



LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve funding of a Neighborhood Partners Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to the Carmelitos Tenants Association. (North – District 8)

DISCUSSION

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) is a continuing program offered by the Department of Community Development 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 that applications were available for funding.

In response to this notice, an application for a \$5,000 grant was received from the Carmelitos Tenants Association (CTA). The CTA is a council of residents who reside within the Carmelitos Housing Development (CHD) located in North Long Beach. CHD has 855 low- and moderate-income housing units, including 155 senior housing units, situated on a 60-acre site.

CTA will use the grant to improve CHD's popular community garden. Specifically, the grant will be used to increase the size of the garden, construct raised plots (for senior and wheelchair residents), and create a demonstration vegetable garden. The CTA has

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received 15 volunteers to help build plots, construct the garden area, and prepare the soil. Materials, supplies and services will be donated to CTA. Total project costs are estimated at \$14,178.

While the Community Development Advisory Commission reviews and recommends for approval those proposals to be funded with CDBG funds, the PAC reviews and recommends for approval those proposals to be funded with North Long Beach Redevelopment funds. On June 28, 2007, the PAC voted to recommend approval of CTA's NPP grant application in the amount of \$5,000. Funds are available for this grant program in the FY 2007 budget for North Long Beach Redevelopment Project under PAC local programs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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