### **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. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

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1b)	501 S. Venice Blvd	Los /	os Angeles CA		CA	90291	
	Organization Mailing Address	City	State		Zip Code		
1c)							
	Business Address (If different)	City			State	Zip	Code
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:						
	Linda Martinek 310 821	friendsofvenicelibrary@gmail.com					
	Name	Phor	ie	Email			
2)	Type of Organization- Please select one:  ☐ Public School (not to include private schools)  Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead	or [	501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions)  Attach IRS Determination Letter				
3)	Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if application)	able)	City		State	Zip	Code

#### SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

Recently, the Venice Library Branch was selected to participate in the Youth-Empowering Sensory Spaces! Grant because we demonstrated a great need in our community to service special needs youth. We now aim to expand this project by adding speech tablets for nonverbal youth from ages 2 to 18. The goal of this project is to offer non-verbal young people technology to help them communicate.

See attached grant proposal for more information.

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)

Three speech tablets will be used for non-verbal autistic children of all ages and stroke victims. We are specifically interested in purchasing the Samsung tablets from https://usaspeechtablets.com/.

These speech tablets will fill a needed void. We believe this addition would continue to set the Venice Library on the forefront of providing innovative technology for our patrons. The tablets will be used in the library.

See attached grant proposal for more details.

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\* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or <a href="mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org">clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org</a> for instructions on completing this form

#### Project Description for Speech Tablets for Venice Library

Recently, the Venice Library Branch was one of five library locations selected to receive funding from the YESS Grant (<a href="https://lapl.org/sensory-spaces">https://lapl.org/sensory-spaces</a>). We demonstrated a great need in our community to service special needs youth. In order to identify our service population, we conducted and received a total of 11 responses from local schools ranging in age from preschool to high school and were able to positively identify around 2,000 special needs students. We also received community input from the Venice Family Clinic. The YESS Grant allowed our library to purchase much needed adaptive furniture and equipment to address this issue and support our community.

We now aim to expand this project by adding speech tablets for nonverbal youth from ages 2 to 18. The goal of this project is to offer non-verbal young people technology to help them communicate. We are specifically interested in purchasing the Samsung tablets from https://usaspeechtablets.com/. The reason we would like to purchase these tablets is because the tablets have the Talktabletpro app included (which can be purchased from the App store for \$199.) They are also the newest version of the device and come with a durable case, built in screen protector, and charging blocks. We also want to purchase the 2 year warranty for each of the tablets because it was recommended by the manufacturing company. The warranty will also be useful in case students might accidentally break these devices.

The speech tablets can be used for non-verbal autistic children of all ages. These could also be available to patrons who are stroke victims. After consulting with Gordon Harris, President of Gus Communication Devices the 11" screen for children, teens and adults. He recommended purchasing the Samsung devices over the Apple iPads because they have 4 speakers for enhanced volume, which is critical for nonverbal users. This symbol based communication can be easily customized for each person's needs.

#### Our Target Audience:

According to the LAUSD special education department, Stacy Hotchkiss, Specialist, Language & Speech Program Region North & East, that LAUSD has, "over 1200 students using a variety of AAC applications on iPads and dedicated devices."

According to Nashana Steele MA SLP, Administrative Specialist, Language and Speech Program. "LAUSD is able to provide communication systems for all students who require them based on assessment data and IEP designation." However, while LAUSD provides speech tablets for their IEP students, the devices can get broken and will take 1-2 weeks to be replaced.

"We are typically able to replace the student's system within 1-2 weeks. While we provide light tech supports in these cases (coreboards, paper copies of student page sets, etc.), your program might serve a purpose during that window of time the student is waiting for a replacement," says Steele.

identified as non-verbal by LAUSD lack access to these devices. Consequently, our tablets will be especially beneficial for young children ages 2-5, students not enrolled in LAUSD, LAUSD students with broken devices and stroke victims without access to speech tablets.

This project will be run by Michele Robinson, acting Children's Librarian and Lisa Nena, Young Adult Librarian. We plan to start this project in June with the purchase of the technology. Finally, we want to roll this project out to supplement our YESS Grant. The library will advertise the new devices across all platforms - print, electronic and social media to let patrons know of this amazing resource. The speech tablets will complement our new Reader Pens, which were purchased through our YESS grant funding.

While LAPL offers a variety of services for people with disabilities <u>LAPL ADA Services</u> and specialty items such to checkout to our patrons. These speech tablets will fill a needed void. Upon researching, we could not find another library system that offers speech tablets to check out to their patrons. We believe this addition would continue to set the Venice Branch Library on the forefront of providing innovative technology for our patrons.



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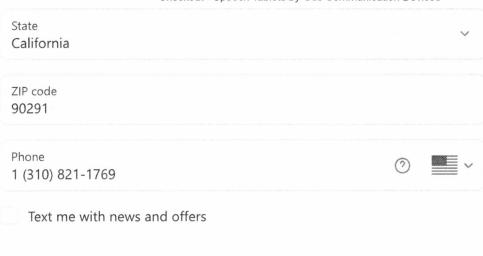
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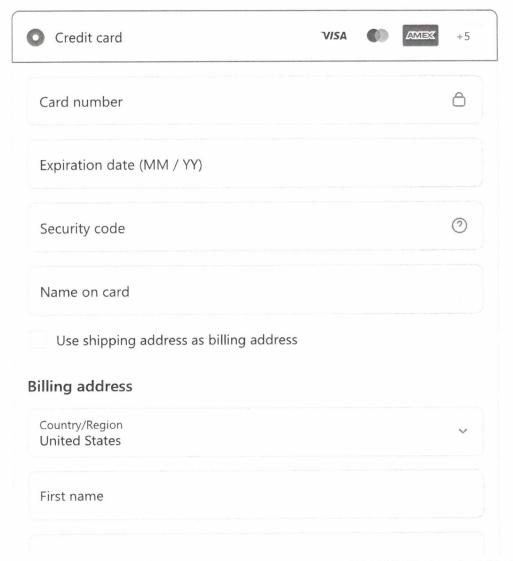


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17053067002031 Contact Person: CHRIS BROWN

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Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

June 30

Foundation Status Classification: 509(a)(2)

Advance Ruling Period Begins:

June 8, 2000

Advance Ruling Period Ends: June 30, 2004

Addendum Applies:

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 50%(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in section 509(a)(2).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make

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