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CITY RISES FOR RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS Board of Public Works Presents Certificates to 2006-2007 Beautification Grant Awardees



LOS ANGELES (March 12, 2007) – The Board of Public Works recognized 91 community groups and organizations that are recipients of the 2006-2007 Community Beautification Grants. Administered by the Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification (OCB), the annual matching grants of up to \$10,000 are awarded through a competitive selection process

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and granted to qualified community groups that submit an application to fund a neighborhood beautification project.

Cynthia M. Ruiz, President for the Board of Public Works applauded the recognitions and said, “The Board takes great pleasure in recognizing local neighborhood groups, networks and organizations that volunteer their time and energy to community improvement projects that improve the quality of life and keep Los Angeles beautiful.”

“This year OCB has funded over \$815,000 to beautification projects in the city,” said Paul Racs, Director for the Office of Community Beautification. “With more than 90 beautification projects coming on line this year, we will continue to support and grow the number of community improvement efforts.”

OCB’s Community Beautification Grants have funded 764 projects since 1998. The beautification projects have ranged from improvements to the public right-of-way, to school based projects, to trails and to Caltrans projects. Many of the beautification efforts involve the installation of street furniture and playground equipment, landscaping and tree plantings as well as works of art and murals.

“When you multiply all the individual projects together, their participation through this grant is tremendous because you come upon their expression of beauty where we walk, attend school and commute to work across the city,” said Michael Espinosa, OCB Community Beautification Grant Manager. “I am always honored by the efforts of the grant awardees – they are the city’s unsung heroes.”

The 2006-2007 Community Beautification Grant awardees by are:

1. 3rd & Union Bus Stop Improvement Project: Asociación de Vecinos de Clínica Oscar Romero (NACMOR) – Westlake
2. Access For All - Part II: Cleveland High School – Reseda
3. Adventures In Learning: Gault Elementary Booster Club – Van Nuys
4. Arminta Street Elementary School Landscaping: Arminta Site Action Team (Parent & Teacher Organization) – North Hollywood
5. Beachy Avenue School Mural: Beachy Avenue School – Arleta

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6. Beautification and Refurbishment of Ventura Blvd Frontage: Tarzana Community And Cultural Center – Tarzana
7. Beautification of CAAM Surrounding Plaza Exterior: California African American Museum – Exposition Park
8. Beautification of Castle Heights Elementary School Front Entrance: Friends of Castle Heights – Beverlywood
9. Beautiful Laurel: Canyon Beautification Committee – Hollywood
10. Beautify the Leo Politi Neighborhood Association with Another Tree Planting: Leo Politi Neighborhood Association – Harvard Heights
11. Beethoven Community Square: Beethoven Elementary School – Venice
12. Big Rick and Rene Memorial Sculpture Monument: REMEMBERED An Association for Big Rick and Rene Memorial Sculpture Monument – Downtown
13. Blazer Recreation and Garden Parkette: Blazer Youth Services Community Club – Vermont Square
14. Breed Street Collaborative Community Garden: Breed Street Collaborative – Boyle Heights
15. Broadway Lights In Lincoln Heights: Friends of Lincoln Heights – Lincoln Heights
16. Casa de Amigos de San Vicente Jardincito Urbano (Urban Garden): Casa de Amigos de San Vicente – Westlake
17. Champions of Learning at 186th Street School: 186th Healthy Start Collaborative – Gardena Area in City of Los Angeles
18. Chatsworth Trails Park Restoration Project, Phase 2: Save Chatsworth, Inc. – Chatsworth
19. Cheremoya Avenue Elementary School Reading/Reflection Area & Mural: Hollywood United Neighborhood Council – Hollywood
20. Clear the Way!: Boda Place Neighbors & ECR Beta Service Club – Woodland Hills
21. Commonwealth Reading Garden: Commonwealth Avenue Elementary School Support Team – Lafayette Park
22. Community Living Room of Boyle Heights: Union de Vecinos – Boyle Heights

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23. Community Lunch Lounge: Community School Parents Association – Brentwood
24. Creation Stories Through the Eyes of a Gardener: El Sereno Community Garden Association – El Sereno
25. Cultural Assimilation Enhancement Project: Community Integration Services, Inc. – Granada Hills
26. Dahlia Heights Elementary Dedication Sign and Landscape Improvement Project: Girl Scout Troop 783 – Eagle Rock
27. "Discovering Our Diversity" Ivanhoe Educational Artscape: Ivanhoe Elementary School – Silverlake
28. El Dorado's Suburban and Urban Kinder...Gardens: El Dorado Elementary School – Sylmar
29. ELACC Campus Beautification - Phase 2: East Los Angeles Occupational Center – Boyle Heights
30. Entry to Neighborhood - Church Mural and Trees at 85th Street and Western Avenue: Morningside Neighborhood Group West 85th Street Block Club – South Los Angeles
31. Exploring Literacy Through Science: Hooper Avenue Elementary School – South Park
32. Family Socialization Area and Outdoor Childcare Program: The Alcoholism Center for Women – Westlake
33. Finn Park Community Garden Upgrade: Finn Park Community Garden Gardeners – Tujunga
34. Fresh Wind: Winds of Hope Ministries – Sun Valley
35. From the Ground Up-John Muir Middle School Garden: Friends of the John Muir – South Los Angeles
36. Garden of Knowledge: Fair Avenue Elementary School – North Hollywood
37. Glassell Elementary Environmental Arts Project "See A River": Glassell Park Elementary School – Glassell Park
38. Gondolier Pride: Venice High School PTSA – Venice

