



# PROJECT PROPOSAL

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Project Name (6 words or less)

Tabor Court Green Alley Rehabilitation

Grant Request Amount (Max of \$2,500)

\$2,500

Project Address (# and street name or street intersections). No latitude and longitude coordinates will be accepted. If the location does not have street names, it is most likely not in the public right of way.

Tabor Court Alley between Venice Blvd. and Milwood  
585 Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291

Check here if project location is on a shared boundary (i.e. borders 2 or more Council Districts, Neighborhood Councils, or Homeowner Associations)

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**(LIMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAGE ONLY)** Please answer the following questions in narrative form.

Elaborate on:

1.A What is your proposed project (detailed description)?

1.B Why was the location chosen?

1.C What makes your proposal unique?

2. Why should your project be funded

1A. The proposed project is to enhance the unknown gem of Venice, the Irving Tabor Court Green Alley project, created 15 years ago by the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), which has been neglected. It was named after the black chauffeur and close partner/friend of Abbot Kinney, the founder of Venice of America. Our proposal is to: replace dead trees and understory plants with healthy local native plants, remove non-native plants, mulch entire area, create public education materials and group tours to teach about the benefits of local native species, reach out to the local schools and finally work with contracted landscaper to create a tree, shrub and ground cover maintenance plan. Our volunteer group, the Venice Arbor Committee, working with the Venice Chamber of Commerce, will maintain the project on a monthly basis in the first year and quarterly after that at no cost.

1B. This location was chosen because it is a highly trafficked and visible area in Venice, East of Abbot Kinney. It was a pilot project to showcase several green infrastructure features including: native plantings, storm water infiltration, and permeable paving in a community alley and parking lot. The state of the original project is in decline, as the current maintenance and clean up has been inadequate and dying plant material has not been replaced.

1C. The project is unique because the alley design was intended to showcase coastal California native plants, especially native plants that are endemic (existing exclusively) to the Channel Islands, and adjacent mainland.

2. This project should be funded because our community group, the Venice Arbor Committee, has a great track record of planting and maintaining trees and native plants in the neighborhood, educating the public about shade equity, native plants, and water quality through our tree and plants planting projects, neighborhood Tree and Bird Walks, and median/parkway clean-ups. The project is a good investment for KLAB since it builds on an already existing structure and has a solid group dedicated to maintenance and upkeep. The project builds community by involving volunteers of all ages and diverse socio-economic groups in the beautification and appreciation of the community, local group educational tours and the creation of educational materials about the benefits of local native plants.

In addition, this project supports ALL of the objectives of the KLAB Community Beautification Grant program. Funding of this proposal empowers the diverse individuals and organizations in the community of Venice to take action and ownership of publicly accessible spaces, and stimulates community unity. It encourages new partnerships with local schools, businesses and community groups. And finally, Beautifies and Revitalizes the City of Los Angeles in Venice — of clear benefit to the public at large