



News Release

Port Community Grants Workshops Scheduled Public meetings to collect input for program guidelines

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The Port of Long Beach will hold four public workshops to discuss funding priorities for a new \$46.4 million program to lessen the impacts of Port-related pollution on the community.



Potential grant applicants and others are invited to attend. The workshop times and locations are:

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave.
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 at Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.
- 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 at The Nonprofit Partnership, O-1, 4900 E. Conant St. #225
- 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, 5870 Atlantic Ave.

Attendees will learn about and offer input regarding the Port's plans to disburse Community Grants Program funding in three areas: community health, facility improvement and community infrastructure. The funded projects will benefit groups that are most affected by poor air quality, traffic, noise and water pollution. An overview of the program [can be found here](#).

"This is the largest voluntary program of its kind by any seaport in the world," said Harbor Commission President Lori Ann Guzmán. "We've

committed so much to this because that's how strongly we feel about upholding our reputation as the Green Port. We're eager to find out what types of mitigation projects are important to our neighbors."

Port staff will use the feedback collected during the outreach process to develop guidelines for the grant program. The Harbor Commission will then decide on the rules later this year. Funding will be awarded over the next 12 to 15 years, starting in 2017.

For those who cannot attend the workshops, but have comments or questions about the grant program, email grants@polb.com. Please RSVP using the same address.

More information about the Port Community Grants Program is at www.polb.com/grants.

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Photo caption: Attendees visit a booth at a St. Mary Medical Center Breathe Easy Mobile Outreach clinic funded by a Port of Long Beach mitigation grant.

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