

# VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

**Title: Pacific Break Room Revitalization**

## **Preliminary Funding Guidelines:**

Proposed activities should provide a benefit to the entire community.

Proposal must provide justification for the benefits the project intends to bestow.

Funding of no more than \$5000 would be most appropriate, though project seeking larger amounts can be considered.

Funding should go to physical deliverables, such as computers, though certain other service provisions may be eligible for funding.

## **Prohibitions on Funding:**

No donations can be made.

No advance payments (an invoice should be submitted and then paid).

Funding may not go to a private entity to be used for private purposes.

Funding should not go to an agency or person that will "sub-contract" to other entities to carry out a project.

# APPLICATION SUMMARY:

## BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (50 WORDS OR LESS)

Participate in the Pacific Division (LAPD) Break Room Revitalization Project by contributing a flat screen TV to replace their current older TV monitor. The TV Monitor will be used for both in-station training as well as break time recreation for the officers. See also <http://venicenc.org/node/582> for more details

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE \_\_Dec 2007\_\_\_\_\_

LEAD ORGANIZATION NAME \_\_Westchester Rotary Foundation\_

HEAD OF ORGANIZATION \_\_Robert E. Smith\_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_Chairman\_\_

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AMOUNT OF REQUEST \_\_\$2000\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT \_\_\$20,000\_\_\_\_\_

BY SIGNING BELOW, I acknowledge that the information submitted in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that I have read and understood the Venice Neighborhood Council Funding Guidelines.

HEAD OF ORGANIZATION

/sig Richard Myers for Sue Slaton

10/29/2007

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

## **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT:**

DESCRIPTION OF BENEFIT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE BENEFITS THE PROJECT INTENDS TO BESTOW.

This project is the first of a long term commitment to bring the community and the police together in a combined effort to protect and preserve the communities within the Pacific Area. Community policing involves the community and without community cohesion the limited resources of LAPD are fragmented. Community Policing is NOT restricted to matters regarding of the LAW, rather all matters relating to quality of life, from disaster preparedness to whom do I contact if I need a cup of sugar or \$20. The Pacific Area, although diverse consists of neighborhoods that need to work together as neighbors until each block unites with the block next door and so on and so on. The goal of this project is to show the officers and civilian personnel of the Pacific Area there is a community behind them. Improve communication, interaction – open the doors to interaction via: encouraging citizen volunteers, creating more active neighborhood watch programs, work with the DAPS to instill values and pride and the life tools to become successful citizens.

## **STATEMENT OF OUTREACH BENEFIT TO THE VNC:**

DESCRIPTION OF OUTREACH BENEFITS TO THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.

This project is one way to bring to the attention of our stakeholders and community officers the partnership we share. Various public events, including a dedication of the new break room, will highlight the involvement of the various organizations involved, including the VNC. These events and related news coverage will demonstrate to our stakeholders how the VNC can help the community and attract new volunteers interested in community safety issues.



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Working through the Westchester Rotary Foundation funds are being raised to make this a reality. Through the vast network of community resources in Pacific Area both major and smaller home town business, individuals and groups are promoting this project.

- The Hotel Association is working to either donate or allow us to purchase at cost industrial quality appliances, mattresses etc.
- An environmental company is arranging for plants and most importantly have begun a Garden Project with the DAPS\* – the results of this effort will be unveiled at the “Dedication Ceremony” and through out the year
- Neighborhood Watch Groups from Westchester to Venice to Palms are coming together with funds and donations from elbow grease to pots and tools
- Westchester Neighbors Association Foundation has donated funds and supplies. We are optimistic other Neighborhood Associations will follow their example.
- Several cornerstone restaurants have committed to become involved in a long term relationship with Pacific LAPD.
- There are 7 Neighborhood/Community Councils in the Pacific Area, each are either being approached or have been regarding funding for this project. We have requested both funding and elbow grease. One Council has already approved the allocation of \$2000 for this project An estimated \$20k in goods and services is needed to make this vision a reality. The project encompasses long term community involvement from supporting National Night Out, the Station Open House, Special Olympic Torch Run, Holiday Dinners for Officers on Duty– Alternative Youth Programs, Citizen Volunteers at the station, active Neighborhood Watch Groups, CERT participation – (LAFD) community spirit. This revitalization project is the first step in bringing the communities of the Pacific Area together. We are building a chain one link at a time and dedicated to making each link strong and true. The Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will include both City Officials and Community members as well as a special presentation by the DAPS We are optimistic that both the print and broadcast media will be in attendance for this special event.

## VNC Board Action

See May 15, 2007 Board agenda/minutes (attached), item 8.D.I; From the Minutes:

### **D From the Administrative Committee**

I. Request for approval of \$2000 for construction supplies for LAPD Pacific break rooms. Richard Myers discussed the Rotary Club’s decision to support the “revitalization” of the LAPD Pacific Division break rooms.

**Stewart Oscars moved to purchase a high-definition television for the LAPD Pacific Division break room; seconded by Yolanda Gonzalez. VOTE: 13 in favor; no opposition; 2 abstentions.**