



HARBOR COMMUNITY
BENEFIT FOUNDATION

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Memo To: Gary Lee Moore, P.E., Interim Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles
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Date: January 30, 2014
Re: Port Community Mitigation Trust Fund - Healthy Harbor Grants, Round 3

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the Operating Agreement of the TraPac Memorandum of Understanding (“Operating Agreement”), Harbor Community Benefit Foundation (“HCBF”) hereby submits a request to approve the funding for grant awards to local clinics and other health service providers, for projects aimed at addressing health impacts stemming from port operations. Approval will allow HCBF to fund a **third round of grants**, for the Health Care Grant Program contemplated in the TraPac MOU, Project C of Exhibit A.

“Provide funds to local clinics, other health service providers, and other organizations aimed at addressing health impacts...”

REQUEST

Harbor Community Benefit Foundation hereby requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC):

- 1) receive, consider and vote on the HCBF Board approved actions to fund Round 3 of its annual healthcare grant program, known as “Healthy Harbor Grants”; and
- 2) direct the independent financial manager, JPMorgan Chase, to release \$550,000 from the Port Community Mitigation Trust Fund (“PCMTF”) to HCBF in a single disbursement.

HCBF BOARD ACTIONS

September 20, 2013, the HCBF Board of Directors approved, by unanimous vote, the announcement of \$550,000 in available funding for the third round of healthcare grants. The annual program funds an array of programs serving vulnerable populations, mitigating air quality, and improving the health and wellness of residents in an industrial port environment within the communities of Wilmington and San Pedro; the proposed projects reasonably and appropriately mitigate, and address the Port’s health impact on the community by providing access to 1) diagnosis & treatment, 2) pharmaceuticals & medical supplies, and 3) health education and outreach; in the Harbor area affected by such Port impacts.

January 17, 2014, the HCBF Board of Directors resolved, by unanimous vote:

- a. The Healthy Harbor Grant Program conforms to the requirement of the TraPac MOU and the Tidelands Trust, and will benefit the port adjacent communities of San Pedro and Wilmington;
- b. Health care grants, to the nine (9) organizations listed in the staff report (**Table A**), shall be awarded to local clinics and other health service providers for projects aimed at addressing health impacts from pollution stemming from port operations in the total amount of \$550,000;
- c. Approve, in substantial form, the Grant Agreement (**Transmittal 1**) for HCBF’s Healthy Harbor healthcare grant program, Round 3, with Exhibits,
- d. The Executive Director shall be authorized 1) to report to the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC), requesting final approval of the project, 2) to execute a joint letter with the BOHC, or its

designee, to approve the distribution of funds in one lump sum transfer from the Port Community Mitigation Trust Fund to HCBF, in the amount of \$550,000, and 3) to fully execute, and administer, the Grant Agreements between HCBF and the approved grantees in Round 3; and

- e. Adopts this Resolution #2014.01.01

Healthy Harbor Grant Applicant	Recommended
Breathe LA (with YMCA) *	\$80,000
Harbor Community Clinic *	\$38,000
Long Beach Alliance for Children With Asthma (LBACA) *	\$70,000
Los Angeles Bio Med	\$67,000
Rainbow Services	\$12,000
Robert F. Kennedy Institute (RFKI)	\$46,000
St. Mary Medical Center	\$125,000
The Children's Clinic *	\$90,000
Tzu Chi Medical Foundation*	\$22,000
TOTAL	\$550,000

DISCUSSION

HCBF's Health Care Grant Program is designed to benefit the underserved residents of San Pedro and Wilmington. Currently, the projects funded under this popular program offer improved access to health care, education, outreach, diagnosis, and treatment. Mitigation projects under this program are consistent with the TraPac MOU and the Tidelands Trust, as the program addresses the health impacts of Port and Port-related operations, including, but not limited to air pollution.

The impacts of Port and Port-related air pollution on health are well documented. For example, the California Air Resources Board's Emission Reduction Plan for Ports and Goods Movement in California¹, and the U.S. EPA advisory council document Reducing Air Emissions Associated With Goods Movement: Working Towards Environmental Justice² and scientific studies cited therein describe these health impacts. Diesel emissions and other Port- and goods-movement-related air pollution have been linked to cancer as well as to non-cancer risks such as asthma and other cardiopulmonary diseases. In Round 3, each of the nine mitigation projects for which the HCBF seeks BOHC approval will mitigate these impacts by funding health education, health care services, medical supplies, access to health care, or other assets to treat or reduce asthma and other cardiopulmonary diseases in Wilmington and San Pedro.

