



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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February 17, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Neighborhood Partners Program funding recommendations to support nine neighborhood beautification and improvement projects in the amount of \$34,738. (Districts 1, 4, 6, 7, and 9)

DISCUSSION

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) is offered by the Department of Community Development's Neighborhood Services Bureau to assist neighborhood/community groups within designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target zones to support 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 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 400 community groups and neighborhood associations within the CDBG target zones on October 27, 2008. Nine 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 January 21, 2009 meeting, a majority of the CDAC members voted to recommend all nine proposals for funding. A summary of the applications received and funding requests/recommendations is attached. The recommended funding level for all nine projects is \$34,738.21

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on January 23, 2009 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 27, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds to support the Neighborhood Partners Program are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation

Respectfully submitted,



DENNIS J. THYS, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Attachment: Neighborhood Partners Program – Funding Recommendations – FY 08/09 Round 1

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS PROGRAM - FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Fiscal Year: 2008-2009 Round: 1

as approved by the Community Development Advisory Commission on January 21, 2009

Association Name	Project Location	Project Description	\$ Requested	\$ Approved	CD
East Hill/Salt Lake Neigh Assoc 1040 E Hill St Long Beach, CA 90806	Martin Luther King Park 1950 Lemon Ave.	Place dedication bricks around the existing Martin Luther King statue	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	6
Grant Neighborhood Association 1726 E Poppy St Long Beach, CA 90805	Thirteen locations along Poppy Street & Rose Ave.	Plant 30 trees in various parkways on Poppy Street & Rose Ave.	\$1,124.78	\$1,124.78	9
Long Beach Day Nursery 1548 Chestnut Ave Long Beach, CA 90813	1548 Chestnut Ave	Remove graffiti and restore mural on wall of Nursery	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	1
Long Beach Heritage Association PO Box 22521 Long Beach, CA 90809	953 Park Circle	Build a fence in front of Bembridge House	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	1
US Veterans Initiative - LB 2001 River Ave Long Beach, CA 90810	Villages at Cabrillo, 2001 River Ave.	Purchase fountain spray ring for "Veterans Memorial Fountain"	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	7
Washington Middle School 1450 Cedar Ave Long Beach, CA 90813	1450 ² Cedar Ave	Plant plants and install railing in front of planters	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	1
West Eastside Comm. Association 2635 E 17th St Long Beach, CA 90804	Various sites within the West East Side neighborhood	Plant 16 purple plum trees in parkway throughout the neighborhood	\$615.73	\$615.73	4
Wrigley Area Neigh Alliance PO Box 6370 Long Beach, CA 90806	Park space located at the corner of 21st St. & the riverbed	Build a playground for the neighborhood children	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	7
Wrigley Going Green 467 W 25th St Long Beach, CA 90806	Anaheim Street, between Magnolia Ave. & Chestnut Ave.	Plant 13 trees along Anaheim St. in curb cuts in the sidewalk	\$4,997.70	\$4,997.70	1

TOTALS: (9) \$34,738.21 \$34,738.21