

**Neighborhood Council Funding Program
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**



Office of the
City Clerk

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. **Any potential conflicts of interest indicated in Section IV of this application must be addressed with the Office of the City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division prior to the Neighborhood Council board's vote and consideration of the grant.** 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) Venice Canals Association 95-3762205 CA 5/15/2010

Organization Name Federal I.D. # (EIN) State of Incorporation Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)

1b) PO Box 893

Venice CA 90294

Organization Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

1c) Business Mailing Address (if different)

City State Zip Code

1d) APPLICANT POINT OF CONTACT:

Frank Nemiroff, treasurer

323-394-7211

franknemiroff@gmail.com

Name

Phone

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 the IRS Determination Letter and status verification from the State of California** (see "Application Process" under the Applicant Instructions.)

3) Are you applying as a fiscal sponsor for another organization?

No Yes

If yes, please provide:

Name / Address of Affiliated Organization

City

State

Zip Code

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

1 - Venice Canals pedestrian foot bridges - rehab and repaint 5 severely weathered pedestrian foot bridges. Work includes removal of accumulated mildew and fungus, then prime and make ready for painting. Painting will be done by community volunteers, including Councilwoman Tracy Park, who is committed to joining in the Venice Canals Association's Community Cleanup Day.

2 - Venice Canals Dell Ave. vehicle bridges - repair damaged concrete, remove graffiti, and repaint all four Dell Ave. vehicle bridges

Photos and details for the current state of the pedestrian and vehicle bridges are on the attached Application Supplemental document

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)

The Venice Canals are a public, historic treasure, and a large tourist attraction. The existing pedestrian foot bridges are severely weathered, with accumulated mildew and fungus, along with peeled and faded paint. The Dell Ave. vehicle bridges are used by cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Each of these vehicle bridges show signs of damage, including chunks of concrete missing, graffiti, and missing paint. This project is supported and endorsed by the Venice Canals Association Board of Directors, which will supply necessary funding to complete the work.

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

Please provide a detailed Project Budget Outline below. You may also provide a Project Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested. (Note: Administrative costs of the organization or admission fees cannot be funded through a Neighborhood Purposes Grant.)

Project Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Pedestrian foot bridges - labor to remove mildew & fungus, prime, and make ready for painting (painting to be done by community volunteers described above)	\$ 3500.00	\$ 4550.00
	\$ 0	\$
	\$	\$
Materials for the project	\$	\$ 2480.96
	\$	\$
Dell Ave bridges - labor to repair damaged concrete, remove graffiti, repaint	\$ 1500.00	\$ 2500.00

7a) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project within the last 18 months?

No Yes

If Yes, please describe below:

Neighborhood Council(s)	Date Submitted to NC	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

7b) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for any project within the last 18 months?

No Yes

If Yes, please describe below:

Neighborhood Council(s)	Date Submitted to NC	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources of funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs)

No Yes

If Yes, please describe below:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
Venice Canals Association is committed to funding the balance	\$ 4,530.95	9530.85
	\$	
	\$	

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 5000.00

10a) Start date: 06 01 26

10b) Date Funds Required: 05 31 26

10c) Expected Completion Date*: 06 30 26

After completion of the project, the applicant **must submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council to update the Board of your project successes and challenges and for consideration of future grant requests.*

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

No Yes

If Yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

12) If Yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?

No Yes

If Yes, provide the date you made the request to the board member. _____

I Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, or signs the Board Action Certification Form (BAC), the NC Funding Program may 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*

Frank Nemiroff

treasurer

PRINT Name

Title

Frank Nemiroff

Signature

05/05/26

Date

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

Merrill Fanning

Secretary

PRINT Name

Title

Declassified by:

Merrill Fanning

Signature: SAHF24SD42:Date

* If a current NC Board Member holds any board position or is employed in the organization, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org for instructions on completing this form.

Venice Canal Bridge Restoration Project

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Pedestrian Bridges	Dell Ave Road Bridges
5 of 9 bridges — wooden pedestrian structures	4 of 4 bridges — concrete vehicle bridges
Scope: clean, sand, fill, prime, repaint (white)	Scope: clean, patch, prime, repaint (green + beige)
NPG Requested \$5,000	VCA Contribution \$4,530.95
	Bridges Restored 9 total

Section 1: Project Narrative

Purpose and Intent of the Grant (Question 4)

The Venice Canals Association (VCA) requests \$5,000 from the Venice Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to fund restoration work on nine canal bridges: five of nine historic pedestrian bridges and all four Dell Avenue road bridges spanning the Venice Canals.