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39. Grant High School Senior Lawn Beautification: Grant High School Family Center Beautification Committee – Valley Glen
40. Green Asphalt Project: Grape Street Elementary School – South Los Angeles
41. Green Loyola: Loyola Green Makers – Westchester
42. Hansen Hills Entrance Sign: MASEED (Mothers Against Social Economical Educational Decline) – Pacoima
43. Harvard Monument Beautification Project: West Adams Heights / Sugar Hill Association – West Adams
44. Hobart Elementary Centennial School Marker: Silver Lakers – Koreatown
45. Hollywood Farmers Market Beautification: Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles – Hollywood
46. Honoring Our Cultures: Transforming Community Through Public Art: Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research – South Los Angeles
47. Imagination Garden: Ninety-Second Street School Community – South Los Angeles
48. John Muir Middle School Beautification Project: Art Share Los Angeles – South Los Angeles
49. Lewis-Bridge To The Future: Robert H. Lewis High School – Sun Valley
50. Liggett Street School Arts Beautification Project: Liggett Street School – Panorama City
51. Los Feliz Greening Project: Los Feliz Elementary School – Los Feliz
52. MacArthur Park Primary Center Building Marker and Community Mural: MacArthur Park Primary Center – MacArthur Park
53. Mural "Protect Our Earth": Micheltorena Elementary School – Echo Park
54. Mural "Viper Spirit": Orthopaedic Hospital Medical Magnet High School – Downtown
55. Mural Celebration of Music: Mid City Charter Magnet – West Adams
56. Oasis (Outdoor Art and Science Instructional Space): Friends of Calahan – Northridge

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57. Old Lankershim Village Community Gateway Monument: Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce – North Hollywood
58. Orville Wright Pocket Park/Senior Glade: Westchester/Playa Del Rey Education Foundation – Westchester
59. P.A.T.H.S. (Parents And Teachers Helping Students) to Grow: Clover Beautification Task Force – Palms
60. Park Mesa Heights Community Council Raising the Consciousness Level Street Light Banner and Great American Clean Up Project: Park Mesa Height Community Council – South Los Angeles
61. Paseo Del Rey Living Garden Project: Paseo Beautification Group – Playa del Rey
62. PASS' Story Land: Primary Academy for Success School – Panorama City
63. President Avenue Literacy Garden and Wall Murals: President Avenue Grant Writing Committee – Harbor City
64. Riddick Youth Center Beautification: Riddick Youth Center Board of Directors – Rancho Park
65. Rio Vista Elementary Hidden Garden Project: Rio Vista Elementary School – North Hollywood
66. Rockdale's Secret Garden: Rockdale Elementary School – Eagle Rock
67. Roscoe Elementary Parents Garden: Roscoe Elementary Parent Center – Sun Valley
68. Rose Garden Creation: North Hollywood High School Community Garden – North Hollywood
69. Rosewood Community Garden Improvement Project: Rosewood Community Garden – East Hollywood
70. San Fernando Pioneer Memorial Cemetery Entrance Project: San Fernando Valley Historical Society – Sylmar
71. Seeding for Reading-Literacy Garden and Outdoor Classroom: Pacifica Community Charter School – Palms
72. Seeds of Knowledge Mural & Mosaic Project: Justice by Uniting in Creative Energy (JUICE) – MacArthur Park

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73. Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies: Elementary Lunch Yard Haven, Garden Seating and Irrigation: Sherman Oaks Center For Enriched Studies Beautification Team – Reseda
74. Sign of the Chimes: CHIME Charter School – Chatsworth
75. Splendor In The Pass-A Tree-Planting Project Along Cahuenga Boulevard: Cahuenga Beautiful – Hollywood
76. Studio City Farmer's Market Crosswalk Enhancement Project: Studio City Improvement Association – Studio City
77. Surfacing Project: Save Our Playground: Gabriella Charter School – Wilshire Center
78. The Demonstration Nutrition Garden, Phase II: LAUSD Nutrition Network – Van Nuys
79. The Franklin Mural Project: Phase 1: The Franklin Mural Project – Highland Park
80. Toy Factory Lofts Citizen Forestry Project: Toy Factory Lofts Citizen Forestry – Little Tokyo/Arts District
81. Trees for Cleaner Air and Greener Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Greening Coalition – North Hollywood
82. Trees to the Sea 2007: Tree Musketeers – South Los Angeles
83. Vermont Avenue/ 81st Street Landscape Enhancement: Vermont Village Community Development Corporation – South Los Angeles
84. Vernon Seeds of Hope: Vernon Village Committee – Leimert Park
85. Vintage Magnet School Entrance Beautification: Vintage Magnet PTA – North Hills
86. Visitor Amenities for White Point Nature Preserve: Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy – San Pedro
87. Wilmington Community Building and Grounds Improvement: Gang Alternatives Program – Wilmington
88. Wonderland Avenue School Kindergarten Courtyard: Wonderland Avenue Elementary School PTA – Laurel Canyon
89. Woodland Hills Elementary Beautification by PATT: Parents and Teachers Together (PATT) – Woodland Hills

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90. Yamazaki Memorial Community Garden: Saint Mary's Episcopal Church – Koreatown

91. Young Active Senior Citizens Environment (YASCE): Senior Citizens Volunteers at ABDMPSC – Pacoima

The Community Beautification Grant's annual cycle begins during the summer in July and closes in October. Proposals accepted from community-based organizations, a group of five or more individuals, must reside, work or take interest in beautifying a community in the City of Los Angeles.

For more information on the Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification and Community Beautification Grants, please visit the office website at www.laocb.org.

About Board of Public Works

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