



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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September 5, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Neighborhood Partners Program funding recommendations to support 11 neighborhood beautification and improvement projects in the amount of \$46,370. (Districts 1, 2, 4 and 6)

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 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 400 community groups and neighborhood associations within the CDBG target zones on June 2, 2006. Eleven 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 August 11, 2006 meeting, CDAC unanimously voted to recommend all eleven proposals for funding. A summary of the applications received and funding requests/recommendations is attached. The recommended funding level is \$46,370.

This Council letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on August 24, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 25, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

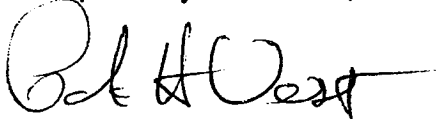
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds to support this activity 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,

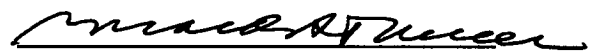


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Attachment

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER