

DIRECTOR'S MOTION

(FUNDING MOTION)

TITLE: Non Profit Nourish LA NPG request.

Background:

For five years, Nourish LA's Food Recovery Program has been a vital resource for low-income individuals and families facing food insecurity in Mar Vista. This isn't just a food pantry; it's an entire food redistribution system driven by intensive community engagement.

Through numerous partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and individuals, Nourish LA rescues healthy, surplus food that might otherwise go to waste and ensure it reaches Angelenos in need.

Every weekend, they host food drives at 3200 Sawtelle Blvd, located within the boundaries of the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council.

Nourish LA rescues over one million pounds of food and supports over 40,000 visits to our food distribution sites annually

THE MOTION:

The MVCC approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$5,000 to help support the expansion of Nourish LA's operation to include a Food Recovery app developed by Nourish LA. This grant would be used to support the purchase of vital program supplies that will support these food recovery efforts, including cooler bags, paper bags, gloves, and scales. The grant will also support costs to provide resources to our local community 7-days a week.

Nourish LA will provide photos and a full report to the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council that will demonstrate how these funds help grow our mission and get food to those who need it most.

By increasing the capacity of the Food Recovery Program, we address the crises of food insecurity and food waste in Los Angeles.

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: Mar Vista Community Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

- 1a) Nuestros Alimentos 85-3528222 CA 10/09/2020
Organization Name *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*
- 1b) 3701 W Santa Rosalia Dr. #1144 Los Angeles CA 90008
Organization Mailing Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*
- 1c) _____
Business Address (If different) *City* *State* *Zip Code*
- 1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Natalie Flores-Blackner 323-360-7210 natalie@nourish.la
Name *Phone* *Email*
- 2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**
☐ Public School *(not to include private schools)* or ☒ 501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)*
Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**
- 3) _____
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

This grant would be used to support the work of Nourish LA (Nuestros Alimentos). For five years, our Food Recovery Program has been a vital resource for low-income individuals and families facing food insecurity in Los Angeles. This isn't just a food pantry; it's an entire food redistribution system driven by intensive community engagement. Through numerous partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and individuals, we rescue healthy, surplus food that might otherwise go to waste and ensure it reaches Angelenos in need. Every weekend, we host food drives at 3200 Sawtelle Blvd, located within the boundaries of the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council. Nourish LA rescues over one million pounds of food and supports over 40,000 visits to our food distribution sites annually.

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)

Nourish LA has developed a private app for food redistribution. Participating partners list surplus edible food on the app, then Nourish LA accepts the listing and retrieves the food for distribution to those in need. Nourish LA also logs the weight of these items on the app, helping both parties measure their impact. A Neighborhood Purposes Grant would be used to support the purchase of vital program supplies that will support these food recovery efforts, including cooler bags, paper bags, gloves, and scales. The grant will also support personnel costs for our App Manager. Nourish LA will provide photos and a full report to the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council that will demonstrate how these funds help grow our mission and get food to those who need it most. By increasing the capacity of the Food Recovery Program, we address the crises of food insecurity and food waste in Los Angeles. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

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
	App Manager Payroll	\$1900	\$8500 (Annual)
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	Program Supplies (cooler bags, paper bags, gloves, scal	\$3100	\$3100
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

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: \$5,000

10a) Start date: 08/01/25 10b) Date Funds Required: 08/01/25 10c) Expected Completion Date: 07/31/26
(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*

Natalie Flores-Blackner

CEO

PRINT Name

Title



Signature

7/7/2025

Date

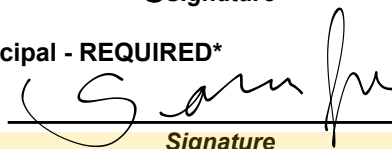
12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

Sarah Klein

Secretary

PRINT Name

Title

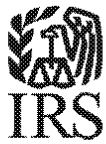


Signature

7/7/2025

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



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NUESTROS ALIMENTOS
PO BOX 661582
LOS ANGELES, CA 90066

Date:
07/07/2021
Employer ID number:
85-3528222
Person to contact:
Name: Oleg Berenson
ID number: 17242
Telephone: (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:
October 9, 2020
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053558007971

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. 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.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements