

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: Highland Park Neighborhood Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a)	<u>LA Compost</u> <i>Organization Name</i>	<u>46 - 1134852</u> <i>Federal I.D. # (EIN#)</i>	<u>CA</u> <i>State of Incorporation</i>	<u>03/19/13</u> <i>Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)</i>
1b)	<u>221 W. Avenue 45</u> <i>Organization Mailing Address</i>	<u>Los Angeles</u> <i>City</i>	<u>CA</u> <i>State</i>	<u>90065</u> <i>Zip Code</i>
1c)	<u></u> <i>Business Address (If different)</i>	<u></u> <i>City</i>	<u></u> <i>State</i>	<u></u> <i>Zip Code</i>
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:			
	<u>Michael Martinez</u> <i>Name</i>	<u>626-340-6249</u> <i>Phone</i>	<u>michael@lacompost.org</u> <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> <i>Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)</i>	<u></u> <i>City</i>	<u></u> <i>State</i>	<u></u> <i>Zip Code</i>

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**

LA Compost partners with local, Los Angeles-based organizations to provide communities with the opportunity to reconnect with their environment and one another through community composting and soil regeneration. Specifically, LA Compost has had immense success partnering with LA-based farmer's markets to provide local residents with the opportunity to reduce their carbon impact through a food scraps drop-off service. Between 2018-2020, the Atwater Village and Los Feliz Farmer's markets partnered with LA Compost to provide this access point for residents, and it culminated into a consistent, local and free outlet for community food waste reduction.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, city protocols for social distancing resulted in the restriction of farmer's markets to vendor-only booths, requiring LA Compost to relocate its food scrap drop-off location to one of its proximate community composting sites; the Elysian Valley Community Garden. From April 2020 to present, LA Compost's drop-off service remained a clear need for the North East LA community, with individual events yielding 400 participants on average, and 14% of participants residing within a Highland Park zip code.

As the state and county begin to ease pandemic restrictions, LA Compost is seeking financial support from the Highland Park Neighborhood Council to assist the organization with developing a new weekly food scraps drop-off program during the Highland Park Farmer's Market, which takes place every Tuesday between 3:00-8:00 pm.

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)

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many Angelenos have reconnected with the services within their local neighborhoods, in addition to interests such as home cooking and gardening. These household changes paired with the accessibility of LA Compost's services has led to an exponential increase in the amount of community participation and poundage of food scraps being dropped off to LA Compost's contact-free food scrap drop-off event for Highland Park community members. On a given Sunday morning, LA Compost facilitates a socially-distanced location for roughly 400 community participants to bring their kitchen food scraps, compiling an average of 4,000 lbs of total food waste in a single morning diverted from landfills and back into the soils of the surrounding environment. Additionally, LA Compost's long-established involvement with the Milagro Allegro Community Garden and All Saints Episcopal Church community compost hub provides support to over 100 community members through access to a community composting co-op that services over 250 families through annual composting workshops, compost soil amendment for community member gardens, weekly volunteer opportunities (as available due to Covid-19 safety protocol), and seasonal events.

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
	Projected staff time hours (weekly) for July 2021 - June 2022	\$ 800	\$ 10,000
	(8 hrs/wk X 50 wk/yr) 1 staff	\$	\$
		\$	\$

6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	Truck maintenance and gas	\$ 200	\$ 500
	Supplies and Materials:	\$ 1500	\$ 2500
	tent, table, chairs, 27 gallon totes (100 units), scales, sanitizer, gloves, paper	\$ 2500	\$ 3000

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: \$ 2,500

10a) Start date: 07 / 31 / 21 10b) Date Funds Required: 07 / 15 / 21 10c) Expected Completion Date: 06 / 30 / 22
 (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 - REQUIRED*

Michael Martinez Executive Director
 PRINT Name Title

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06/24/21
 Signature Date

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

Megan Laird Development Manager
 PRINT Name Title


06/24/21
 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