



# Motion to allocate funding to a special account from Community Improvement Projects and excess funding for tree planting and stump removal for \$20,000.

**Agenda Item:** SGB053122-a  
**Date:** May 31 2022  
**Proposed By:** Budget and Finance Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

City street trees play a vital role in South Robertson communities. These trees mitigate the negative effects of urbanization and development, and enhance the quality of life within the community. Considering South Robertson's 8,609 trees, 173 stumps, and 1,972 vacant sites, the stocking rate is 79.7%. The most abundant type of tree in the inventory is broadleaf (68.6%) which provide the most shade.

[https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/south\\_robertson\\_nc.pdf](https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/south_robertson_nc.pdf)

“According to the study, a 10 percent increase in trees roughly equaled a 12 percent decrease in crime. ‘It’s really pretty striking how strong this relationship is,’ says Austin Troy, director of the University of Vermont’s Transportation Research Center and lead author of the study, published in the June issue of the journal Landscape and Urban Planning.”

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/ex/sustainablecitiescollective/new-evidence-city-trees-reduce-crime/42781/>

It is imperative that the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council take a leadership role in improving the health and safety of its stakeholders that we represent. This would be the first step in a larger program for community improvement.

## Proposed Motion

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## Considerations

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Committee review: Votes For: 3 Against: 0  
*(highly recommended)*

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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$ NA  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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Arguments for: Arguments against:

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## Motion for the SORO NC to approve an NPG of \$4500 for Our Big Kitchen LA, subject to clarification that the Signatory as Secretary has the corporate title to sign the application, and subject to clarification as to that existing SORO NC board members have no conflict of interest

**Agenda Item:** SGB053122-b

**Date:** May 31, 2022

**Proposed By:** Budget and Finance

**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** Yes

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### Background

Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles (OBKLA) offers a place for people to come together and cook for a good cause. Meals are prepared by volunteers under supervision and instruction of professional chefs for distribution to needy people across Los Angeles. During Covid-19, meal distribution has been specifically focused firstly on the Pico-Robertson area.

Please find a link to a 90 second clip about Our Big Kitchen  
<https://youtu.be/Hq-D61vKu6U>

OBKLA is modeled on an established and successful program in Sydney, Australia. In these difficult times we are building bridges and communities by preparing food together for distribution to those in need, irrespective of race, color or background.

A grant of \$4,500 will fund three volunteer sessions at OBKLA 8657 W Pico Blvd (in SORO) which will result in more than 1250 vegetarian meals and 1250 packs of cookies being delivered to SORO residents in need. We can acknowledge the grant on the packaging.

### Proposed Motion

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## Considerations

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Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 3	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$4500
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Arguments for:

Feeds SORO families in need

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Arguments against:

Possible Conflicts of Interest  
Possible Deficient Secretary  
Signature

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

**MAY 15 2020**

OUR BIG KITCHEN LOS ANGELES  
9190 W OLMPIC BLVD  
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212-3540

Employer Identification Number:  
84-4370166  
DLN:  
29053129304040  
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:  
July 15, 2019  
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](http://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.

Letter 947

OUR BIG KITCHEN LOS ANGELES

Sincerely,

*Stephen A. Martin*

Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 947

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

**Neighborhood Purposes Grants**

Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) provide NCs opportunities to develop partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools to build community and enhance neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Projects and activities supported by NPGs vary widely and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements

NPG-funded projects and activities must be for a **public benefit** and purpose, **open**, **accessible**, and **free of charge** to stakeholders.

Grants approved by NCs exceeding \$5,000 involve further review and possible City contract by the Office of the City Clerk.

Visit the NC Funding Program website page on NPGs ([click here](#)) to find out more details about how 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools serving NC areas can apply. There are two NPG Information Packets; One for prospective applicants to help guide them in the application process, and one for NC board members outlining considerations and factors to keep in mind while evaluating NPG requests.

A “Project Completion Report” template is also provided to help ensure accountability in the use of Grant funds and help demonstrate how NCs and their partners are supporting L.A. communities and stakeholders. NCs and NPG recipients are strongly encouraged to work together to complete and submit the Report at the conclusion of the project.

Any questions you may have with the NPG process, please contact us at the NC Funding Program:

- [Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org](mailto:Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org)
- (213) 978-1058



**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE**

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)	<b>Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

6b)	<b>Non-Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

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: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ 10b) Date Funds Required: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ 10c) Expected Completion Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 (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\*

\_\_\_\_\_ *[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_ *[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_  
 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](mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org) for instructions on completing this form



# Motion to Fund \$600 for Robertson Recreation Center Bulletin Board and Plaque

**Agenda Item:** SGB053122-c  
**Date:** May 31, 2022  
**Proposed By:** Parks and Rec Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** Yes

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## Background

After years of remodeling, the Robertson Recreation Center is reopening. The center will have many programs for the community for all ages. One of the ways the center advertises its programs is by flyers. Currently the center has no central location to post flyers so the center is currently posting flyers by taping them to the building. This causes the flyers to get weathered and unreadable. Also, the flyers blow off the building and litter the area.

The proposal is to purchase a weather resistant, locking bulletin board ([https://smile.amazon.com/Ghent-Enclosed-Bulletin-Resistant-Aluminum/dp/B003YJWTGM/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?crd=1FCDSLE3J9XB&keywords=36x48%2Bweather%2Bresistant%2BBulletin%2BBoard&qid=1650982211&s=office-products&prefix=36x48%2Bweather%2Bresistant%2Bbulletin%2Bboard%2Coffice-products%2C141&sr=1-4&th=1](https://smile.amazon.com/Ghent-Enclosed-Bulletin-Resistant-Aluminum/dp/B003YJWTGM/ref=sr_1_4?crd=1FCDSLE3J9XB&keywords=36x48%2Bweather%2Bresistant%2BBulletin%2BBoard&qid=1650982211&s=office-products&prefix=36x48%2Bweather%2Bresistant%2Bbulletin%2Bboard%2Coffice-products%2C141&sr=1-4&th=1)) and a plaque with the following inscription:

This bulletin board is made available by the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council on the occasion of the reopening of the Robertson Recreation Center and to honor the dedication and service to the center and to the surrounding community of two former Park Directors.

Nicolle Griffin (xxxx-xxxx)  
Brooke Powers Wilson (xxxx-xxxx)

## Proposed Motion

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 4

Against: 0

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Arguments for:

Arguments against:

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None