of Care system, sites such as the Multi-Service Center have been able to work together to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency.

However, there is still much work to be done. The Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness (Mayor's Fund) provides small grants to organizations in Long Beach that address significant service delivery needs that are not covered by existing funding and are not considered emergency needs. Donations to this fund could support a variety of critical needs, including:

- Relocation Assistance
- Shelter Services
- Transportation Assistance
- Critical infrastructure improvements and repairs
- Replacement of mission critical equipment
- Move-in Assistance
- Immediate shelter needs

The Mayor's Fund is financed by donations from residents, businesses and community organizations, with most funding coming from an annual campaign. Money disbursed from the Mayor's Fund must be used to benefit people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach.

All approved allocations are for single use only. Recurring funding is not available, but an organization can apply more than once. Allocations from the Mayor's Fund will only be granted to nonprofit or other community agencies serving people experiencing homelessness in the City.

### Eligible Applicants:

- Must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or Long Beach based community group.
- Must have an address located within Long Beach.
- Must currently provide services to people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach.

**Mayor's Fund Allocation Recipient Requirements:**

- The Agency must submit monthly invoices for reimbursement and back-up documentation that supports the actual expenditures for the service activity allocated from the Mayor's Fund.
- For capital expenditures over \$10,000, HSAC reserves the right to request multiple bids

**Mayor's Fund Allocation Process:**

- To request funding, agencies must submit a proposal to the Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC), which should include the following:
  1. Legal name of the agency requesting the allocation
  2. Agency's history of serving homeless populations in Long Beach, including services currently provided
  3. Statement of need; for what exactly the money will be used (itemized)
  4. A simple project budget with expenditures and requested funds
  5. Amount requested and impact of one-time Mayor's Fund allocation (grants typically range from \$2,500-\$10,000)

Proposals should be emailed to [HomelessServices@longbeach.gov](mailto:HomelessServices@longbeach.gov) or submitted online via this form.

All proposals requesting Mayor's Fund allocations will be reviewed by the Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) and must be approved by the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services. Funds to be disbursed using cost-based reimbursement and pending MOU execution between the submitting agency and the City via check from the City's agent within two weeks of approval. Upfront grant payments will be considered on an as-needed basis.

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## Funding Application

**Organization**

Disabled Resources Center, Inc.

**501(c)(3) Number**

51-0204442

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## Organizational Experience:

**State the number of years your organization has been serving people experiencing**

**State the number of persons your organization serves in an average month:**

**Describe the services your organization provide:**

Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC) is a private, nonprofit corporation which holds 501(c)(3) Federal Income Tax status. The Center holds Federal Tax Identification Number is 51-0204442. DRC has always served people with all disabilities, free of charge, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or type of disability,

DRC is Long Beach's very own Independent Living Center (ILC). As defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 702, an ILC is:

"A consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private agency that is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities and provides an array of independent living services."

Our Mission Statement is: "To empower people with disabilities to live independently in the community, to make their own decisions about their lives and to advocate on their own behalf."

Founded in 1976, DRC was born of the Independent Living movement that was spearheaded by the indomitable Ed Roberts, who established the first ILC in Berkeley, California, in 1972. Now, DRC is one of 28 ILCs located geographically statewide, affiliated with the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), serving people with all disabilities, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or type of disability. We refer to the clients of our Center as "consumers," the people who are receiving services from DRC. In line with DRC's history, aims and purposes, our staff and Board of Directors are mostly persons with disabilities. DRC serves the cities of Artesia, Avalon, Cypress, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Palma, Long Beach, Seal Beach, and Signal Hill, plus 52 ZIP Codes in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, and Orange County.

As a California ILC, DRC offers eight core services, as mandated by DOR: Information and Referral (I&R); Individual and Systems Advocacy; Independent Living Skills; Peer Counseling; Transition and Diversion; Personal Assistance Services; Housing; and Assistive Technology. Additionally, All services are offered free of charge.

Especially at this time, with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Center's most crucial demands involve homelessness prevention. Thus we are requesting funding to assist with temporary motel housing, food and all day bus passes for consumers, both individuals and families, who are homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless.

DRC's major objectives for this project/program include:

1. Short-term: To place individuals and families, at risk of homelessness, in a safe place, by providing motel, food, and transportation vouchers, while preparing for transitional housing. In Long Beach, the dearth of affordable housing renders this both a crucial priority and a desperate need.
2. Long-term: To find transitional housing for these consumers. DRC is able to purchase vouchers for motel, food, and transportation, while working with other agencies to find transitional housing.