The Venice Canals, built in 1906 and designated Historic Cultural Monument No. 270 by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission in 1983, are one of the most iconic public spaces in Los Angeles and a major tourist destination. The bridges are both functional public infrastructure and defining visual features of this beloved waterway. Years of exposure to the coastal marine environment — combined with vehicle traffic stress on the Dell Ave bridges — have left multiple structures in urgent need of repair.

Pedestrian Bridges (5 of 9) — Purple markers on map

- Structure type: Wooden pedestrian bridges with painted wood railings and decking
- Conditions: Severely peeling paint, bare wood sections, heavy mildew and algae growth, rusting hardware, fungal staining
- Scope: Clean surfaces, sand all painted wood, fill holes and cracks, apply primer, apply two finish coats of Behr Dynasty white paint

Dell Avenue Road Bridges (4 of 4) — Red markers on map

- Structure type: Concrete vehicle road bridges over the canal waterway
- Conditions: Concrete spalling and cracking, severe paint delamination, graffiti, moisture damage across all four bridges
- Scope: Clean surfaces, patch concrete damage, fill cracks, prime, repaint green (tops) and beige (walls)

Both bridge types will be addressed through professional contractor work funded by the NPG grant and VCA, followed by a Community Volunteer Painting Day in partnership with Councilwoman Traci Park's office (CD11), the Office of Community Beautification (OCB), and/or Shine LA.

Public Benefit (Question 5)

The Venice Canals are a publicly accessible, historically designated open space serving thousands of residents and visitors annually. The bridges provide essential public access and are among the most-visited landmarks in Venice.

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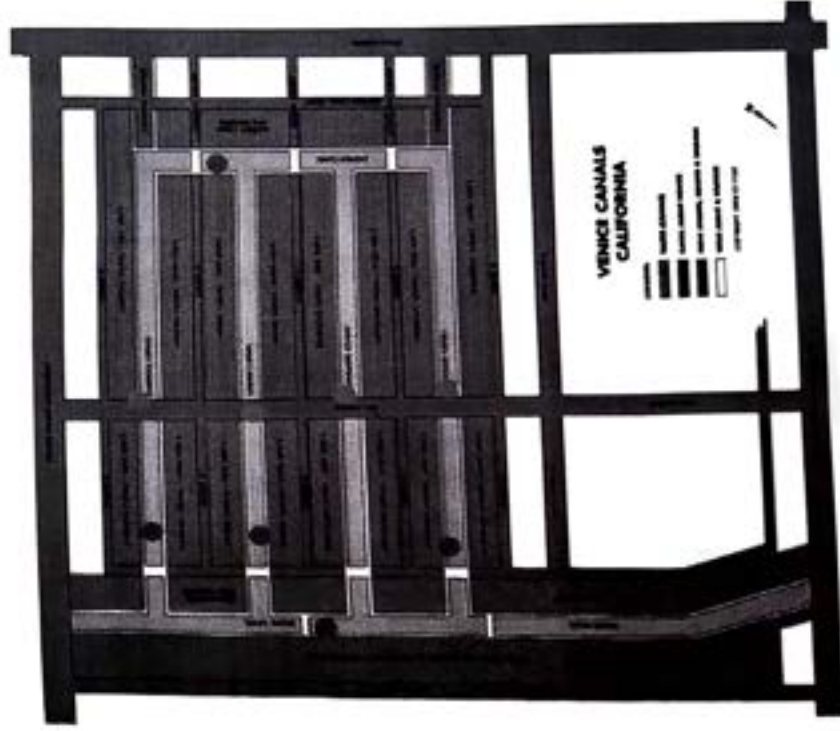
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- **Historic Preservation:** Maintains the visual integrity of Historic Cultural Monument No. 270, designated by the City of Los Angeles in 1983.
- **Public Safety:** Addresses deteriorating wood surfaces on pedestrian bridges and concrete damage on Dell Ave bridges that present increasing risk if left unrepaired.
- **Neighborhood Beautification:** Restores iconic infrastructure and improves the visitor experience at a major tourist destination.
- **Community Engagement:** The Volunteer Day brings together residents, elected officials, and community organizations in a hands-on civic event.
- **Leveraged Resources:** VCA contributes significant matching funds. OCB/Shine LA partnerships may provide additional equipment and support at no additional cost to the grant.

This project is supported and endorsed by the Venice Canals Association Board of Directors.

Section 2: Bridge Location Map

The annotated map below identifies all bridge locations targeted by this grant. Purple markers indicate the five pedestrian bridges; red markers indicate all four Dell Avenue road bridges.



Venice Canals — Annotated bridge map. Purple = pedestrian bridges (5); Red = Dell Ave road bridges (4). Map © 2004 CJ Cole.

Historic Cultural Monument — Venice Canals

The Venice Canals were built in 1906, inspired by the canals of Venice, Italy. They were designated Historic Cultural Monument No. 270 by the Cultural Heritage Commission, City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department in 1983. The plaque below is located on the Dell Avenue bridge at Sherman Canal.



Historic Cultural Monument No. 270 plaque — Located on the Dell Ave. Bridge at Sherman Canal

Section 3: Pedestrian Bridge Conditions — Photo Documentation

Wooden pedestrian bridges | Photos taken April 2026

The following photographs document the deteriorated condition of the five targeted pedestrian bridges, showing severe paint peeling, bare wood exposure, mildew, algae, and rusting hardware.



Photo 1. Weathered railing post — chipping paint, rusted hardware



Photo 2. Extreme paint peeling on top rail — bare wood and mildew staining



Photo 3: Heavy green algae/mold on structural bracing



Photo 4: Paint crazing on rail cap, missing wood sections, exposed fasteners



Photo 5: Dark mold growth along base stringer at waterline

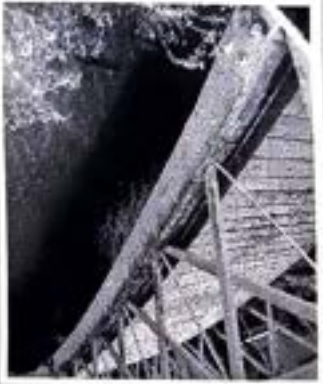


Photo 6: Full bridge view — algae on structural beam over canal



Photo 7: Severe paint loss throughout railing — bare wood exposed



Photo 8: Microalgae at post bases where moisture accumulates



Photo 9: Mineral deposits, cracked deck boards, rebar corrosion



Photo 10: Full bridge overview showing overall deteriorated condition

Section 4: Dell Avenue Road Bridge Conditions — Photo Documentation

Concrete road bridges on Dell Avenue | Photos taken April 2026

The Dell Avenue bridges are concrete vehicle road bridges carrying car and pedestrian traffic across the Venice Canals. All four bridges show significant deterioration including concrete spalling, cracking, severe paint delamination, moisture infiltration, and graffiti.



Dell Photo 1: Concrete parapet base — cracking, joint delamination along joint



Dell Photo 2: Large concrete spalling section with subsurface exposure



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Dell Photo 3: Paint peeling and cracking along full parapet face



Dell Photo 5: Continued paint peeling and cracking on parapet



Dell Photo 4: Severe concrete spalling and graffiti — contractor assessments in progress

Dell Photo 6: Cracking across bridge face — swan peedle boat visible in canal below

Section 5: Contractor Quotes & Project Budget

VCA obtained two quotes from two contractors for each bridge type, providing the VNC with a full competitive comparison. All quotes are dated April–May 2026 and copies are included in the attachments.

Pedestrian Bridge Quotes — Side by Side (5 bridges)

	Steffensen Services	Almira
Address	228 Howland Canal, LA, CA 90291	920 S Catalina St, LA, CA 90006
Phone	—	(213) 605-1277
Quote Date	April 24, 2026 (Quote #1)	April 2026
Scope	Mildew treatment, full sanding (belt & orbital), prime all surfaces — all 5 bridges	Sand & prep wood, apply primer — all 5 bridges
Labor Cost Included	\$4,550	\$6,000
Materials Cost Included	\$703	\$0
TOTAL QUOTE	\$5,253	\$6,000

Dell Avenue Bridge Quotes — Side by Side (4 bridges)

	Almira	Steffensen Services
Quote Date	April 2026	May 1, 2026 (Quote #2)
Scope	Cement repair on bridges + paint — all 4 bridges	Concrete repair for guardrail on Dell bridges — concrete and materials included
Includes Materials?	Yes — concrete & materials included; client provides paint	Yes — concrete & materials included; client provides paint
Price per bridge	\$625	\$900
TOTAL QUOTE	\$2,500	\$3,600

Materials Budget (VCA-Funded — Non-Personnel Expenses)

All materials will be purchased by VCA. Behr Dynasty paint was selected for its durability in coastal environments. Marine-grade primer is specified for the moisture-rich canal setting. Extra touch-up gallons will be donated to the City of Los Angeles for future graffiti abatement.

Item	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
Behr Dynasty Paint — Matching White (5 pedestrian bridges, 1 gal each)	5 gal	\$44.00	\$220.00
Behr Dynasty Paint — Matching Green (4 Dell Ave bridge tops, 1 gal each)	4 gal	\$44.00	\$176.00

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Behr Dynasty Paint — Matching Beige (4 Dell Ave bridge walls, 2 gal each) 8 gal \$44.00 **\$352.00**

Marine Grade Primer — 5-gallon bucket (covers all 9 bridges) 2 buckets \$195.00 **\$390.00**

Supplies: tarps, brushes, rollers, cleaning solution, wet paint signs, caution tape, sandpaper — — **\$350.00**

Extra graffiti touch-up supply for City of LA (1 gal x 3 colors: white, green, beige) 3 gal \$44.00 **\$132.00**

Subtotal **\$1,620.00**

Los Angeles Sales Tax (9.75%) **\$157.95**

TOTAL MATERIALS **\$1,777.95**

Overall Project Budget — Contractor Comparison

The table below shows the total project cost under each contractor scenario. VCA recommends using Steffensen Services for the pedestrian bridges and Almira for the Dell Ave bridges, delivering the best value while maintaining competitive quotes for both scopes.

	Option A: Steffensen + Almira	Option B: Almira (both)
Pedestrian bridges labor (5)	\$4,550 — Steffensen *	\$6,000 — Almira
Dell Ave bridges labor (4)	\$2,500 — Almira	\$2,500 — Almira
Materials (paint, primer, supplies)	\$2,480.95 (\$1,777.95 + \$703)	\$1,777.95
Total Project Cost	\$9,530.95	\$10,277.95
NPG Grant (requested)	\$5,000	\$5,000
VCA Contribution	\$4,530.95	\$5,277.95

Note: Option A (Steffensen for pedestrian bridges + Almira for Dell Ave) is VCA's recommended approach.

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Section 6: Project Timeline

Phase	Dates	Activities
Grant Award	May 19, 2026	VNC votes to approve NPG grant at May board meeting
Pre-Work	May~June 2026	Finalize permits (BOE/LABT), confirm contractors, confirm OCB/Shine LA partnership, procure materials
Project Start	June 1, 2026	Contractors begin: clean, sand/prep, patch, prime, and paint all 9 bridges (5 pedestrian + 4 Dell Ave)
Volunteer Day	June 2026 (TBD)	Community painting event with Councilwoman Park, OCB/Shine LA, and local volunteers
COMPLETION DEADLINE	June 30, 2026	All 9 bridges fully restored — VNC fiscal year-end deadline. All work must be completed by June 30, 2026.
Final Report	July 2026	Project Completion Report with before/after photos submitted to VNC

Section 7: Permitting & Regulatory Compliance

All necessary permits and approvals will be obtained prior to commencement of work. The Venice Canals are owned by the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering.

Agency	Role	Status
City of LA Bureau of Engineering	Owner of Venice Canals and all bridges. Work coordinated with and approved by BOE prior to commencement.	In progress
LA Beautification Team (LABT)	Assists with permitting navigation and confirms project qualifies under City beautification guidelines. Participation streamlines approvals for community-led work on public property.	Being engaged
CA Coastal Commission	Canals are within the Coastal Zone. Cosmetic repainting of existing structures (no structural alteration) is generally exempt from Coastal Development Permit requirements. Exemption to be confirmed in writing.	To be confirmed
OCB / Shine LA	Potential partnership to co-facilitate the Community Volunteer Day and provide equipment and materials support.	Exploring

Section 8: Community Volunteer Day

A Community Volunteer Painting Day will transform bridge restoration into a public celebration, planned in partnership with Councilwoman Traci Park's office (CD11).

Element	Details
Event Name	The 1906 Historic Venice Bridges Community Clean Up Day
Date	June 2026 — specific date TBD; must occur before June 30, 2026 completion deadline
Scope	Community finish painting on pedestrian bridges (5) and/or Dell Ave bridges (4) following professional prep and prime
Participants	VCA members, Councilwoman Park and CD11 staff, OCB/Shine LA volunteers, local residents
Partners	Office of Councilwoman Traci Park (CD11), Office of Community Beautification (OCB), Shine LA (pending)
Volunteer Labor Value	Estimated value of volunteer painting labor (final costs on preped/primed pedestrian bridges): \$2,450.00. Bridges will be professionally cleaned, sanded, and primed in advance; volunteers apply the finish coats.

