

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. The Neighborhood Council (NC), upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) Operation Blankets of Love 80-0238786 California 3/25/2009
Organization Name **Federal I.D. # (EIN#)** **State of Incorporation** **Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)**

1b) 16911 San Fernando Mission, PMB 187 Granada Hills CA 91344
Organization Mailing Address **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1c) _____ _____ _____ _____
Business Address (if different) **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Eileen Smulson (818) 402-6586 obol@obol.info
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 Grant Request on School Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

3) _____ _____ _____ _____
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization **City** **State** **Zip Code**
 (If applicable)

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**
 The grant is for our Humane Education Learning Program (HELP), an interactive and service-oriented program to meet the needs of homeless animals. Eileen and her certified therapy dog Ginger teaches: nursery to high school-aged youth. Our HELP lessons help raise awareness of the plight of shelter animals. Students learn why animals end up in shelters, solutions to solving this problem and how they can help. In addition, our goal is to encourage them to collect blankets and other comfort items for shelter animals. HELP lessons provide a sense of compassion and teamwork. Students achieve a feeling of accomplishment while learning how their actions can make a positive difference. These lessons have been proven to be a long-term solution to pet abuse, neglect and abandonment. H.E.L.P. Curriculum Topics: Respect and Be Kind to All Animals, Adoption is the Best Option, Pet Care and Responsibility (How to Keep Your Pet Healthy and Happy), Promoting Compassion for All Living Creatures, Why So Many Animals End Up in Shelters, Animal and Human Bonding, Help Local Shelters, Rescue Groups & Pets of the Homeless, Why to Spay and Neuter Your Pet, Shelter Overpopulation, Puppy Mills, What is Animal Cruelty? We can arrange a private tour at shelters for older children so that they may bring their donated items and place them in the kennels, experiencing first-hand how a simple blanket makes the animal feel safe, secure, warm and comfortable. They learn that this increases the animals' chances of being adopted.

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)**
 It will benefit the public-at-large- because local schools and youth groups (K-high school students) families and communities will play an active role – many for the first time in their lives – in reducing animal homelessness, by collecting the critical pet supplies for their local animal shelter/ rescues.

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

| 6a) Personnel Related Expenses | Requested of NC | Total Projected Cost |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| N/A | \$ | \$ |
| | \$ | \$ |
| | \$ | \$ |

| 6b) Non-Personnel Related Expenses | Requested of NC | Total Projected Cost |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| Humane Education Learning Program Presentations 10 local schools in Van Nuys. | \$ 600 | \$ \$2000 |
| The grant is to defray the cost of the written materials for the schools for our HELP f | \$ | \$ |
| Each student will get a 45 page coloring and activity workbook. | \$ | \$ |

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?
 No Yes, please list names of NCs: North Hills West Neighborhood Council

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes, please describe:

| Source of Funding | Amount | Total Projected Cost |
|-------------------|--------|----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| | \$ | \$ |
| | \$ | \$ |

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ \$600

10a) Start date: 11/01/2017 10b) Date Funds Required: 10/15/17

10c) Expected completion date: 12/31/17 (After completion of the project, the applicant must submit a follow-up form to the Neighborhood Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a former or existing relationship with a Board Member of the NC?
 No Yes - Please describe below:

| Name of NC Board Member | Relationship to Applicant |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
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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 Department 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 Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "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 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*
 Eileen Smulson Founder & Exectuive Dir Eileen Smulson 8/1/17
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*
 Susan Newman Board Secretary Susan Newman 8/1/17
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the Department at (213) 978-1551 for instructions on completing this form