

**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.

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

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

- 1a) Friends of Venice Abbott Kinney Memorial Li 95-3993728 CA 2001  
*Organization Name Federal I.D. # (EIN#) State of Incorporation Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*
- 1b) 501 S. Venice Blvd Los Angeles CA 90291  
*Organization Mailing Address City State Zip Code*
- 1c) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Business Address (If different) City State Zip Code*
- 1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Linda Martinek 310 821-1769 friendsofvenicelibrary@gmail.com  
*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 Signed letter on School Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) 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.



**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE**

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)	<b>Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

6b)	<b>Non-Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
	3 Speech Tablets 11" Samsung (Android) TalkTablet PRO Speech app (Pre	\$2,097.97	\$2,099.97
	2 year warranty for each device	\$284.97	\$284.97
	shipping (invoice attached)	\$19.95	\$19.95

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If Yes, please list names of NCs: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$2,404.89

10a) Start date: 6 / 1 / 25 10b) Date Funds Required: 6 / 1 / 25 10c) Expected Completion Date: 6 / 30 / 25  
(After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

**SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

☒ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, please describe below:

<b>Name of NC Board Member</b>	<b>Relationship to Applicant</b>
Helen Fallon	member of Friends of Venice Library

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 NC Funding Program 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 the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "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 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\*

LINDA MARTINEK PRESIDENT Linda Martinek 5/8/25  
PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED\*

Diane Zwanig Secretary Diane Zwanig 5/8/25  
PRINT Name Title Signature Date

\* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or [clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org) 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 (<https://lapl.org/sensory-spaces>). 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 Talktablepro 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 [LAPL ADA Services](#) 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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Samsung (Android)  
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Use shipping address as billing address

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# Speech Tablets by Gus Communication Devices



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## Delivery

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United States ▾

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Last name

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Apartment, suite, etc. (optional)

City  
Venice



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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAR 22 2001**

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509(a)(2)  
Advance Ruling Period Begins:  
June 8, 2000  
Advance Ruling Period Ends:  
June 30, 2004  
Addendum Applies:  
No

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 509(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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