

**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: Westchester Playa

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1a) Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust      38-36887836      CA      4/25/2008  
*Organization Name*      *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)*      *State of Incorporation*      *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1b) 1689 Beverly Blvd.      Los Angeles      CA      90026  
*Organization Mailing Address*      *City*      *State*      *Zip Code*

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

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Anna Gruben      410-889-2986      agruben@lanlt.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) \_\_\_\_\_  
*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.**  
 The grant is intended to continue the successful program that allows Open Magnet Charter School to be open to the public every Saturday. Open School is open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. under the terms of a Civic Center Permit which is obtained by Westchester resident Andy Sywak and the LA Neighborhood Land Trust. This program, which the NC generously supported last year, has given the Osage and Westport Heights neighborhoods badly needed access to park space that otherwise does not exist in the area. The grant money will go towards paying the salaries of LAUSD staff to be present on campus - as required - to ensure that the public is enjoying the recreational spaces and following school rules. Dialogue continues with the Rec and Parks dept. to make this program permanent.

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)**

Westchester is a park poor community. There are no dedicated recreational facilities or parks located within the core residential areas east of Pershing, north of Manchester and west of the 405. The need is particularly acute in the Osage and Westport Heights neighborhoods where there are no public parks. However, there are LAUSD campuses within these neighborhoods that have recreational assets that could be enjoyed by the public when the school is closed - a practice in many cities in the region and nationwide.

A \$2,250 grant will ensure that the park will remain open to the public every Saturday from April through the end of June 2024. The City of LA has pulled a permit for 10-2 on Saturdays but it ends on June 8 and ends at 2 p.m. This money will pay for the permit (and required janitorial expenses) on Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. April 6-June 8, and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. June 15, 22 and 29

This grant money will ensure public access to fields, playgrounds, picnic spaces and courts during the weekend when the need for recreational space is most needed. It also will cover janitorial work needed.



**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE**

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Hiring Beyond the Bell staff	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

6b) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please list names of NCs: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs)  No  Yes If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: **\$ 2,250**

10a) Start date: 4 / 6 / 24 10b) Date Funds Required: 6/1/23 10c) Expected Completion Date: 7/27/24  
 (After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

**SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?  
 Yes  No \*(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)

**SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED\*

Tori Kjer Executive Director Tori Kjer Digitally signed by Tori Kjer 1-30-24  
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date: 2024.02.02 12:47:52 -08'00'

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED\*

Belinda M. Vega Secretary Belinda Vega 2-5-2024  
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

\* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or [clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org) for instructions on completing this form