

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

Neighborhood Purposes Grants

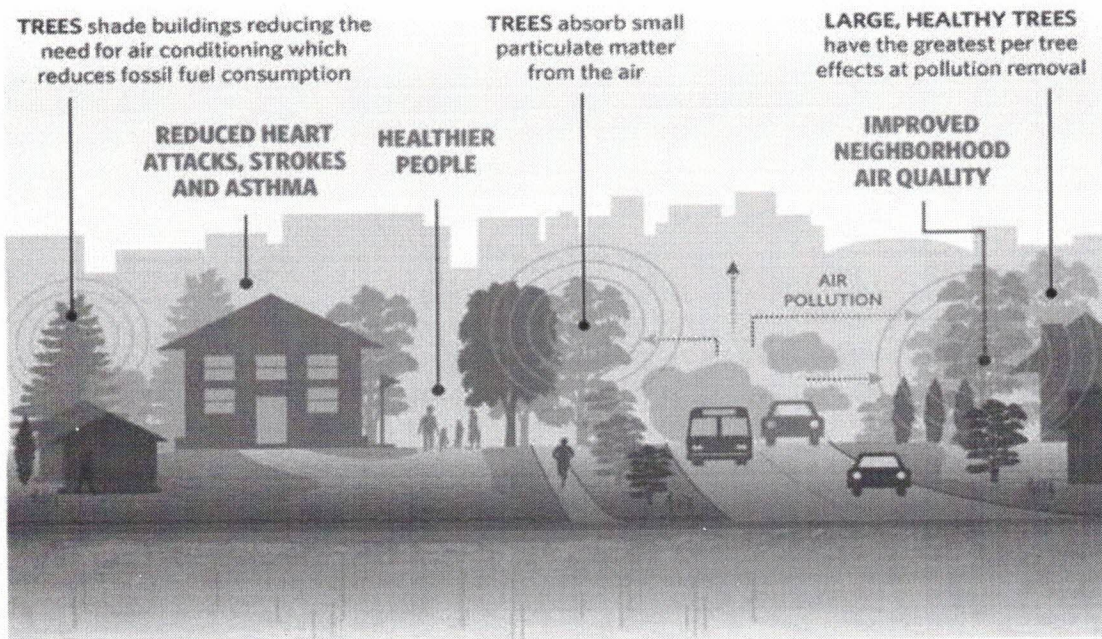
Purpose and intent of the grant.

This grant has two parts: Part One is to work with the City of Los Angeles to do a pilot project which will identify native tree species to plant in empty parkways. Part Two is to work with Recreation and Parks to replace missing trees at Oakwood Park, Venice.

Part One - Small Parkway Pilot Project

It is increasingly clear that an effective way to offset the impacts of climate change and reduce the heat island effect in cities, is to plant trees.

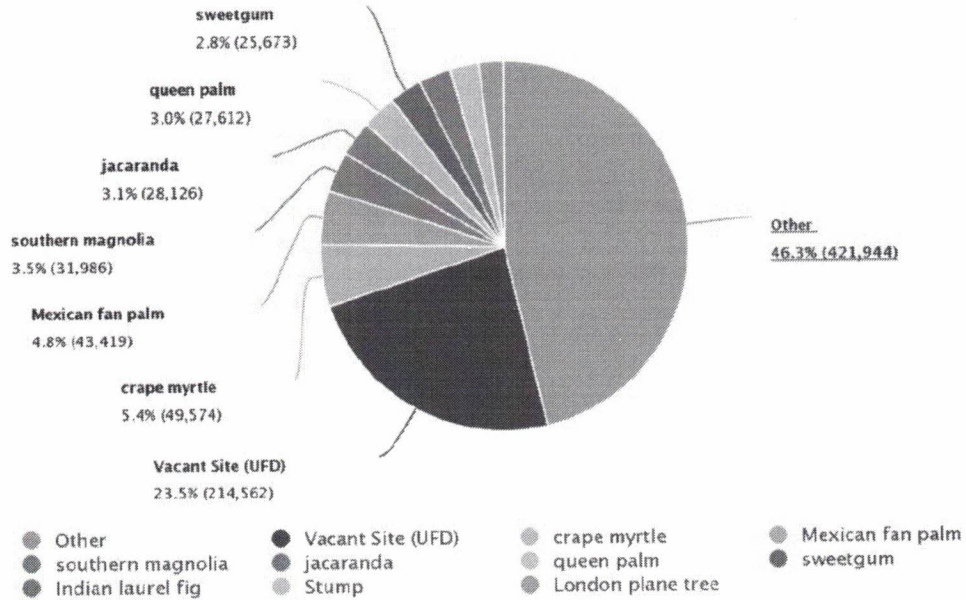
Trees in cities can remove up to a quarter of the particulate matter pollution in their immediate vicinity. And when planted between a source of pollution and an apartment building, school or hospital, urban trees can help protect human health.



Trees shade building, reduce heat-island effect, absorb pollutants, improve health, and reduce storm water run-off.

Citywide almost 25% of our possible tree locations are vacant. Of those nearly 200,000 are substandard in size making it difficult to find tree species that will provide the eco-services required without infrastructure disruptions. Venice has 1228 possible tree locations or vacant tree sites. The City has typically used a very limited number of tree species in these narrow parkways.

Streets Species Breakdown Chart



Breakdown of vacant tree site locations city-wide. Source: LA City UFD - Tree-Inventory.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICT STREET TREE SUMMARY

VENICE

BY THE NUMBERS

City street trees play a vital role in Venice communities. These trees mitigate the negative effects of urbanization and development, and enhance the quality of life within the community. Considering Venice's 8,845 trees, 154 stumps, and 1,228 vacant sites, the stocking rate is 86.3%. The most abundant type of tree in the inventory is broadleaf (57%) which provide the most shade.

8,845

Total Street Trees in Venice

INVENTORY BY TREE TYPE

Tree Type	Percentage
broadleaf	57%
palm	24.9%
vacant	12%
stump	1.5%
conifer	3.7%
other	<1%

QUICK FACTS

\$935,631	468,588 lbs	3.7m gallons	342,753	24	1,228
Annual Total Benefits	Carbon Dioxide Sequestered Annually	Stormwater Runoff Avoided Annually	KWH Saved Annually	Number of Trees > 50" Diameter	Number of Vacant Sites
\$729,756	2,892 lbs	279,094 lbs	3,036	7	154
Property Value	Air Pollutants Removed Annually	Carbon Dioxide Avoided Annually	Therms of Energy Saved Annually	Vacant Street Sites > 10' Wide	Number of Stumps

According to the City of Los Angeles Tree Inventory, Venice has a 12% tree vacancy rate

Our pilot study will explore the use of new tree species that are locally available but not necessarily typical in the nursery setting due to their very local distribution, i.e. trees that are native to the region. However, there are over 80 species of native trees that have the potential as street trees. Of these 80 trees local experts have identified dozens that have potential in narrow parkways. Working with the Community Forest Advisory Committee, Audubon, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, TreePeople, City of LA Sanitation and Environment, and Urban Forestry, we have designed a pilot study in three neighborhoods of Los Angeles to test the suitability of these trees. Working with local volunteers, Verdant Venice Group will locate, purchase and plant trees at Padua Place and Indiana Avenue. We will water, stake, and maintain the trees for at least 5 years. To support the City's efforts to identify alternative species, VVG will monitor and record our findings to help better understand the viability of each species as a realistic replacement tree. The three pilot study areas vary due to local temperatures, coastal influence and native soils. Tree selection will consider all these factors. We hope our project will spawn an interest in commercial nursery growing of our native trees.

Venice North Pilot

Project Conditions

- Coastal
- No Hills / Inclines
- Fully Developed Site
- 6 Available Tree Sites
- 6 ft Parkway
- Part Shade

2300 block of Padua Place
between Venice Blvd. & Woodlawn Ave.,
Los Angeles, California 90291

LA Native

Species List

1. *Arbutus menziesii* / Madrone
2. *Sambucus mexicana* / Blue Elderberry
3. *Umbellularia californica* / California Bay Laurel
4. *Juglans californica* / Southern California Black Walnut

Venice South Pilot

Project Conditions

- Coastal
- No Hills / Inclines
- Fully Developed Site
- 13 Available Tree Sites
- 3 ft Parkway
- Part Shade

600 block of Indiana Avenue
between Sunset Court & 7th Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90034

LA Native

Species List

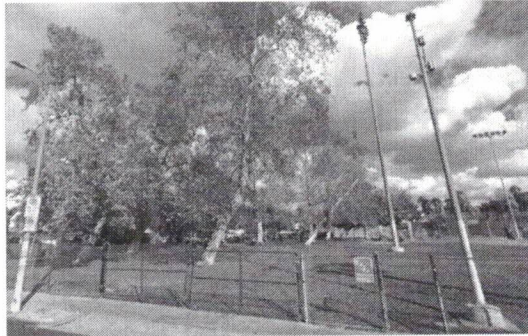
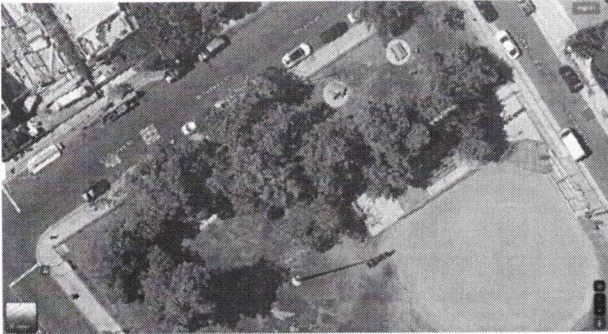
1. *Adeparionia parviflorum* / Red Shanks
2. *Ceanothus arboreus* / Island Ceanothus
3. *Quercus berlandieriana* / Scrub Oak
4. *Cercocarpus betuloides* / Mountain Mahogany
5. *Rhamnus ficifolia* / Hollyleaf Redberry
6. *Salix exigua* / Sandbar Willow
7. *Sambucus nigra* / Black Elderberry

Verdant Venice Group Proposed Pilot Locations - Padua Place and Indiana Court

Why Plant California Natives? A. More than ninety percent of our native insects can only co-exist with native plant species. B. Native plants are ideally suited to our area as they have evolved here over centuries to the local climate, rainfall, and geography. C. The Los Angeles region has lost more than ninety percent of our local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators since 1900 as we have replaced our native ecosystem with almost exclusively non-native landscaping plants and trees. We are now at risk of losing up to 50% of all land-based species in this century. Urban Forestry currently only has 2.5 % native trees in our public right-of-way.

Part Two - Oakwood Park Tree Replacement

Over the course of the last 20 years, the trees in this historic and once red-lined neighborhood, have been aging out. Due to budget cuts and constraints, these trees have unfortunately not been replaced. VVG, working with local volunteers, will plant eight replacement trees at Oakwood Park. Six will be located near the picnic tables and two on the Southside of the Rec center to provide shade.



Location of new trees at Oakwood Park

How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large.

In addition to their beauty, trees have been shown to provide a wide variety of important benefits such as shade in a warming climate and air purification which is especially necessary under the flight path of the SM airport. Young people in underserved communities are especially susceptible to lung damage from air pollution. Tree canopy has also been shown to lead to a decrease in crime, improved learning and mental health in school children. Trees provide habitat for butterflies and local and migrating birds. Additionally, the knowledge gained from our pilot project will help inform the City and our community about our unique native trees and will create a market for these trees so that procurement and initial care is not so time intensive. This project also has a strong educational benefit for adults and school children alike...learning about the environment, trees, pollinators, etc creates citizens who are more appreciative and involved in their communities.. Beneficiaries are neighbors and businesses interests, low-income apartment dwellers, local school children, and public agencies who lack funds for plant replacement or maintenance.

