

Title: Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Nourish LA Item No. _____	
Meeting date: March 8, 2022	
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Committee Vote (if appropriate):	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Additional documents attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa (NCWP) approve the expenditure of \$1000.00 to Nourish LA, a local food pantry that supports food insecure individuals in our community.

**BACKGROUND:**

In January 2022, the Community Services Committee approved a motion to recommend a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Nourish LA in the amount of up to \$1000.00. For the past 20 months, Nourish LA has been helping to get healthy and nutritious food to the folks in our communities that need it the most. They have been providing bags of food to over 1,400 recipients weekly. Most of these recipients are families, kids at local schools, and parents struggling to make ends meet as well as elders who do not have family nearby. They pride themselves on loving their neighbors and making sure folks throughout the westside; Venice, and Westchester have a place to go to when resources are needed. They are not only a food distribution site but a place that builds community and brings people together.

From Nourish LA: “we have been able to safely have over 1,000 volunteers come through to help grow our mission and it’s been quite incredible seeing so many neighbors work together to combat food insecurity in our communities.”

**DISCUSSION:**

They expect that the need for their food pantry will continue due to the pandemic, rising rent costs, and housing instability in our area.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

This request reduces the Neighborhood Council’s allocated funds by \$1000.00, the Council currently has a budget surplus.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[NOURISH.LA](http://NOURISH.LA)

**MOTION:**

That the Neighborhood Council approve the expenditure of \$1000.00 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Nourish LA that supports our local school children and community members who need support to prevent further food insecurity during the pandemic.