

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: Venice Neighborhood Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) Venice Chamber Community Foundation 82-4898820 California 09/18/2018
Organization Name *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1b) P.O. Box 202 Venice CA 90294
Organization Mailing Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1c) 350 Westminster Ave Venice CA 90291
Business Address (if different) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Isabelle Duvivier 310-291-0871 isabelle@idarchitect.com
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**

Verdant Venice Group Venice CA 90291
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.
 See page 3

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)
 See page 3

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
In-kind	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

6b) Non-Personnel Related Expenses		
	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Trees 4170 + Tree Protection 250	\$4420	\$4420
Admin cost	\$442	\$442
see attached	\$4862	\$4862

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: \$: _____

10a) Start date: 4 / 01 / 25 10b) Date Funds Required: 4 / 1 / 25 10c) Expected Completion Date: 05 / 01 / 25
 (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:

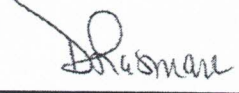
Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

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.)

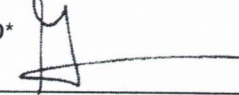
SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

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 - REQUIRE

Karin Wallerstein President  03/03/25
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

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

George Francisco Secretary  03/03/25
 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 for instructions on completing this form

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

Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

Project Name and Location:

Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Tree Replacement - between Navy and Dudley, Venice, CA 90291.

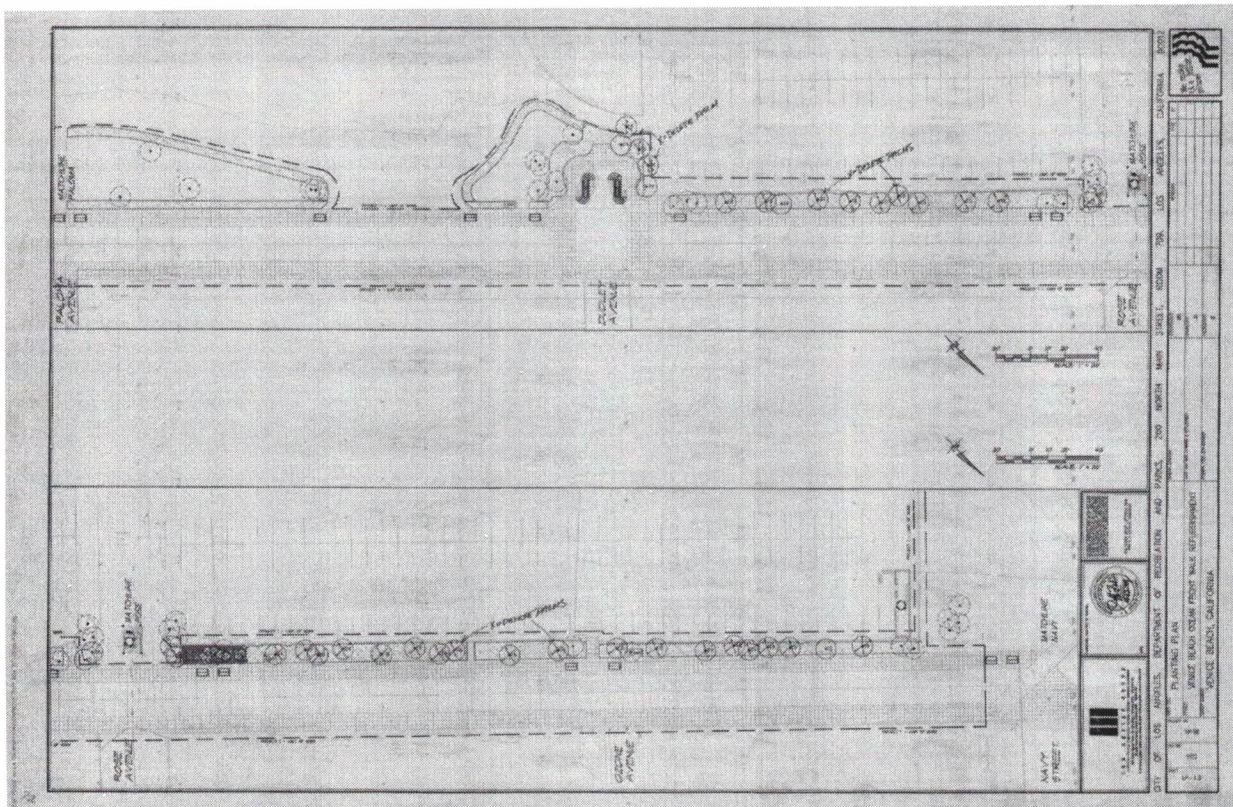
Centennial Park (CP) Tree Replacement - 501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291. CD11.

