• A Director's motion to support the NPG submitted to the Ad Hoc COVID 19 Response Committee from 826LA, a non-profit organization engaged in valuable COVID 19 relief efforts for the Mar Vista CC community in the amount of \$5,000.

The COVID-19 pandemic is more than just a health crisis — it is impacting our communities-children and students, our local businesses and our community members' livelihoods. As all continue to respond to this new challenge, many nonprofits are grappling with how to support the needs of the most vulnerable people in our community, and our neighbors are struggling to support their own families, while also trying to endure this crisis themselves. This unprecedented pandemic has more and more community members reliant on community nonprofit groups that are struggling to keep up due to lack of funds to purchase and support the needed resources and services.

Given these identifiable needs, to maximize our impact and be as effective as possible with our limited resources, we should make every attempt to utilize an existing infrastructure of food purchasing, distribution, services, or volunteers available.

To that end, there are existing organizations serving community members within our MVCC area working ON THE GROUND NOW with which MVCC can leverage its support for maximum results and efficiency to meet the significant needs of the community.

Now, the MVCC has an opportunity to leverage its resources to maximize impact today for our community. Delaying support for assistance efforts not only impacts those most vulnerable within our community, but it also continues to put more pressure on other public services and limited nonprofit assistance. These nonprofits have expressed that for every day they work to serve communities, the demand grows just as much for the next day. With every moment this pandemic continues, the greater the need from community members and the community nonprofits which seek to help them. Delaying support for community nonprofits groups serving the community means one less child or family they can feed, one less struggling student they can tutor, one less parent they can counsel.

Nonprofits have expressed the needs of the populations they serve and shared efforts underway from their teams to help our community members who need help TODAY. These organizations have expressed profound unmet demand for resources and support and services to serve Mar Vista area community members.

As community members continue to endure this pandemic, there has been an exponential increase in demand for needed resources (e.g. food, water and cleaning items, diapers), as well as for direct support and services (e.g. delivered groceries, financial and housing security counseling, remote educational assistance and tutoring), as witnessed by various nonprofit organizations serving the community at the grassroots level in the MVCC area.

Though limited, our MVCC NC funding can be leveraged within existing non-profit organizations which have the solid infrastructure to ensure the most productive use of resources is executed.

The Ad Hoc COVID-19 Response Committee has identified priorities for the community's needs at this time, including:

- Informational Resource Sharing and Outreach
- Food access and distribution
- Health/wellness support for parents and children
- o Family resources--supplies and aid

## This motion seeks to support 826LA'S submitted NPG.

826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 which provides after-school tutoring, evening and weekend workshops, in-school tutoring, help for English language learners, and assistance with student publications. They are also providing care packages of supplies with books and writing materials for online teaching workshops, tutoring sessions and digital resources made available to all students served including ESL & Title 1 School students. Materials include items such as notebooks, pens and pencils, markers, colored pencils, index cards, glue sticks, scissors, and pencil pouches to students and their families.

In addition, they have created a virtual resource hub that includes online versions of our popular workshops and creative writing field trips, for families and educators to use: <a href="http://826la.org/virtual/">http://826la.org/virtual/</a>. They recently began Virtual Tutoring, where 826LA volunteers will provide one-on-one tutoring and homework help twice a day, four days a week, with multiple students in each session.

Funding would support this comprehensive work.

I, therefore, MOVE for the MVCC to support an NPG from 826LA, a non-profit organization engaged in valuable COVID 19 relief efforts for the MVCC community in the amount of \$5,000; the NPG would support tutoring and workshop programs for youth, as well as the case management and school and writing supplies for youth.

826LA NPG ATTACHED HERE

## **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.

SEC	TION I- APPLICANT INFORMATION				
1a)	Organization Name	Fea	leral I.D. # (EIN#)	State of Incorporation	Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)
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3)	Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if appl	licable)	City	State	Zip Code

## SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

826LA's mission is to support students ages 6-18 with their creative and expository writing skills and to help teachers inspire their students to write. Our services are structured around the understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention, and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success.

All of 826LA's programs are free of charge, and we have served students on the westside of LA from our center in Mar Vista since 2012. Previously, they had been held out of the SPARC building just down Venice Boulevard since 2005. All of 826LA's programs are supported by community volunteers—last year, 1,166 volunteers donated over 22,000 hours of their time.

826LA offers one-on-one homework from trained volunteers, as well as workshops by local artists ranging from puppetry to songwriting. Additionally, 826LA's field trip program gets local students excited about writing by guiding them in writing a collaborative book as a classroom—in three hours! The In-Schools team brings the 826LA ethos into high schools, including Venice High School, where dedicated 826LA volunteers are available to students who want extra help with their creative writing, college essays, and scholarship applications.

826LA staff and volunteers are working to make sure that all of these vital programs remain available to the students of Los Angeles. Our team has created a Virtual Hub (826LA.org/virtual) with writing prompts and video workshops that students can do on their own; online programs started this week; and 826LA's case management of families continues, with over 300 students served since Safer-At-Home began.

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)

A grant from the Mar Vista Community Council would support the work of the tutoring and workshop programs. The majority of Mar Vista tutoring program students are Mar Vista residents, and 826LA's workshops are open to the public (and attended by many Mar Vista students, as well).

On May 4, 826LA began virtual tutoring and workshops. 826LA volunteers will provide one-on-one tutoring and homework help twice a day, four days a week, with up to 10 students in each session. 826LA has had over 170 volunteers commit to volunteering online, and we are working to ensure that they have the support they need to participate remotely, including specialized training for senior volunteers who might not be familiar with web-based conferencing platforms.

This grant will also support the work of case management and care packages for our Mar Vista families. 826LA has begun to distribute care packages to students and their families from our Mar Vista center. The care packages include books, worksheets, and creative materials such as notebooks, pens and pencils, markers, colored pencils, index cards, glue sticks, scissors, and pencil pouches.

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Dear TAXPAYER:

This is in response to your request of Sep. 21, 2009, regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that a determination letter was issued in OCTOBER 2005, that recognized you as exempt from Federal income tax, and discloses that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records also indicate you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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