



The **Community Grants Program** is a more than \$46 million effort designed to help those in the community who are most vulnerable to port-related impacts. Combined with a previous program started in 2009, the Port of Long Beach has set aside more than \$65 million, making it the largest voluntary port mitigation initiative in the country.

For more information, visit polb.com/grants.



At the Pools of Hope Life Vest Award presentation are, from left, Daniel Munzer, Zayda Garcia, Darick J. Simpson, Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson, Pools of Hope Executive Director Pat Dixon, Rich Archbold, Carlos Urbina and Port Managing Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs Heather Tomley.

Community Grants Program Wins the 2023 Life Vest Award from Pools of Hope

Pools of Hope on June 7 celebrated the 60th anniversary of its life-changing therapeutic aquatic and wellness program. During the event, Pools of Hope presented the Life Vest Award to the Port of Long Beach Community Grants Program for its dedication to improving the health of children by providing financial resources for the Respiratory Health Improvement Project (RHIP). This is the fifth such award that the Community Grants Program has received since 2017.

Pools of Hope is a two-time recipient of funding under the Community Grants Healthcare Program for the RHIP. The mission of RHIP is to combat elevated asthma and respiratory ailment rates among school-aged children in North Long Beach, Paramount and Compton. Since the project's inception in 2018, Pools of Hope has collaboratively engaged partner organizations, introducing asthma screenings and care directly to students at their educational institutions and from the Pools of Hope facility in North Long Beach. Through mobile health services provided by the St. Mary Medical Center Mobile Unit, the program achieves an annual screening count of 200 children, simultaneously fostering outreach and education to mitigate asthma risks for youths and their families. Pools of Hope was awarded \$150,000 in 2017 and \$649,195 in 2020. Since 2020, Pools of Hope has conducted educational outreach to benefit 17,000 children and youth across North Long Beach, Paramount and Compton. Together with the St. Mary Medical Center Mobile Unit, Pools of Hope has also facilitated asthma care services for 185 children and youth, ensuring access to vital healthcare resources.

Funding Available for Parks and Open Space Projects

The Community Grants Program is accepting concept papers for large, transformational parks and open space projects that provide buffers between sources of port-related impacts and the surrounding communities. Projects must adhere to the requirements in the Community Infrastructure Program guidelines. Concept papers must be submitted online and are due by 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2. To view project guidelines and the pre-solicitation workshop presentation held on Aug. 9, go to www.polb.com/grantopportunities.

Guidelines for the Community Infrastructure Program can be found on the Port website at www.polb.com/grants.

Solar Power Generation Grants Awarded

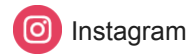
Two solar power generation projects, totaling \$1,801,327, were approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on July 24. Awarded projects include the installation of a rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) system and a canopy solar PV system at facilities that serve sensitive populations such as children, 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:

Conservation Corps of Long Beach – \$157,500

Long Beach Memorial Care – \$1,677,585

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