Requested Action: Verdant Venice Group requests funding to plant trees on Ocean Front Walk and Centennial Park.

Scope of Work: The scope of the project includes: Planting and caring for 20 (14 OFW + 6 CP) trees for 5 years in two parks. More details below:

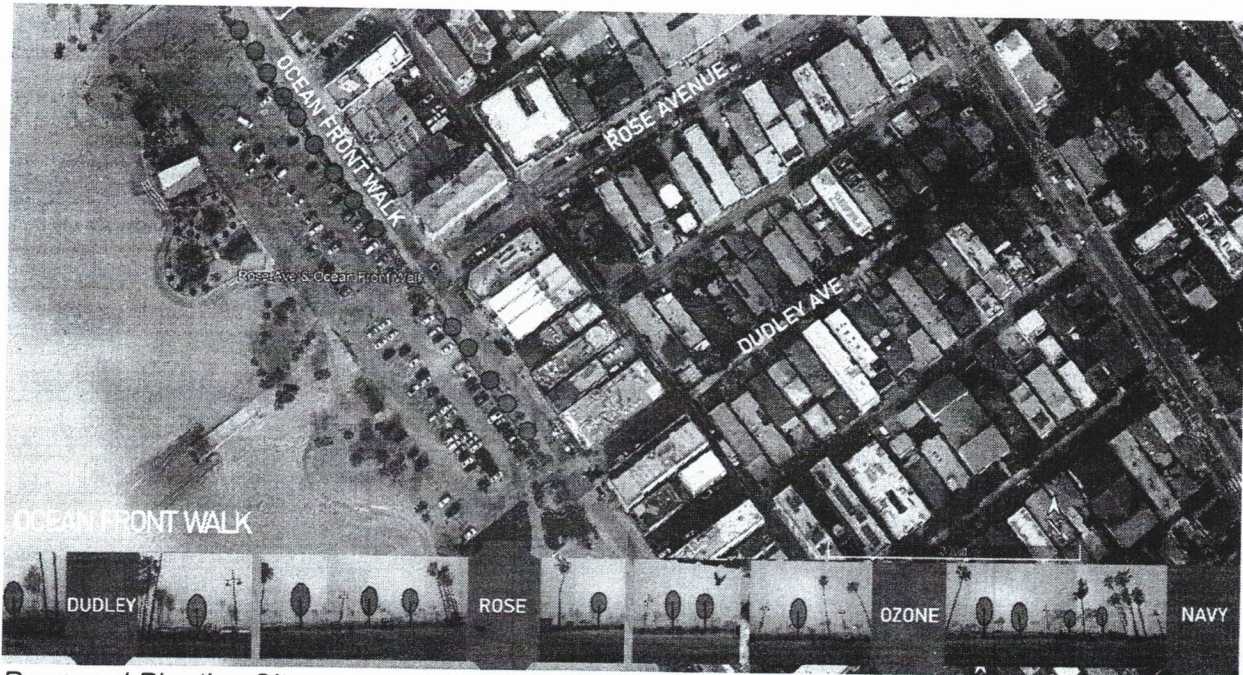
Ocean Front Walk

Adjacent to a large parking lot which spans from Navy to Dudley, Verdant Venice Group will plant 14 Torrey Pines trees, where Palm trees have been removed over the course of many years. At one time there were over 3 dozen trees planted in that strip and now there are less than one dozen. See plan below from around the year 2000 showing existing and replanted tree locations.

