

**City of Los Angeles  
Office of the City Clerk  
Neighborhood Council Funding Program**

**Neighborhood Purposes Grants**

Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) provide NCs opportunities to develop partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools to build community and enhance neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Projects and activities supported by NPGs vary widely and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements

NPG-funded projects and activities must be for a **public benefit** and purpose, **open**, **accessible**, and **free of charge** to stakeholders.

Grants approved by NCs exceeding \$5,000 involve further review and possible City contract by the Office of the City Clerk.

Visit the NC Funding Program website page on NPGs ([click here](#)) to find out more details about how 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools serving NC areas can apply. There are two NPG Information Packets; One for prospective applicants to help guide them in the application process, and one for NC board members outlining considerations and factors to keep in mind while evaluating NPG requests.

A “Project Completion Report” template is also provided to help ensure accountability in the use of Grant funds and help demonstrate how NCs and their partners are supporting L.A. communities and stakeholders. NCs and NPG recipients are strongly encouraged to work together to complete and submit the Report at the conclusion of the project.

Any questions you may have with the NPG process, please contact us at the NC Funding Program:

- [Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org](mailto:Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org)
- (213) 978-1058

**Neighborhood Council Funding Program**  
**APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Bel Air / Beverly Crest

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1a) Friends of Wonderland      95-4296007      CA      March, 1996  
*Organization Name*      *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)*      *State of Incorporation*      *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1b) 8510 Wonderland Ave      Los Angeles      CA      90046  
*Organization Mailing Address*      *City*      *State*      *Zip Code*

1c) n/a      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
*Business Address (if different)*      *City*      *State*      *Zip Code*

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Bahar Chakmakis      818-943-9971      fow@wonderlandschool.org  
*Name*      *Phone*      *Email*

2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**  
 Public School *(not to include private schools)*      or       501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)*  
**Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead**      **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

3) Wonderland Ave Elementary School LA      CA      90046  
*Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)*      *City*      *State*      *Zip Code*

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**

From the Ground Up, our school's Gardening program, was originally founded in 2009, when a group of parent volunteers came together to create an organic garden at the school. Over the years, the parents developed a community that passionately cared for the program and its maintenance year round. A victim of the pandemic and a concurrent construction project for the expansion of our Kinder program in order to offer Universal Transitional Kindergarten to our community, the Garden system and beds, inclusive of germination and sowing, rotation of seasonal crops, an irrigation system to ensure proper watering, composting, soil evaluation and maintenance, harvesting were disconnected, moved, and stored. Our garden beds are in need of repair and reinstatement in their new location in the school's yard, and this timing gave us the vision to build a more modern garden, inclusive of vertical hydroponics systems, to update and expand the student's skill sets to include technology and advancements in agriculture.

5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)**

Our student population is a hybrid of neighborhood families and a Gifted/High-Ability Magnet. The newly reinstated gardening program would further educate both students from a tight-knit and nature conscious community, as well as those that have chosen to migrate to Wonderland for their education. One of the reasons these students choose Wonderland is because of our unique array of programs outside of traditional academics: a Full-Time Library program, Art, Music, Dance, and Full-Time Physical Education, and more, thanks to the generous contributions of the parents who come together as a community to enhance our neighborhood school's offerings. Although Friends of Wonderland was successful in building and maintaining the garden for over eight years, we are in need of funding for its reinstatement and modernization following a hiatus due to Covid school shutdowns. The garden beds require relocation and repairs, new irrigation equipment is needed, and our current set of tools and basic equipment is in need of upgrades and replacements. Since LAUSD does not provide a budget for garden enrichment, our program is primarily and at times completely parent-funded. Fundraising and volunteers working in the garden is the foundation of our successful garden. Every year, we remind families that participating in our historically successful Annual giving campaign provides enrichment at Wonderland, and our community comes through with the financial support we rely on.

