



Community Grants Program

2023 Annual Report



Port of **LONG BEACH**
THE GREEN PORT



Family attending the Pools of Hope Holiday Event.
Photo courtesy of Pools of Hope.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“The California Aquatic Therapy & Wellness Center [dba Pools of Hope] developed the Respiratory Health Improvement Project [RHIP] to address high rates of asthma and respiratory illness among schoolaged children in North Long Beach, Paramount and Compton. In 2018, Pools of Hope began working with partner organizations to bring asthma screenings and care directly to youth at schools, community centers and from our North Long Beach facility. Working with the St. Mary Medical Center Mobile Unit, the RHIP successfully screened nearly 300 children in 2023, and provided outreach and preventative health education to reduce the risk of asthma for 43,040 children and their families. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue this innovative program that is increasing equitable access to respiratory care and improving health and well-being for children in our service area.”

– Patricia Dixon, Executive Director,
Pools of Hope

“The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS] Bureau of Environmental Health, as a key partner in the Asthma Consortium of Greater Long Beach, continues to outreach and provide service to the community. Building on almost 15 years of success using evidence-based strategies, DHHS continues to improve health outcomes through its Asthma Life Skills Academy for Adults [ALSAA] program with a focus on the Port’s priority and eligibility zones. Since the start of our current Community Grants Program in October 2021, DHHS has provided case management to 198 adults, and provided asthma education and resources to over 8,400 people at 24 outreach events. Through its ALSAA program and collaboration with the Asthma Consortium, DHHS envisions improved asthma self-management and improved health outcomes for asthma and COPD patients throughout Long Beach.”

– Mike Netter, Program Director, Asthma Consortium of Greater Long Beach, City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services

BACKGROUND

The Community Grants Program invests in community projects outside the Harbor District to minimize port-related impacts to air, noise, water and traffic. Launched in 2009, the Grants Program funds projects such as air filters in schools, asthma education programs, solar installations and new parks. There are three funding programs: Community Health, Community Infrastructure and Facility Improvements. The Port has set aside more than \$65 million, making it the largest voluntary port mitigation program in the country.

DID YOU KNOW?

MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center will install a 354-kilowatt photovoltaic solar carport shade system to cover the 76-space surface parking lot of the Hartley Medical Building located on MemorialCare's Long Beach campus. MemorialCare is the largest provider of pulmonary care for children and adults in and around Long Beach, serving sensitive populations including senior citizens, children, infants, pregnant women, and the severely and chronically ill. The solar carport shade system will provide power to the Hartley Medical Building, reducing carbon emissions by 84.7%.

Conservation Corps of Long Beach will install a 15-kilowatt solar carport shade system at their Environmental Education Center at DeForest Park. The project aims to avoid greenhouse gas emissions by generating clean energy from renewable resources. It will use solar power to provide the energy needed to power the facility and immediate area that includes lighting and drip irrigation systems. The center is an operations satellite site in North Long Beach, supporting youth development that involves conservation projects and community efforts in and around DeForest Park. The project is expected to benefit 5,000 people per year.

Members of the Conservation Corps of Long Beach complete the University of California-certified California Naturalist Program at the Environmental Education Center at DeForest Park. *Photo courtesy of Conservation Corps of Long Beach.*



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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BUDGET

The table below describes the Community Grants Program budget, which is categorized by funding program. The Community Health Program supports health projects and services designed to reduce the risks associated with asthma and other respiratory and/or cardiopulmonary ailments. The Facility Improvement Program funds projects at facilities that reduce air pollution, noise pollution, and/or greenhouse gas emissions, such as air filtration or window replacement. Capital projects which reduce port-related impacts on air and water quality, traffic and noise are supported by the Community Infrastructure Program.

	Awarded 2009 to Date	FY 2024 Estimated Actuals	FY 2025 Budget
Community Health	\$ 12,514,356	\$ 1,196,665	\$ 172,905
Facilities Improvement	\$ 18,144,065	\$ 2,668,139	\$ 1,779,422
Community Infrastructure	\$ 11,499,559	\$ 6,953	\$ 2,500,000
TOTAL	\$ 42,157,980	\$ 3,871,757	\$ 4,452,327

FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

In 2024, the Community Grants Program will release a solicitation for healthcare programs.

Project Type	Funding Available
Healthcare Programs	\$4,000,000

Please visit our website at www.polb.com/grantopportunities for updates on future grant opportunities.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Port of Long Beach released a \$7 million solicitation for parks and open space projects.
- The Community Grants Program requested community input through an in-person workshop at the Dana Neighborhood Library, a virtual community workshop and an online survey to determine calendar year 2024 funding priorities. 51 community members participated.
- The Conservation Corps of Long Beach completed their Low-Impact Development Zone at DeForest Park project. A total of \$175,000 in Port funding was used for the planting of vegetation, low-flow irrigation, and bioswale installations to reduce stormwater impacts.
- The City of Long Beach Public Works Department has completed the installation of stormwater equipment for the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) project. The project aims to divert, collect, and treat stormwater runoff. Treated water will sustain the project's wetlands and may be used for city irrigation in the future, contributing to a sustainable Long Beach stormwater model.

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