Program services encompass:

1. Housing Search Assistance and Information
2. Homelessness/Crisis Assistance. DRC provides short-term, one-time vouchers for emergency motel housing, food and transportation, while more permanent arrangements are made through other agencies.
3. Eviction and Unlawful Detainer Referrals and Information
4. Transitional Assistance and Funding
5. Emergency Utility Services payment assistance involving the Southern California Edison Company and

the Long Beach Gas Company.

Here are some of the specific actions that DRC takes in order to achieve results relative to the Homeless Services Program:

1. The Housing Coordinator provides the following services to consumers who apply for emergency shelter, food, and transportation vouchers:
  - a. Screen all persons applying for crisis and homelessness assistance.
  - b. Determine if individual applicants are eligible for crisis and homelessness assistance.
  - c. Provide individual case coordination services.
2. The Independent Living Skills/Peer Support Coordinator serves Homelessness Prevention Services consumers by helping the individual consumers manage and achieve more favorable independent living situations through providing ongoing Independent Living Skills assistance/training.
3. The Benefits Advocate provides the following services to Homelessness Prevention Services consumers:
  - a. Assists consumers with their applications and appeals concerning benefits.
  - b. Disseminates information on public entitlements and self-advocacy via both individual appointment sessions and group workshops.

Funding from this grant will help Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC) assist individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness. In providing this assistance, DRC works with the Center's network of community and civic groups. Especially in a situation of civic and societal urgency, the breadth and depth of this longstanding, firmly established networking promotes the leveraging of resources and increasing efforts to achieve shared community goals. DRC helps individuals and families move beyond homelessness via collaborations with not only local, City, County, and other government departments, but also other similarly purposed community organizations, for example: the City of Long Beach, Catholic Charities, United Way, Southern California Edison, Long Beach Multi-Service Center, Beyond Shelter, Safe Refuge (Substance Abuse Foundation), the Social Security Administration, LSS Community Care (Lutheran Social Services), the New Image Shelter, and the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

**List all subpopulations served by your organization:**

DRC has always served people with all disabilities, free of charge, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or type of disability. The Center's records yield demographic data on our consumers.

Self-identified by gender, consumers are: 60.0% female; 40.0% male;

Self-identified by race and/or ethnicity, consumers are: American Indian or Alaska Native, 0.4%; Asian, 46.9%; Black or African-American, 15.7%; Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, 0.4%; White, 8.6%; Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/Latino only, 24.7%; Two or more races, 2.8%; Race and ethnicity unknown, 0.5%.

By age, DRC's consumers are: Under 5 years old, 3.0%; Ages 5-19 years, 11.8%; Ages 20-24 years, 7.2%; Ages 25-59 years, 47.0%; Ages 60 years and older, 31.0%; Age unavailable, 0.0%.

Consumers' self-identification by type of disability include: Cognitive, 6.4%; Mental/Emotional, 6.6%; Physical, 65.9%; Hearing, 0.5%; Vision, 0.5%; Multiple Disabilities, 20.0%; Other, 0.1%.

## **Request Information:**

**Amount of funding requested:**

\$10,000.00

**Summarize your proposed project:**

Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC) requests \$10,000.00 from the Long Beach Mayor's Fund to End

Homelessness, to provide emergency vouchers for temporary motel housing, food and 24 hour bus transportation for individuals and families who are homeless or facing homelessness, through our ongoing, successful Homelessness Prevention Program, established in 1976. While voucher recipients are in temporary motel housing, DRC works with other agencies to find them transitional or, hopefully, permanent housing, which is especially a crucial need, not only because of the acute shortage of affordable and/or accessible housing, but also with the civic priority of getting homeless persons off the streets in preparation for the forthcoming Los Angeles area Olympic Games.

**Are you applying for funds on a reimbursement or payment in advance basis?**

Reimbursement

## **Supporting Documentation**

**Statement of Need (one-page maximum)**

DRC Statement of Need 2023.docx

**Cost Breakdown of Proposed Project (one-page maximum)**

LB Mayor Fund Budget 2023.pdf

**Non-Profit Entity Status Letter**

DRC Certificate of Status\_1677084537210.pdf

**Proof of Address in Long Beach**

DRC Business License 2022-2023.pdf

**Other Supporting Documentation**

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## **Signature and Acknowledgement**

By signing and submitting this application, I certify that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances and agree to comply with all of the required policies set forth by the Homeless Services Advisory Committee and City of Long Beach if funded. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to exclusion from participating in future funding opportunities.

**Submission of an application is not a guarantee of funding.** Applications will be reviewed by the Homeless Services Advisory Committee and City of Long Beach Homeless Services Bureau staff.

**Name**

Dolores Nason

**Signature**

**Date**

3/3/2023

*Dolores Nason*