

**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)	<u>Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust</u>	<u>38-36887836</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>4/25/2008</u>
	<i>Organization Name</i>	<i>Federal I.D. # (EIN#)</i>	<i>State of Incorporation</i>	<i>Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)</i>
1b)	<u>1689 Beverly Blvd.</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>90026</u>
	<i>Organization Mailing Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
1c)	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
	<i>Business Address (If different)</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:			
	<u>Anna Gruben</u>	<u>410-889-2986</u>	<u>agruben@lanlt.org</u>	
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	
2)	Type of Organization- Please select one:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School <i>(not to include private schools)</i> Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead	or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Non-Profit <i>(other than religious institutions)</i> Attach IRS Determination Letter	
3)	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
	<i>Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

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.

