



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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July 10, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Neighborhood Partners Program funding recommendations to support six neighborhood beautification and improvement projects in the amount of \$25,781. (Districts 1, 2, 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 April 13, 2007. Six 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 June 20, 2007 meeting, CDAC unanimously voted to recommend all six proposals for funding. A summary of the applications received and funding requests/recommendations is attached. The recommended funding level is \$25,781.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on June 25, 2007 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on June 26, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Council action on this matter is not time critical.

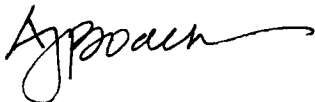
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds to support the Neighborhood Partners Program have been budgeted in the FY 07 Community Development Funds (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact on the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation

Respectfully submitted,



for PATRICK H. WEST
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Attachment

APPROVED:


CHRISTINE F. SHIPPEY
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS PROGRAM - FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Fiscal Year: 0607 Round: 1

as approved by the Community Development Advisory Commission on June 20, 2007

Association Name	Project Location	Project Description	\$ Requested	\$ Approved	CD
Alamitos Beach Neigh Assoc 102 Bonito Ave Long Beach, CA 90802	1600 block of Erie Street, between Walnut Ave. and Hermosa Ave.	Plant 40 trees in the parkways along Erie Street	\$2,130.00		2
Craftsman Village Historic Dist. 1203 E 8th St Long Beach, CA 90813	Craftsman Village Historic District	Place 6 trash receptacles within Craftsman District	\$3,652.58		2
Long Beach Heritage P.O. Box 92521 Long Beach, CA 90815	953 Park Circle	Repair and restore 25 glass windows in Bembridge House	\$5,000.00		1
Rose Park Neigh Association P.O. Box 3157 Long Beach, CA 90803	Rose Park Area	Purchase benches and trash receptacles	\$5,000.00		2
Willmore City Heritage Assoc. P.O. Box 688 Long Beach, CA 90801	419 Daisy Avenue	Install drought tolerant, California native landscape & fence	\$5,000.00		1
Wrigley Association P.O. Box 16192 Long Beach, CA 90806	Pine Ave, PCH, Daisy Ave., Hill St, Eucalyptus Ave, Burnett St, Magnolia Av	Plant 164 trees within the boundries specified	\$4,998.00		6

TOTALS: (6) \$25,780.58