Community Support

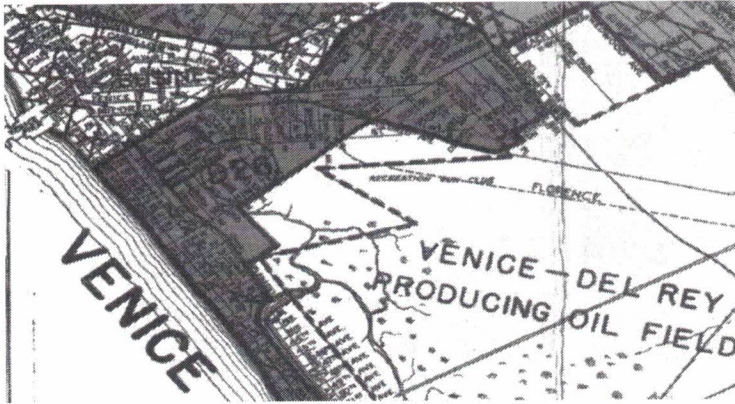
The project will build community by involving volunteers of all ages in the beautification and appreciation of our neighborhood and by inspiring people with the beauty, necessity, and understanding of our natural world and the importance of our local natural resources. Neighbors go out of their way to thank us for planting and caring for the trees that we plant and many have chosen to join us in our efforts. We will promote the idea that protecting our watershed is both an individual and collective responsibility.

The project is a good investment since it builds on an already existing structure to improve highly trafficked streets that are deteriorating, and creates on-going education to ensure continual tree care with almost no cost to the City.. The project builds community by involving volunteers of all ages in the beautification and appreciation of the community.

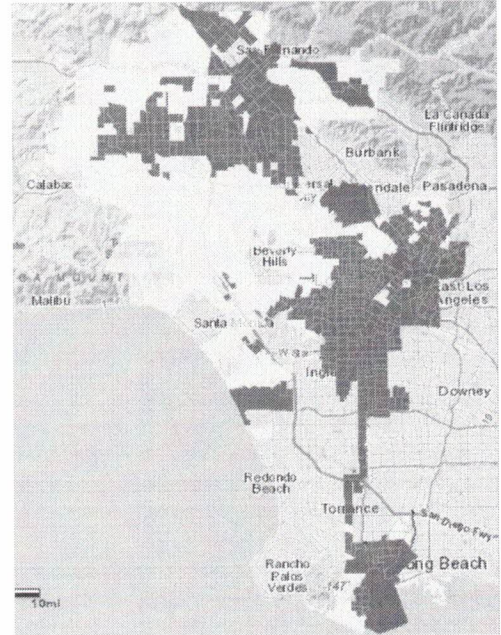
Our project includes four of the NPG funding guidelines specifications: Beautification, Community Support, Education, and Community Improvements. It also covers all of the NPG-funded projects and activities guidelines since it is for public benefit and purpose, open, accessible, and free of charge to stakeholders.

About Verdant Venice Group

Our group has been planting trees in and around Venice low-income projects for five years. To date we have planted 519 trees (422 in Venice), many in collaboration with City-funded groups such as City Plants and LA Conservation Corps. However, programs which pay for trees are no longer available to our community because, on average, our neighborhood, in spite of our low-income housing and its history, is no longer considered a Disadvantaged Community. Therefore, we are asking for the funds to purchase these trees. There will be over dozens of stakeholders working directly on this project. Our volunteer group and other friends and neighbors will donate their time toward the labor of planting and caring for these trees for up to a minimum of five years. Our volunteers have already secured permission from the City and Parks and Recreation to plant the trees. Permitted tree locations include Oakwood Park, Padua Ave, and Indiana Ave.



A screenshot of a map from 1939 by the Home Owners Loan Corporation, marking Venice for disinvestment from federal dollars for housing.



Disadvantaged Communities (in blue) Where Grant-Funding for Tree Planting is Occurring. Source LA Sanitation



Verdant Venice Group has planted over 500 trees



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Quote

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Quote Date: 4/4/2024

Customer: 18161 Duvivier Architects

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Contact: Isabelle (310) 291-0871

Delivery Contact:

TOTAL

\$4,093.55

Terms	Sales Rep	PO #	Job Name	Estimated Job Date	Shipping Method
Due on receipt/COD	Miguel Cruz	Brooks Ave	Brooks Ave		Devil Mountain Fleet

Quote Memo:

Line#	Item	Ready Bins	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Taxable
1	Estimate - "PLEASE NOTE" Bid subject to stock on hand. Availability and pricing subject to change. PRICES VALID FOR 30 DAYS.					
2	PLARCMASd24B Platanus racemosa Standard 24" box Line Memo: transfer	RE-SY.D15 (5)	6	\$175.00	\$1,050.00	
3	QUENGEStd15G Quercus engelmannii Standard 15 gal	RE-SY.B14 (9), RE-ER10(1)	2	\$69.99	\$139.98	
4	PRILLY24B Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii 24" box Line Memo: transfer	RE-SY.D6 (2)	6	\$205.00	\$1,230.00	
5	CEROCMUSd15G Cercis occidentalis (Pink) Standard 15 gal Line Memo: transfer	ER10(3)	13	\$75.99	\$987.87	
6	ACENEGU15G Acer negundo 15 gal Line Memo: n/a allow time to source or sub: 'Sensation' (transfer from northern CA)		1	\$85.99	\$85.99	
7	FREIGHT 7% of material value per load. Minimum site delivery fee is \$165.		1	\$244.56	\$244.56	
8	BOX DELIVERY - "PLEASE NOTE" Offloading is the responsibility of the contractor/customer. Due to the size and weight of the boxed material on this order unloading will REQUIRE YOU TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT. If sufficient assistance is not provided, a 20% of total invoice service charge maybe assessed and/or plant material may be returned to our yard with up to a 50% restocking fee. If you have questions regarding the weight of the material or the equipment required, please contact your sales representative.					
9	CANCELLATIONS & RETURNS Plants that are in stock, have been pulled and then cancelled are subject to a restocking fee up to 50%. Brokered plant material purchased from outside vendors to fulfill an order and then cancelled are subject to up to 100% restocking fee. We do not accept returns on plants that have been planted or annual color.					



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DELIVERY - "PLEASE NOTE"

Delivery is curbside and requires customer assistance to unload. Inadequate assistance will result in an additional charge of up to 20% of invoice total.

Total Units 28

Subtotal \$3,738.40

Tax Total \$355.15

Total \$4,093.55

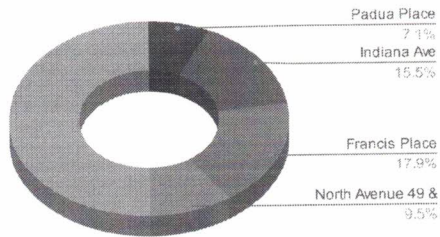


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Pilot Program	Available Planting Sites	Total # of Trees planted	CFAC Identified
Padua Place	6		6
Indiana Ave	13		13
Francis Place	15		
North Avenue 49 & Meridian St	8		
Total	42		



Available Planting Sites



Pilot Program

610 Block of Indiana Ave
between Sunset Court & 7th Avenue

W/O Separation

Total 13 0

Address	Street	Parkway Side	Walkway Side	On-Street Curb Cut	Proposed Use	Sub-Parcel	Residential/Commercial	Overhead Cable	Primary	Secondary	Vehicle Lane	Av. Frontage (TD) (SQ. FEET)	Proposed Use	Specialty Material	GIS ID#	Comments	Map Layer	Bus Stop	Bus Stop
618	INDIANA AVE	2.5	5			F1	residential half bus	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1			2470357				
619	INDIANA AVE	2.5	5			F1	residential half bus	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1			2463906				
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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **SEP 06 2018**

VENICE CHAMBER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
INC
313 GRAND BLVD UNIT 202
VENICE, CA 90291-0000

Employer Identification Number:
82-4898820
DLN:
26053642002378
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
March 6, 2018
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 947