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The **Community Grants Program** is an unprecedented effort to lessen the Port of Long Beach's impacts on the community. Over the next 12 to 15 years, we plan to invest \$46.4 million toward community-based projects that reduce our impacts on air quality, traffic, noise, and water quality. For more information, visit polb.com/grants.

Community Funding Priorities

The Port of Long Beach held four public workshops in September and October to receive community input on project prioritization for the Community Grants Program. About 115 community members attended the workshops and listed their top priorities as health care programs and air filters.

More comments from the workshop can be found on [our Community Grants website](#).

The Port is developing guidelines for each of the grant programs – Community Health, Community Infrastructure, and Facilities Improvement – which will go to the Board of Harbor Commissioners in early 2017 for approval.

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Meet the Project Team

Morgan Caswell

Morgan is the Program Manager of the Community Health Program and has been with the Port since June 2015. Prior to her work at the Port, Morgan earned her Master's of Public Health with a concentration in Environmental Health from UCLA and she is excited to leverage this knowledge while working on the health program. Her other major roles include managing the remaining projects under the previous Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Grant Program, and advancing the Port Energy Program, including the Energy Technology Advancement Program (ETAP) and the Energy Efficiency Rebate Match Program (EERM). She is a Long Beach resident.

Hayden Beckman

Hayden is the Program Manager for the Community Infrastructure Program and has worked for the Port since January 2016. Prior to joining the Port, Hayden worked for the City of Huntington Beach on a variety of environmental and infrastructure projects. His roles include managing the Port's air monitoring stations, overseeing air quality analyses for environmental documents for Port projects, and processing harbor development permits. In May 2015, he earned his Master's of Public Policy and Administration from Cal State Long Beach and is a Long Beach resident.

Kirsten Berg

Kirsten is the Program Manager for the Facilities Improvement Program and has been with the Port since 2008. Prior to working at the Port, Kirsten worked as a consultant to the federal government in Washington and as an environmental consultant here in Long Beach. Kirsten also manages projects undergoing California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Quality Act (CEQA/NEPA) analysis. In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with her husband and furry creatures. Having been raised in Connecticut, Kirsten despises snowstorms (this really means shoveling) and now enjoys living in Surf City, USA.

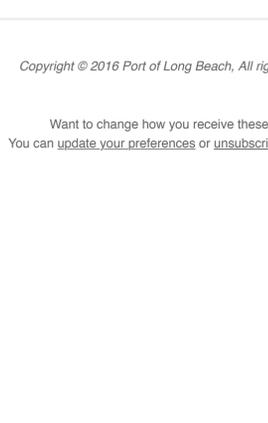


Community Grants Program Managers, from left: Morgan Caswell, Hayden Beckman and Kirsten Berg.

Project Highlight: 'I Dig Long Beach'

The City of Long Beach Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau

was awarded a grant of \$671,200 for the "I Dig Long Beach – 6,000 Trees by 2020" program under the Port's Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Grant Program.



Neighborhood Services runs "I Dig Long Beach" and organizes the tree planting events, coordinates with community groups and businesses to provide volunteers, procures the trees, provides the tree planting tools/supplies, and performs outreach to community members about watering and tree care education. To date, the program has planted 2,780 street trees in Long Beach.

On June 25, 2016, the Rose Park Neighborhood Association hosted a tree planting in honor of the ratification of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. On June 4, 1919, the US Senate ratified the 19th Amendment establishing the right of women to vote in this country. To commemorate the 96th year anniversary of the women's suffrage, the community planted 96 trees!

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