

**DIRECTOR'S MOTION
(FUNDING MOTION - NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT)**

TITLE: Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Clover Avenue Elementary School Booster Club – Modern Band Music Program

SUBMITTED BY: Ian Blue, Zone 1 Director, Mar Vista Community Council

BACKGROUND:

This motion proposes a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to the Clover Avenue Elementary School Booster Club, the 501(c)(3) that supports Clover Avenue Elementary School at 11020 Clover Avenue. The Booster Club funds arts and enrichment programming that the school's general budget does not cover. The applicant seeks funding to purchase the remaining equipment needed to launch a Modern Band program at Clover for the 2026-27 school year.

Modern Band builds on the success of Clover's existing ukulele curriculum by putting keyboards, bass, guitar, and drums into students' hands for the first time. The program is designed to reach approximately 500 students and to serve families who cannot afford private music lessons. Research links school music education to improved attendance, stronger social and emotional learning, and higher graduation rates, and the program supports state and national Arts Standards through performance and creation. Students will perform at school assemblies, neighborhood festivals, and family nights. Those performances are free and open to the community, satisfying the NPG requirement that funded activities serve a public benefit and remain open, accessible, and free of charge to stakeholders.

The total NPG amount requested is **\$2,298.75**, detailed as follows:

- **\$1,050.00** for three Zip-Kits at \$350.00 each
- **\$1,248.75** for 25 desk bells at \$49.95 each

The applicant has not applied to any other Neighborhood Council for this project, and implementation is not contingent on any other source of funding. The applicant requests funds by September 1, 2026, with a project start date of October 1, 2026 and expected completion by February 1, 2027.

The Booster Club first submitted an NPG application in December 2025. The application was heard by the Education, Arts & Culture Committee at its February 10, 2026 meeting, where representatives of the Booster Club presented and answered questions. Because MVCC had limited NPG funds remaining in FY 2025-26, the applicant elected to hold the request and resubmit after the fiscal year reset. The application before the Board is the updated version, reduced from the original \$4,777.63 request to \$2,298.75. The Education, Arts & Culture Committee did not meet in July 2026, so the updated application comes forward as a Director's motion.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- Completed NPG application from the Clover Avenue Elementary School Booster Club (pending required officer signatures)
- IRS letter affirming the Booster Club's 501(c)(3) status, dated March 18, 2021 (original determination issued September 2001)
- IRS Form 990 for the Clover Avenue Elementary School Booster Club, most recent filing, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025
- Presentation slides provided by the applicant

THE MOTION:

I move that the Mar Vista Community Council approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$2,298.75 to the Clover Avenue Elementary School Booster Club for the Modern Band music program at Clover Avenue Elementary School.

VOTE:

YES: _____ NO: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

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) Clover Avenue Elementary School Booster Club #95-4499972 CA Sept. 2001
Organization Name *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*
- 1b) 11020 Clover Avenue Los Angeles CA 90034
Organization Mailing Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*
- 1c) _____
Business Address (If different) *City* *State* *Zip Code*
- 1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Gaby Doyle 310-251-5307 gabrielle.sara@gmail.com
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.**

We are applying for the Mar Vista Community Council Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund the remaining essential equipment for launching a Modern Band program at Clover Elementary for the 2026-27 year. The grant would build on the success of our ukulele curriculum and will bring instruments like keyboards, bass, guitar, and drums into the hands of Clover students for the first time, as many Clover families cannot afford private music lessons. Modern Band will provide equity and access to culturally relevant music education for 500 students, ensuring that Clover remains a leader in equitable, high-quality arts education for all students, regardless of their socio-economic backgrounds. Modern Band embodies the belief that "music education is a right, not a privilege".

- 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)**

Research-based studies have found that music education improves student attendance, social and emotional learning, and graduation rates. These factors, in turn, produce students who are ready to transition into being engaged, thoughtful citizens of their communities. Through the music program, students will build and strengthen skills in teamwork, creativity, problem-solving, and leadership, helping to foster better citizens of tomorrow. A Modern Band music program will engage students who may not identify with traditional music programs, all while supporting the state and national Arts Standards through performance and creation. In addition, students will perform at school assemblies, neighborhood festivals, and family nights, enriching the Mar Vista community.

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
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	Zip-Kits (3 @ \$350)	\$1050	\$1050
	Desk bells (25 @ \$49.95)	\$1248.75	\$1248.75
		\$	\$

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: **\$2298.75**

10a) Start date: 10/01/26 10b) Date Funds Required: 09/01/26 10c) Expected Completion Date: 02/01/27

(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*

Geny Zapata

PRINT Name

Executive Director

Title

Geny Zapata
Signature

7/23/26
Date

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

Kristine Garcia

PRINT Name

Secretary

Title

Kristine Garcia
Signature

7/23/26
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



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
PO BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

Date:
March 18, 2021
Employer ID number:
95-4499972
Form 990 required:
990, YES
Person to contact:
Name: Mrs. Brown
ID number: 0202975

CLOVER AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB INC
% LINDA LAGER
11020 CLOVER AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90034

Dear Sir or Madam:

We're responding to your request dated August 31, 2020, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in September 2001, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC SECTIONS 509(a)(2).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period.

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

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Director, Exempt Organizations Rulings and Agreements

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