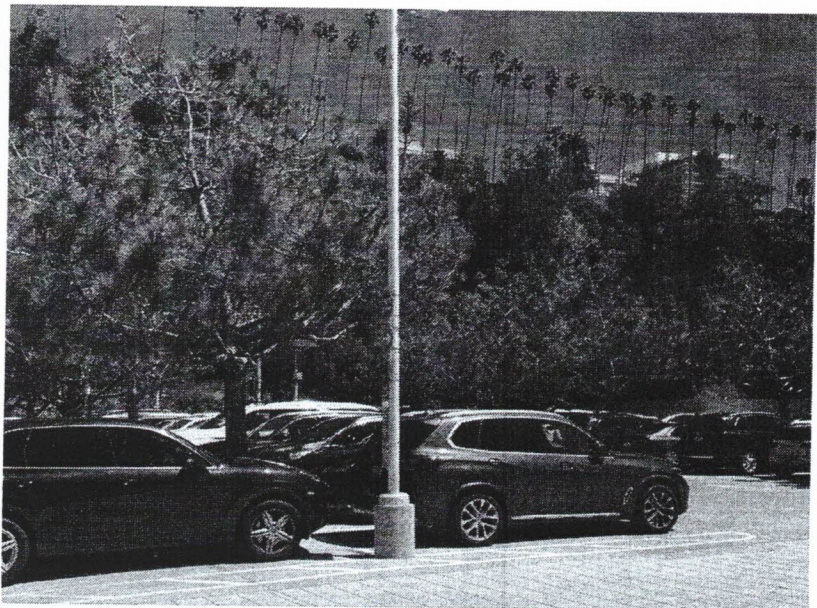
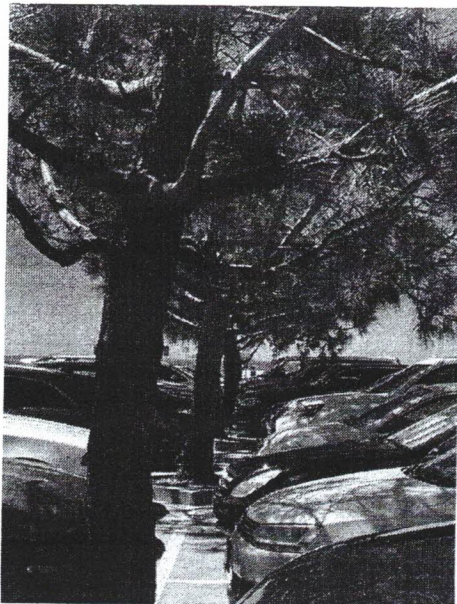


Original Plan of OFW showing more than three dozen palm trees planted between Navy and Dudley

Instead of palm trees (actually a grass) we will plant Torrey Pine, which is the rarest pine in the United States. It is an endangered species native to San Diego County. It is climate resilient, easy to care for, and has been observed to be a good tree to replace Eucalyptus as a desirable tree for overwintering monarchs. CalScape shows that it is an important tree for more than least 20 species of butterflies and moths. Torrey pines do well in sandy soil. At the Annenberg Beach House in Santa Monica there are several rows of Torrey pines thriving in sandy soils in a very urban setting. See pictures below. It is not a very dense pine tree so it allows for filtered light.



Proposed Planting Sites

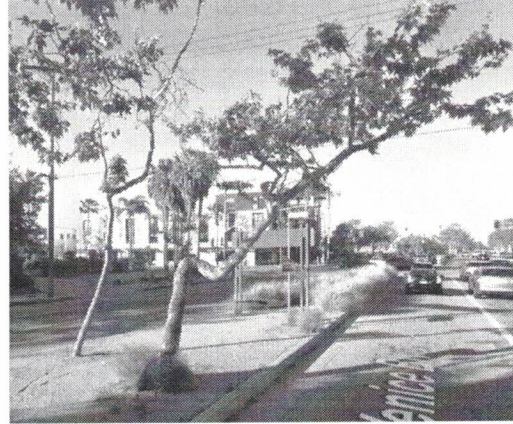
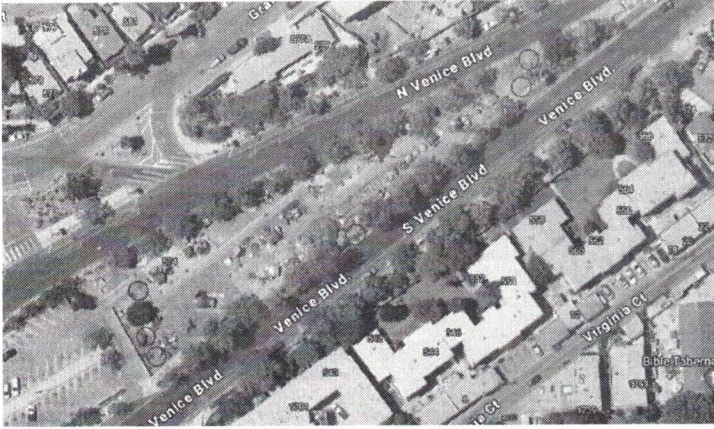


