

Port of Long Beach Community Grants News



The **Community Grants Program** is an unprecedented effort to lessen the Port of Long Beach's impacts on the community. Since the program's inception in 2017, the Port has committed to invest \$46.4 million toward community-based projects that reduce our impacts on air quality, traffic, noise, and water quality over the next 12 to 15 years.

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Community Grants Program Wins Award for Equity

The Port of Long Beach Community Grants Program was awarded the SCAG Sustainability Award in the Category of Equity. The SCAG Sustainability Award honors projects that advance equity and facilitate the growth of healthy, livable, sustainable, and economically resilient communities. To be eligible, applicants had to demonstrate significant benefits to traditionally marginalized, vulnerable, or underrepresented communities, substantive partnering and collaboration across organizations, greenhouse gas reductions and performance measures to improve sustainability, and how the program goes well beyond standard practice.

The Community Grants Program was recognized for its efforts to explicitly integrate equity into the planning process and develop innovative tools or resources that help further advance equitable planning. The Port is the first award recipient in this category. Since 2009, \$36 million has been awarded across 171 projects. This is the fourth award that the Community Grants Program has received since 2017.



Parks and Open Space, Solar Power Generation, and Solar Water Heating Grants Awarded

Three parks and open space projects, totaling \$837,645, were approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on May 23. The projects include fruit trees, security lighting, fencing, bioswales, landscaping, and irrigation. These projects aim to provide buffers between sources of port-related impacts and the surrounding communities.

The awardees are:

City of Long Beach – \$462,645
 City of Paramount – \$200,000
 Conservation Corps of Long Beach – \$175,000

Five solar power generation and two solar water heating projects, totaling \$1,891,327, were approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on April 25 and July 25. Awarded projects include the installation of rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, canopy solar PV systems, and solar water heaters at facilities that serve sensitive populations such as, children, pregnant women, the elderly, the chronically ill, and individuals with respiratory and/or cardiopulmonary disorders and illnesses. Environmental benefits produced by these projects include greenhouse gas emission reductions and decreased energy consumption at these facilities.

The awardees are:

Solar Power Generation

City of Long Beach Public Works – \$121,084
 First Congregational Church – \$328,660
 Long Beach City College (Liberal Arts Campus) – \$415,398
 Long Beach City College (Pacific Coast Campus) – \$625,398
 Long Beach Memorial Care – \$310,787

Solar Water Heating

Long Beach City College (Liberal Arts Campus) – \$30,000
 Long Beach City College (Pacific Coast Campus) – \$60,000



Project Highlight: Lincoln Park

In 2019, the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine was awarded \$981,280 to develop a portion of Lincoln Park. Specifically, Port funding was used for the planting of vegetation, site grading and the installation of an on-site cistern that collects rainwater to be reused for on-site irrigation. The park, located at West Ocean Boulevard and Pacific Avenue, is the oldest park in the city. It was originally designated as Pacific Park in 1888 and renamed Lincoln Park in 1915. After a multi-year closure, the redesigned Lincoln Park officially opened on Feb. 10, 2022.

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