

NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS OFFERED BY BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Your Neighborhood Council is authorized to award Neighborhood Purpose Grants which benefit our local BABCNC communities. Grants can only be made to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and public schools. Grants cannot be made to religious organizations or to private schools.

In evaluating a possible project request for grants, the following should be taken under consideration:

- The budget is realistic and supported with documentation
- The organization or individual is capable of completing the project
- The work plan is detailed, specific, and feasible
- The project is supported by the community
- The number of stakeholders that will benefit from this project
- The project implementation process will build community
- The complete project will enhance the community

- **Credibility.** Does your organization know what it wants to accomplish? What evidence proves that the organization is currently achieving its goals? What kind of reputation does the group enjoy within its community and beyond?

- **Capability.** What skills does the organization's staff and/or board bring to the project? Are they relevant to the project's aims? Has your organization succeeded in similar endeavors of equal size and scale to what you are now proposing?

- **Feasibility.** The Neighborhood Council must determine whether the proposal is advancing a worthwhile project built upon a good idea that can be successfully implemented. Is the budget allocated sufficiently to execute the various tasks and strategies described in the proposal?

- **Importance.** Should it be done? Is the project significant? Is there evidence that the proposal will trigger action or work that the community wants? Will it make a difference in the community it purports to aid or resolve the issue it addresses?

Factors to Consider

- Is this a capital improvement project?
 - o It should be on public property within the Neighborhood Council's boundaries
 - o There must be coordination with appropriate City agencies (i.e., Street Services, LAPD, LAFD, Rec & Parks, etc.)
 - o Appropriate permits need to be in place
- Is this for program services (i.e. afterschool program, graffiti removal, etc.)?

- o The applicant must create a fair selection process to establish participants
 - Is this for equipment and supplies?
- o Purchases for schools or 501(c)(3) organizations need to ultimately benefit the local community
 - Is this an event?
- o Events must be open and advertised to the public
- o Discuss appropriate liability issues

Interested potential applicants should view all criteria for evaluation by reading the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Applicant Packet which also contains application forms:

<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/NeighborhoodPurposesGrant-application-Nov2012.pdf>

The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee will evaluate all grant applications in a public meeting, deciding whether to approve or disapprove the proposed grant.

Grant Application should be e-mailed to:

Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee at npg@babnc.org

Or mailed to:

Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
P.O. Box 252007
Los Angeles, CA 90025

If the application is approved, it will then be forwarded to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

If all documents are in compliance, the Neighborhood Council Funding Unit will process a check to the grant recipient.