HCBF HEALTH CARE GRANT PROGRAM – HISTORY

HCBF launched its Health Care Grant Program **in November 2011**. In the first round, HCBF received seven applications, requesting a total of \$1.2 million; four (4) qualified applicants were awarded a total of \$350,000 in grants for programs **servicing the residents of Wilmington**.

In Round 2, the program was **expanded to serve both Wilmington and San Pedro**. In 2012 HCBF received twenty-one (21) applications for grant funding; requests ranged from \$17,500 to \$603,000, for a total of over \$3.1 Million. Seven (7) qualified applicants were awarded a total of \$450,000.

Measured Results from Rounds 1 & 2. Grantees from each round gather quarterly with HCBF staff. The mandatory meetings generate opportunities to collaborate with community partners. Semi-annual grantee reports, posted on the HCBF website, demonstrate their success <http://hcbf.org/programs/>

¹ (http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/gmerp/plan/final_plan.pdf; http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/gmerp/plan/appendix_a.pdf (e.g.,

² (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/ej/resources/publications/nejac/2009-goods-movement.pdf>)

ELIGIBILITY

Programs must serve the communities of Wilmington *and/or* San Pedro. Proposals submitted were required to address one or more of the following priorities:

1. Diagnosis/Treatment;
2. Medical Supplies & Pharmaceuticals; and/or
3. Education/Outreach/Access to Medical Services.

Eligible applicants included: local clinics, health service providers, community-based organizations, nonprofit 501(c)3, and institutions for higher learning based in or serving the Wilmington and/or San Pedro communities. Qualified applicants not chosen in funding rounds may be offered technical assistance for subsequent rounds.

EVALUATION

In Round 3, by November 22, 2013, staff received 13 applications for Healthy Harbor Grants. Requests ranged from \$6,000 to \$300,000, totaled over \$1 Million, with matched funding of nearly 1 to 1. HCBF staff reviewed and evaluated all proposals based on the board approved Grant Evaluation Criteria outlined in the HCBF 2013-2016 Strategic Plan and the Healthy Harbor Application Guide. Criteria included: completeness and responsiveness, project description and goal, addressing demonstrated needs, partnerships, project uniqueness, potential for matched funds, budget and financial feasibility, programmatic sustainability and capability, timeline, and project evaluation and measurement. Final evaluation included site visits.

The Board ad-hoc committee, comprised of Jesse Marquez (Wilmington), Peter Peyton (San Pedro), and Dr. Silvia Prieto, MD, MPH (Public Health), considered and evaluated the proposals, providing guidance to staff.

On January 17, 2014, staff and the committee presented a recommendation to the Board to fund nine (9) proposals, intended to provide comprehensive, wraparound healthcare services for the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington. (TABLE B.)

TABLE B. HEALTHY HARBOR GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS – Sorted by Theme		
Grantee	Recommended	Funding Match
Theme #1: Comprehensive Mobile Diagnosis & Treatment		
St. Mary Medical Center	\$125,000	\$97,000
Theme #2: Access and Medical Supplies		
Breathe LA (with YMCA) *	\$80,000	\$75,410
Harbor Community Clinic *	\$38,000	\$46,000
Long Beach Alliance for Children With Asthma (LBACA) *	\$70,000	\$530,000
Robert F. Kennedy Institute (RFKI)	\$46,000	\$16,820
The Children's Clinic *	\$90,000	In-kind
Theme #3: Education, Empowerment, and Training		
Los Angeles Bio Med	\$67,000	\$55,455
Rainbow Services	\$12,000	\$51,000
Tzu Chi Medical Foundation*	\$22,000	\$13,500
TOTAL	\$550,000	\$886,175
* Grantees awarded health care funding in previous grant cycles.		

GRANT SUMMARIES

The following are summaries of the HCBF Board approved proposals, organized thematically.

Theme #1: Comprehensive Mobile Diagnosis & Treatment

St. Mary Medical Center

St. Mary will setup its high-tech medical mobile clinic in Wilmington, offering services one day a week for 50 weeks. Clinic staff, including a Respiratory Therapist, Nurse Practitioner, Social Worker and Case Manager, will deliver safety-net and primary care services to low-income, medically underserved residents to address asthma, COPD, and other respiratory diseases. The clinic offers screening, testing, insurance enrollment assistance, and social/health services referrals, linking patients to local medical services throughout Wilmington.

Theme #2: Access and Medical Supplies

Breathe LA (with YMCA)

Breathe LA and YMCA (San Pedro), will partner to establish a “Better Breathers Club™ with Beyond Rehab (BBC/BR)” support network for adults in San Pedro and Wilmington including early risk assessment, medically supervised exercise, health education, disease management, and access to free and low-cost clinical services. The Harbor Community Clinic (San Pedro) will serve as the primary clinical referral resource.

Harbor Community Clinic

Through community outreach and training, certification and utilization of a Certified Enrollment Counselor, HCC will help patients educate themselves about public health plans (Medi-Cal and L.A. managed care) and the Qualified Health Plans available to them through the California Health Benefit Exchange and assist them in navigating the complex eligibility criteria and requirements necessary to enroll in various plans. This will increase community access to affordable healthcare services for all Harbor-adjacent residents.

Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA)

LBACA will provide the Community Health Worker home intervention program to children and their families, Asthma 101 classes, Air Pollution 101 classes and trainings for school and clinic personnel. The program helps ensure that children receive asthma diagnosis and treatment, provides participants with non-toxic cleaning supplies to clean their home, and provides education and outreach to Wilmington and San Pedro.

Robert F. Kennedy Institute (RFKI)

RFKI will hire a Promotora Community Health Worker (FTE), to provide education, healthcare enrollment services, and resources to San Pedro and Wilmington residents suffering from respiratory illnesses. This program excludes an efforts currently funded by the China Shipping settlement (Wilmington).

The Children’s Clinic

TCC will continue implementing its Bridge to Health (B2H) Program, which reduces the exposure of children, the elderly, pregnant women and those with respiratory and cardiopulmonary illnesses to air pollution in the San Pedro and Wilmington areas. Also, TCC’s Patient Centered Medical Home initiative will be instrumental in providing increased access to comprehensive, high quality health care, health education and enabling services to uninsured, low-income residents of San Pedro and Wilmington.

Theme #3: Education, Empowerment, and Training

Los Angeles BioMed

LA BioMed will offer an 8-week summer Fellowship Program to 20 high school students from Wilmington and San Pedro. The well-established annual program provides hands-on learning in the field of biomedical science under the mentorship of accomplished LA BioMed researchers. Training and research will be held at the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center, Emergency Room, Electron Beam Computed Tomography Facility, and the Clinical Research Center.

Rainbow Services

Rainbow Services proposes to bring respiratory resources and health education to their underserved clients, approximately 235 families during a one-year grant period. The program includes eligibility and enrollment assistance with referrals to medical homes, including Harbor Community Clinic. A registered nurse (part-time) will educate patients on identifying and managing respiratory illnesses like asthma and COPD.

Tzu Chi Medical Foundation

Tzu Chi's Healthy Living Program empowers San Pedro and Wilmington residents impacted by Port related pollution, helping them to improve their health through education, self-management, and guided programs. Includes group exercise programs, health fairs, health talks and classes, holistic diagnosis and treatment, and a recycling program with indoor plants.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Section 5.B.iii of the Operating Agreement gives specific guidelines as to how money can be withdrawn from the PCMTF. A single transfer of funds from the PCMTF to HCBF for this project will be requested of the BOHC. Periodic disbursements will be made from HCBF to the program recipients, **over the course of twelve months**, based on achieved milestones reflected in the grant agreements. The Grant Disbursement Schedule, based on the achievement of reporting milestones, is found in TABLE C.

Payee	Total Award	Disbursement 1	Disbursement 2
Breathe LA with YMCA	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Harbor Community Clinic	\$38,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
Long Beach Alliance for Children With Asthma (LBACA)	\$70,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Los Angeles BioMed	\$67,000	\$33,000	\$34,000
Rainbow Services	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
Robert F Kennedy Institute (RFKI)	\$46,000	\$10,000	\$36,000
St. Mary Medical Center	\$125,000	\$62,000	\$63,000
The Children's Clinic	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Tzu Chi Medical Foundation	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0
TOTALS	\$550,000	\$278,000	\$272,000

PCMTF STATUS REPORT - PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS AND FUND BALANCE:

Recommended funding is in line with the HCBF 2013-2016 Strategic Plan, found on our website.

Recap of Projects and Programs funded to date

Off Port Impact Land Use Study	\$300,000
Noise Mitigation Program	185,000
Health Care Program (Round 1 & 2)	800,000
Community Benefit Grants	506,000

Subtotal Projects Funded by PCMTF as of Dec. 2013 **\$1,791,000**

Uncommitted Fund Balance as of Dec. 2013 \$6,793,554

2014 Health Care Grants Round 3 (this request) **\$550,000**

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Health Care Grant Agreement, Substantial Form
2. Exhibit A (Grantee Summary with Program Deliverables) for each grantee.