



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Authorization to Fund Community Projects Under the Neighborhood Partners Program (Districts 1, 2, 4, 6, and 9)

DISCUSSION

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) is a continuing program offered by the Department of Community Development to assist neighborhood/community groups within designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target zones to accomplish neighborhood beautification and improvement projects. Eligible groups must be formally established organizations with designated officers, membership rosters, and a history of neighborhood involvement. 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, and volunteer work hours. (Volunteer work hours may not be the sole match.)

Notices of funding availability were sent to over 150 community groups and neighborhood associations within the CDBG target zones on July 1, 2004. Eight proposals were received in the competition for funds. A special committee of the Community Development Advisory Commission (CDAC) reviewed and ranked each application based upon pre-established criteria that emphasized positive neighborhood improvement projects. At its November 17, 2004 meeting, CDAC unanimously voted to recommend all eight proposals for funding. A summary of the applications received and funding requests/recommendations is attached. The recommended funding level is \$31,531.92.

This council letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on November 18, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 19, 2004.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds to support the Neighborhood Partners Program have been budgeted in the Community Development Block Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact on the General Fund.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve the attached Community Development Advisory Commission funding recommendations for the FY04-05 Neighborhood Partners Program in the amount of \$31,531.92.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

APPROVED:



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