Torrey Pines Thriving at Annenberg Community Beach House

This project has overwhelming community support from the adjacent neighbors, as well as the Business Improvement District, and the City Council Office.

Centennial Park

VVG will plant three California Sycamores (*Platanus racemosa*) and three Coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) that were removed this year because they were leaning into the street, dead or trampled by the park reconstruction. VVG will plant trees in approximate location where trees were removed. See plan below.



Community Outreach: Outreach has been and will be provided through the Verdant Venice Group's weekly work sessions which are on all Saturday mornings, weather permitting, throughout Venice.

Implementation of Shade: All of the trees planted will, in time, provide ample shade to their surrounds. The goal of this entire project is to add to the local canopy and biodiversity.

Who and What is the Verdant Venice Group?

Verdant Venice Group (VVG) is a group of local volunteers that works weekly on projects to add drought-tolerant canopy and native plants in public spaces, schools and parks throughout Venice. They incorporate education and encourage stewardship of neighbors, including smart watering and planting practices, alternatives to lawns, and stress the value of native trees and under-story plants to create and sustain biodiversity. Founded eight years ago, VVG has grown to over 100 individuals. They have planted and continue to care for over 550 trees along two dozen streets, public parking lots, a library, two parks, and two schools. In addition to their own neighborhood, they have inspired and been mentors to other community groups seeking support.

Our planting events involve volunteers of all ages in the beautification and appreciation of our neighborhood. By inspiring people with the beauty, necessity, and understanding of our natural world and the importance of our local natural resources, we will promote the idea that protecting our watershed is both an individual and collective responsibility.

Our volunteer group and other friends and neighbors will donate their time toward the labor of planting and caring for these trees for up a minimum of 5 years.

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 and improved learning 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. Beneficiaries are neighbors and businesses interested, low-income apartment dwellers, local school children, and public agencies who lack funds for plant replacement or maintenance.

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. The project builds community by involving volunteers of all ages in the beautification and appreciation of the community. By inspiring people with the beauty and understanding of our natural world and the importance of our local natural resources, we will promote the idea that protecting our watershed is both an individual and collective responsibility.



Verdant Venice Group has planted over 500 trees



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Quote
#EST96554
Quote Date: 2/28/2025
Customer: 18161 Duvivier Architects

Bill To
Duvivier Architects
350 Westminister Ave
Venice CA 90291
United States

Ship To
Duvivier Architects
3200 West Telegraph Road
Fillmore CA 93015
United States

Contact: Isabelle (310) 291-0871

Delivery Contact:

TOTAL
\$4,169.88

Terms	Sales Rep	PO #	Job Name	Estimated Job Date	Shipping Method
Due on receipt/COD	Miguel Cruz	Torrey Pine	Torrey Pine		Will Call

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	<u>PITORR24B</u> Pinus torreyana 24" box 2234061	FI-810(8), FI-825 (218)	14	\$180.00	\$2,520.00	
3	<u>QUEAGRIStd24B</u> Quercus agrifolia Standard 24" box 2239288	FI-312 (287)	3	\$180.00	\$540.00	
4	<u>PLARCMAStd24B</u> Platanus racemosa Standard 24" box 2234101	FI-823 (170)	3	\$180.00	\$540.00	
5	FREIGHT 8% of material value per load.		1	\$288.00	\$288.00	
6	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.					
			Total Units 20			

Subtotal	\$3,888.00
Tax Total	\$281.88
Total	\$4,169.88



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Moore Construction
Appleton Way
Venice Ca 90291

March 3, 2025

To Verdant Venice Group

This proposed work order for the Verdant Venice Group is for the construction of 14 French tree protectors using pressure treated post and redwood rails - cost is \$250

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

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
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 R. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements