



# Building A Better Long Beach

November 1, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to approve funding of a Neighborhood Partners Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,989 to the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach Westside Facility at 1835 Willard Street. (North – District 7)

## DISCUSSION

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) is a continuing program offered by the Department of Development Services to assist neighborhood/community groups within either designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target zones or the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area to accomplish neighborhood beautification and improvement projects. The NPP provides matching grants of up to \$5,000 in goods and services to accomplish approved projects. 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, or volunteer work hours.

Prior to June 2006, the NPP was only available within CDBG target zones. In June 2006, the North Long Beach Project Area Committee (PAC) recommended that a portion of the funds allocated for PAC local programs be used to expand the NPP to the entire North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. The PAC worked closely with Neighborhood Services staff to issue a joint notice in July 2010 that applications were available for this year's funding.

In response to this notice, an application for a \$1,989 grant was received from the Boys and Girls Club of Westside Long Beach (Club) located at 1835 Willard Street (Westside Facility) in sub-area 9 of the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. The Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing youth a safe and productive environment after school and non-school days. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach serves less advantaged youth of the community by providing programs and services that will preserve and enhance the moral, social, mental, and physical development of its membership. Every day 150 to 200 youth and their parents come to the Club to participate in activities. More than 600 youths from ages 6 to 18 are members of the Club.

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The Club will use the grant to supply the labor and materials to light the front entryway of its Westside Facility. The materials include two light fixtures, mounting boxes, conduit, wiring, breaker, time clock, and miscellaneous parts. The lighting installation is part of a larger beautification effort for the Westside property which includes trimming of overgrown trees, planting fall color plants around the front perimeter of the Club, adding new soil and turf to the front lawn and repairing the flag pole. Total project costs are estimated at \$6,173.

On October 28, 2010, the North Project Area Committee recommended approval of Club's NPP grant application in the amount of \$1,989 as part of non-maintenance related improvement costs. The required supplemental matching fund in the amount of \$5,000 has been verified in the Grant Application. Funds are available for this grant program in the FY 2011 budget for the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area under PAC local programs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



AMY J. BODEK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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