



**APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET**

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PROJECT NAME America's Centennial Park Improvement Project		APR 9 REC'D
BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (50 WORDS OR LESS) The Venice YouthBuild students are proposing to improving the America's Centennial Park through the planting of sustainable drought-resistant plants, shrubs, and flowers. They will also be building and donating three table & bench sets that can be used by the park guests and those attending the weekly Venice Farmer's Market. Should the table & bench sets not be acceptable they will be donated to another local group servicing our local Venice residents.		
PROJECT SITE NAME AND FULL ADDRESS America's Centennial Park, 501 South Venice Boulevard Venice, CA 90291		
PROJECT COMPLETION DATE March 01, 2013	# OF VENICE STAKEHOLDERS TO BENEFIT BY THIS PROJECT Undetermined	

ORGANIZATION OR STAKEHOLDER NAME Venice Community Housing Corporation		
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BY SIGNING BELOW, I agree to the terms of the 2010-11 Community Improvement Project funding guidelines. I also acknowledge that the information submitted in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Submitting an application with misleading information may be cause for disqualification.

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$2,000
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Mylene Pappas  
STAKEHOLDER SIGNATURE

[Signature]  
PROJECT MANAGER SIGNATURE

April 01, 2012  
DATE

4/1/12  
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION** (Include how many stakeholders will be working on this project.) (Maximum 500 words)

The America's Centennial Park Improvement Project will be led and implemented by the students participating in our Venice YouthBuild program. Project will focus on improving the America's Centennial Park through the planting of sustainable drought-resistant plants, shrubs, and flowers. They will also be building and donating three table & bench sets that can be used by the park guests and those attending the weekly Venice Farmer's Market. Should the table & bench sets not be acceptable they will be donated to another local group servicing our local Venice residents.

Venice YouthBuild is an ongoing, comprehensive secondary education and job training program that helps at-risk youth gain the skills, values and confidence they need to become self-sufficient adults. The program began its tenth cycle in August 2011, serving 44 at-risk youth, ages 17 to 24. Participants spend 50 percent of their time in the classroom and 50 percent of their time in job training and community service projects. Participants learn the value in taking an active role in their communities through community service and leadership development activities. Community service activities include participating in national and local days of service, assisting with social service programs, and helping to "green" our community.

The 11<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Venice YouthBuild program will commence in August of 2012 with a targeted class of 40-44 students. All students will be actively involved in the America's Centennial Park Improvement project alongside three to five staff members and two of the AmeriCorps volunteers.

IS THIS PROJECT PART OF A LARGER PROJECT?  YES  NO

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT** (Description of benefit to the entire community and justification for these benefits)  
Our hopes for this project are to reach out beyond the obvious of adding beauty and the environmental need provided by the planting of sustainable plants, shrubs, and flowers. We hope this project will reawaken Venice's historical sense of identity and pride. Through our focused energies the community at-large will enjoy sustainable beauty, the reduction of water usage, and the gratitude of some of our local at-risk youth for the opportunity to give back to their community. We thrive to continue to celebrate the neighborhood's history and strong community spirit!



## PROJECT PLANNING SHEET

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**WORK PLAN** (Include a TIME-LINE for the project with beginning date and completion date of each phase. Projects may not begin prior to August 1, 2012 and must be completed by April 15, 2013)

- I. October 1, 2012
  - a. Study sustainable landscape products through meeting with local landscape professionals specializing in green gardens
- II. November 1, 2012
  - a. Survey American's Centennial Park to decide upon design and implementation schedule
- III. November 15, 2012
  - a. Present plan to Los Angeles City Park and Recreation Department
- IV. January 15, 2013
  - a. Begin the landscape project
- V. March 01, 2013
  - a. Landscape project complete
- VI. March 05, 2013
  - a. Begin building of table & benches
- VII. April 01, 2013
  - a. Deliver table & benches

**MAINTENANCE PLAN** (If applicable)

N/A



**ORGANIZATION SHEET (If applicable)**

(Only complete this form if the applicant is an organization. If so, do not complete Page 7)

ORGANIZATION NAME Venice Community Housing Corporation (VCHC)

ORGANIZATION ADDRESS 720 Rose Avenue, Venice, CA 90291

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE (Include the experience that your organization has in the execution of similar projects)

For more than 23 years, VCHC has been developing lasting, neighborhood-based solutions for low-income families and individuals. We own and manage nearly 200 units of non-profit affordable housing, both transitional and permanent. We also provide a comprehensive program that includes job training, youth development, and employment, life skills coaching and family services. This blend of housing and supportive programs allows our formerly homeless and low-income constituents to stabilize their lives and achieve economic self-reliance.

VHCH helps keep Venice vibrant and engaging. Our programs decrease the number of homeless people on the streets and increase the number of long-time Venice residents that can remain in their own neighborhoods. Affordable housing benefits everyone. It increases neighborhood stability by allowing people who work in our community – such as teachers and restaurant employees – to also live here. People are more committed to the communities they live in. We are committed to preserving our history of diversity and help retain the special flavor of a place where everyone is welcome and all incomes can mix it up! We recognize and celebrate the special character of Venice.

Venice YouthBuild is a violence prevention and intervention program providing construction training, education and leadership development services to youth ages 18 to 24 to help them transition into successful adulthood. It was created as a solution in response to increase of youth violence in the mid-1990's.

<p>TOTAL MEMBERS Total staff: 35 Total YouthBuild Participants - TBD</p>	<p><b>The proposal must include the names and SIGNATURES of 5 members of the organization (preferably Board members)</b></p>	<p>YEAR ESTABLISHED <b>1988</b></p>
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BY SIGNING BELOW, I declare in good faith that I am a member of the organization named above. I realize the Venice Neighborhood Council may contact me to verify my membership and participation in this organization.

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