
HARBOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT FOUNDATION MEMORANDUM

To:  Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D, General Manager, Port of Los Angeles
 From: Mary Silverstein, Executive Director, Harbor Community Benefit Foundation
 Cc: Mike Christensen, Deputy Executive Director – Development, Port of Los Angeles
 Simon Kann, Deputy City Attorney, City of Los Angeles
 Michael Jenkins, Jenkins and Hogin, LLP, Counsel for HCBF
 Sean Hecht, Board Chair, Harbor Community Benefit Foundation
 Jennifer Lucchesi, Chief Counsel, State Lands Commission

Date: June 14, 2012
 Re: HCBF Health Care Grant Program, TraPac MOU Exhibit A, Project C

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 from air pollution stemming from port operations. Approval will allow HCBF to begin implementation of TraPac MOU, Project C of Exhibit A.

HCBF requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC) to receive, consider and vote on the funding of the following grants, and direct the California Community Foundation to release the respective amounts of the grant (totaling \$350,000) from the Port Community Mitigation Trust Fund (“PCMTF”), in a single disbursement:

Tzu Chi Foundation	\$8,000
The Children’s Clinic	\$50,000
LBACA	\$88,908
Wilmington Health Center	\$172,500 + \$30,592 as a contingency if HCBF determines that additional funds are needed under the contract to complete the scope of work

Background

A mitigation project that addresses an impact attributable to Port and Port-related operations, the language of Project C of Exhibit A reads:

“Provide funds to local clinics, other health service providers, and other organizations aimed at addressing health impacts from air pollution stemming from port operations.”

Discussion

Project C of Exhibit A, via HCBF’s Health Care Grant Program, is designed to improve community health by reducing the impacts of Port and Port-related air pollution, and therefore mitigation projects under this program are consistent with the TraPac MOU and the Tidelands Trust. The projects include education, outreach, diagnostic, screening, and monitoring programs to reduce the health-related impacts of 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 California (http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/gmerp/plan/final_plan.pdf; http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/gmerp/plan/appendix_a.pdf (e.g., pp. 69-77)), and the U.S. EPA advisory council document Reducing Air Emissions Associated With Goods Movement: Working Towards Environmental Justice (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/ej/resources/publications/nejac/2009-goods-movement.pdf>) 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. Each of the four mitigation projects for which the HCBF seeks BOHC approval will mitigate these impacts by funding health care services, supplies, or other assets to treat or reduce asthma and other cardiopulmonary diseases in Wilmington.

Health Care Grant Program

As described in the attached HCBF Staff Memo dated February 23, 2012, funding applications were required to address one or more of the following three program areas: 1) Diagnosis and Treatment, 2) Medical Supplies and Pharmaceuticals, and 3) Education and Outreach.

The HCBF Board authorized up to \$500,000 in funding. Grant applications totaled \$1.2 million.

Selected Grantee Proposals:

An Ad Hoc committee reviewed the applications and selected four (4) grant recipients based on their qualifications and collaborative ability to serve residents of Wilmington. Working together, the grantees will provide services to the benefit of Wilmington area residents impacted by air pollution-related illnesses such as asthma. A Program Summary and Project Budget for each grant can be found in the attached Grant Agreement exhibits.

- **Tzu Chi Medical Foundation:** Centrally located on Broad Avenue in Wilmington, Tzu Chi's in-house programs will (1) Increase use of preventive health care services, (2) provide (durable) medical supplies not typically available in clinics such as Asthma breathing inhalers, (3) conduct workshops, and an exercise program to promote healthy living, and (4) provide indoor plants to reduce indoor air pollutants.
- **The Children's Clinic (TCC):** Using clinic space at Tzu Chi, TCC community health workers will 1) help diagnose and treat children in Wilmington with cardiopulmonary disease, (2) provide counseling and educational sessions; and (3) provide self-management classes and chronic disease management education and outreach for the community.
- **Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA):** In collaboration with the other grantees, LBACA case workers will perform home visits in Wilmington to (1) assess and address asthma triggers, (2) Increase general knowledge of asthma and air pollution issues for Wilmington residents, (3) provide non toxic cleaning supplies, at no charge, and introduce methods to reduce in-home environmental asthma triggers, and (4) introduce low income households to community resources.
- **Wilmington Health Center:** Located next door to Tzu Chi, the funding will be used to renovate and transform an underutilized storage area into two new clinic rooms with a nursing station, to launch the first Primary Care Pulmonology Clinic in the harbor area.