Section 9: Attachments Checklist

#	Document	Status
1	IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter — EIN 95-3762205, effective 5/15/2010	✓ Attached
2	Quote — Steffensen Services (Quote #1): 5 pedestrian bridges — \$5,253 (mildew treatment, sanding, priming, labor + materials, client applies finish paint)	✓ Attached
3	Quote — Steffensen Services (Quote #2): 4 Dell Ave bridges — \$3,600 (concrete repair + materials; client provides paint)	✓ Attached
4	Quote — Almira: 5 pedestrian bridges — \$6,000 (\$1,200/bridge, labor only; sand, prep, prime)	✓ Attached
5	Quote — Almira: 4 Dell Ave bridges — \$2,500 (cement repair + paint, includes materials)	✓ Attached
6	Photo documentation — pedestrian bridges (10 photos, April 2026)	✓ Included
7	Photo documentation — Dell Ave road bridges (6 photos, April 2026)	✓ Included
8	Annotated bridge location map (purple = pedestrian, red = Dell Ave)	✓ Included
9	Letter of Support — Office of Councilwoman Traci Park (CD11)	Declined
10	Permit/coordination confirmation — Bureau of Engineering and/or LABT	Pending

Questions? Contact Frank Nemiroff, Treasurer, Venice Canals Association
 Phone: (323) 394-7211 | Email: franknemiroff@gmail.com

Steffensen Services

228 Howland Canal | Los Angeles, California 90291

RECIPIENT:

Venice Canals

228 Howland Canal
Los Angeles, California 90291

Quote #1

Sent on

Apr 24, 2026

Total \$5,253.00

Product/Service	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
Labor	Treat Midlew and Bridges (Spray white vinegar to kill mold / mildew on surfaces to be painted)	5	\$70.00	\$350.00
Labor	Paint Prep Sand - Using belt sanders and orbitals to completely sand all paintable surfaces to prepare for primer. Quantity is for estimated hours, total time may change.	30	\$70.00	\$2,100.00
Labor	Prime all surfaces to be paint with one coat Kill #2 primer. Quantity is for estimated hours, total time may change.	30	\$70.00	\$2,100.00
Belt Sander	One time purchase. Will be used on all bridges.	1	\$350.00	\$350.00
Sanding belts and pads for sanders	One time purchase. Will be used for projects moving forward. Must replenish as needed.	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
Pump Sprayer	One time purchase.	1	\$30.00	\$30.00
Vinegar	Must replenish as needed.	1	\$25.00	\$25.00
Kills 2 primer 5 gallon	will likely cover 2 - 3 bridges and will replenish as needed.	1	\$98.00	\$98.00
Rollers, brushes, and misc items		1	\$100.00	\$100.00
			Total	\$5,253.00

This quote is valid for the next 30 days, after which values may be subject to change.

Steffensen Services

228 Howland Canal | Los Angeles, California 90291

RECIPIENT:

Venice Canals

228 Howland Canal
Los Angeles, California 90291

Quote #2

Sent on May 01, 2006

Total \$3,600.00

Product/Service	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
Concrete repair for guardrail on Dell Bridges	Concrete and materials included (Client will provide Paint)	4	\$900.00	\$3,600.00

Total \$3,600.00

This quote is valid for the next 30 days, after which values may be subject to change.

920 S Catalina St, Los Angeles, CA, 90006
Franklin Almira (213) 605 1277

Address: Los canales de Marina del Rey

Sanding and preparing wood.

Put primer

Put 2 coats of paint on the 5 bridges

Price for each bridge is \$1,500

Total: \$7,500 Just labor

\$40

100%

X Documento (1)



Franklin Avenue

180 S Catalina St, LA, CA, 90006

Address: Los Angeles Marina del Rey

1. Cement repair on the bridge
2. Paint

Price: \$2,000 Includes material



Date:

OCT 15 2015

VENICE CANALS ASSOCIATION
C/O REVEE KAPLAN
PO BOX 893
VENICE, CA 90296

Employer Identification Number:
95-3762205

DLN:
17683180305033

Contact Person:
ERIC KAYE

ID# 31612

Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 429-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
December 31

Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:
May 15, 2010

Contribution Deductibility:
Yes

Addendum Applied:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

Based on the information you submitted with your application, we approved your request for reinstatement under Revenue Procedure 2014-11. Your effective date of exemption, as listed at the top of this letter, is retroactive to your date of revocation.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

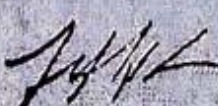
For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar.

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to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey Cooper
Director, Exempt Organizations
Business and Research