## City of Long Beach



## **Legislation Text**

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Recommendation to approve Community Development Advisory Commission funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012 Neighborhood Partners Program to support eight neighborhood beautification and improvement projects in the amount of \$37,939. (Districts 1,2,4,6,9)

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) is a competitive grant for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds offered by the Department of Development Services to assist neighborhood and community groups with neighborhood beautification and improvement projects. Eligible groups must be formally established organizations with designated officers or representatives and have a history of neighborhood involvement. The NPP provides matching grants of up to \$5,000 in goods and services to accomplish neighborhood improvement projects within CDBG eligible neighborhoods. The match provided by the applicant must be equal to at least 50 percent of the total project cost and may be supplied in the form of cash, goods and services, and volunteer work hours.

Notices of funding availability were sent to over 95 community groups and neighborhood associations within CDBG eligible neighborhoods on June 1, 2012. Eight proposals were received.

A committee (Committee) of the Community Development Advisory Commission (CDAC) reviewed eight proposals. The Committee reviewed and ranked each application based upon pre-established criteria that emphasized beautification or bricks and mortar neighborhood improvement projects. The Committee recommended funding for all eight proposals totaling \$37,939, and at the September 19, 2012 CDAC meeting, the Committee recommendation was approved (Attachment).

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on September 24, 2012 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on September 26, 2012.

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

Sufficient funds to support the Neighborhood Partners Program have been budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Development Services (DV). There is no local job impact as a result of this recommended action.

Approve recommendation.

AMY BODEK, AICP DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER

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