Proposal budgets are attached. The following summarizes the funding requests:

Health Care Grant - Budget Summary			
Grantee	HCBF Grant	Other Sources	Total Project
1. Tzu Chi Foundation	8,000	23,000	31,000
2. The Children's Clinic	50,000	6,860	56,860
3. LBACA	88,908	639,515	728,423
4. Wilmington Health Center (WHC)	172,500	110,000	282,500
4a Contingency for WHC	30,592	0	30,592
Totals	\$350,000	\$779,375	\$1,129,375

Economic Impact

The health care grants will result in 3.5 full time equivalent (fte) jobs as follows: WHC project coordinator (1 fte), TCC community health worker (1 fte), LBACA case worker (1 fte) and trainer (.5 fte).

Reporting – Program Outcomes

HCBF will administer the Health Care Grant Program, including quarterly meetings at Tzu Chi with the four grant recipients to ensure collaboration and successful program completion. The grant recipients are required to carry out the programs and activities called for in their proposals during a one to three-year period. Program outcomes will be reported after six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months.

HCBF staff has determined 1) the projects conform to the requirements of the TraPac MOU, 2) the work is located in Wilmington, 3) the projects are appropriate mitigation measures, and 4) the budget and schedule for funding from the PCMTF are appropriate.

PCMTF Status Report: Previously Approved Projects and Fund Balance

Balance as of March 30, 2012:	\$9,460,000
BOHC Approved May 17, 2012, <i>Disbursements Pending</i> :	
Off Port Impact Land Use Study	(300,000)
Noise Assessment, Phase I of Project A	(185,000)
Subtotal Fund Balance	\$8,975,000
HCBF Health Care Grants (4)	(350,000)
Net Uncommitted Fund Balance	\$8,625,000

HCBF Board Actions

On February 23, 2012 the HCBF Board of Directors, by majority vote: 1) approved the committee selection of four grantees for a **grand total of \$350,000**; 2) approved contracts prepared by Public Counsel, in substantial form, for three grantees: **Tzu Chi Foundation, The Children’s Clinic and LBACA**, 3) authorized submittal to the BOHC for a disbursement from the PCMTF in the combined amount of \$146,908; and 4) approved a grant award to the fourth grantee, **Wilmington Health Center** in the amount of \$172,500, plus a contingency in the amount of \$30,592, subject to final approval of the grant agreement.

On May 18, 2012 the HCBF Board of Directors, by majority vote: 1) approved the Grant Agreement prepared by Jenkins & Hogin, LLC, in substantial form, between LA Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and HCBF, in the amount of \$172,500, for renovations at the Wilmington Health Center, to open a pulmonology clinic; and \$30,592 as a contingency if HCBF determines that additional funds are needed under the contract to complete the scope of work; and 2) authorized staff to request approval from BOHC for a disbursement from the PCMTF in an amount not to exceed \$203,092, for completion of the project.

Request

HCBF requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC) to receive, consider and vote on the funding of the following grants, and direct the California Community Foundation to release the respective amounts of the grant (totaling \$350,000) from the Port Community Mitigation Trust Fund (“PCMTF”), in a single disbursement:

Tzu Chi Foundation	\$8,000	
The Children’s Clinic	\$50,000	
LBACA	\$88,908	
Wilmington Health Center	\$172,500 + \$30,592	as a contingency if HCBF determines that additional funds are needed under the contract to complete the scope of work

Attachments:

- 1) Staff Memo to HCBF Board of Directors: Item 3, February 23, 2012, Review and Approval of Grants for LBACA, The Children’s Clinic & Tzu Chi)
- 2) Staff Memo to HCBF Board of Directors: Item 5, May 18, 2012, Health Care Grant Agreement for Wilmington Health Center
- 3) Grantee Executed Grant Agreements:
3A: Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma, with Addendum
3B: The Children’s Clinic, with Addendum
3C: Tzu Chi Medical Foundation, with Addendum
- 4) Grantee Executed Grant Agreement, prepared by Jenkins & Hogin, LLC:
LA Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor UCLA Medical Center, for Wilmington Health Center renovation, with evidence of County Self Insurance

HCBF Contact

Mary Silverstein, Executive Director
Harbor Community Benefit Foundation
150 W. 6th Street, Suite 100B
San Pedro, CA 90731
Office: (562) 743-3448
Website: www.hcbf.org