



To: HCBF Board of Directors
From: HCBF Staff
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Subject: Staff Memo – Health Harbor Communities Initiative Round 2 Application Summaries

INTRODUCTION

In this memo, Staff present a summary of the applications received in response to the Healthy Harbor Communities Initiative Grant Program (HHCI) Round 2 Request for Proposals (RFP) and provide funding recommendations.

BACKGROUND ON THE HHCI GRANT PROGRAM

The Healthy Harbor Communities Initiative Grant Program was first launched in August 2020. The purpose of the HHCI grant program is to address and mitigate the impacts of Port of Los Angeles and Port-related activity on the health and well-being of San Pedro and Wilmington residents. Given the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and needs of the community, there was a need for funding focused on public health. This health-focused grant round was also part of a larger strategy to research options for a larger HCBF collaborative, convening partners around a common issue, establishing new partnerships that benefit the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington, supporting ongoing collaborations, and bringing resources into the community.

HCBF announced the launch of Round 2 in July 2021 with the release of the Request for Proposals. The current grant round still requires that proposed projects aim to mitigate the public health related impacts on the communities of Wilmington and San Pedro due to port-related operations. However, the RFP for Round 2 was developed in collaboration with the TraPac Appellants and requires that proposed projects align with the stated priorities of the Appellants and meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Reducing the community or health impacts of port-related pollution.
2. Equity-focused strategies serving Wilmington and San Pedro residents most impacted by port-related activities.
3. Ensure that resources serve the most impacted communities in Wilmington & San Pedro.
4. Demonstrate long-term benefits to the disadvantaged communities of Wilmington & San Pedro.
5. Support organizations in Wilmington or San Pedro.

For this grant program, HCBF intends to distribute up to a total of \$350,000 in grant awards. We anticipate awarding funds for three proposals, with \$250,000 available for one large grant, and the remaining \$100,000 available for two grants of \$50,000 each. HCBF reserves the right to offer revised grant awards for less than the requested amount based on scalability.

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OVERVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Staff received 10 project proposals with total requested amount of \$1,381,823. Staff reviewed the submitted project proposal, workplan, budget, and qualifications and assessed the applications based on the criteria developed in partnership with the TraPac Appellants, relevance to port nexus, issues addressed, short & long-term impact. Staff also considered the overlap of the applications based on the issues areas discussed in the proposal. The table below provides an overview of the full project proposals that were received.

Table 1: Overview of Healthy Harbor Communities Initiative Round 2 Submissions

Applicant	Amount Requested	Community Served	Brief Description
Wilmington Community of Schools	\$250,000	Wilmington, San Pedro	Establish health and wellness center at Wilmington Middle School
Memorial Medical Center Foundation/LBACA	\$250,000	Wilmington, NW San Pedro	Asthma management education for children (0-18yrs) and families
Buddhist Tzu Chi Medical Foundation (BTCMF)	\$250,000	Wilmington, San Pedro	Respiratory health screenings and treatment for vulnerable school children; air purifiers
Breathe Southern California	\$231,823	Wilmington	Installation of air filtration system at Harbor Christian School; air quality & respiratory health education
LA Walks	\$50,000*	Wilmington, San Pedro	Promotora model to conduct walk audit in W/SP and prepare walk audit report
Wilmington Community Clinic	\$50,000	Wilmington, San Pedro	Asthma screenings and treatment for vulnerable population and asthma management training for medical assistants
South Base Center for Counseling (SBCC)	\$50,000	Wilmington	Develop urban farm and additional tree planting in community; community engagement through Neighborhood Action Network
Robert F. Kennedy Institute of Community & Family Medicine	\$50,000	Wilmington, San Pedro	Healthy Heart, Healthy Start Program and year-end conference
Coalition for a Safe Environment (CFASE)	\$50,000	Wilmington, San Pedro	Conduct CASPER Public health survey
LA Compost	\$50,000	Wilmington, San Pedro	Community composting and supporting healthy soils for community gardens and other community events
TOTAL:	\$1,381,823		

*LA Walks initially requested \$150,000, but since that requested amount didn't fit within the large or small grant categories, Staff requested that the applicant modify the amount requested. The \$50,000 is the revised request amount with the updated workplan.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS & DISCUSSION

Staff recommends funding the following applicants through the HHCI Program (Table 3), for a total of **\$400,000**.

Applicants	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Wilmington Community of Schools	\$250,000	\$250,000
LA Walks	\$50,000	\$50,000
South Bay Center for Counseling (SBCC)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Wilmington Community Clinic	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:		\$400,000

Applicant: Wilmington Community of Schools

Requested Funding: \$250,000

Recommended Funding: \$250,000

Purpose: Los Angeles Unified School District-Wilmington Community of Schools (WCOS) and San Pedro Community of Schools (SPCOS) is proposing to establish a health care clinic/wellness center located on Wilmington Middle School’s campus in collaboration with Kedren Community Health Center. Aims to reduce health impacts through asthma screenings, asthma health care education, and providing equitable health and wellness resources to assist with mitigating the impacts of the port on both W/SP residents. The community will also have opportunity to engage in nonmed activities such as nutrition classes, cooking classes, and a community garden.

Justification: This is an innovative project that aligns with our discussions with the TraPac Appellants and HCBF’s priority to establish a health clinic serving vulnerable populations in Wilmington and San Pedro. Project involves strong partnership between WCS, Kedren Community Health Center, and LAUSD. Partners demonstrated long-term plans for sustainability of this clinic and has plans to establish this as a fully licensed clinic in the future. Discussed outreach strategies to inform families about the clinic, engaging various partners including faith-based organizations.

Applicant: Los Angeles Walks

Requested Funding: \$50,000

Recommended Funding: \$50,000

Purpose: Building on current project funded through HCBF’s Community Benefit Round 7, the “Harbor Community Streets Have Data” project will conduct a series of trainings to prepare Wilmington and San Pedro community members to gather street-by-street data on walkability, access to public transit, and the impact of port-related truck traffic through professional walk audits. The walk audit report will be shared during meeting with elected officials and/or communications campaign. Report known as the “Harbor Community Walk Audit & Safe Street Infrastructure Needs Report.”

Justification: Effective results with past HCBF funding. Builds on past HCBF funded project focused on effective advocacy and training around transportation and pedestrian safety using the promotora model. Solid workplan of activities, strong partnerships, and addresses needs identified in HCBF’s off-port land use study.

Applicant: South Bay Center for Counseling (SBCC)

Requested Funding: \$50,000

Recommended Funding: \$50,000

Purpose: SBCC seeks to increase access to green spaces for the residents of Wilmington by further developing urban farm and additional tree planting in the community and with community engagement through Neighborhood Action Networks which includes 150 families from Wilmington. Neighborhood Action Networks meet weekly and help SBCC gain understanding of the strengths, challenges, and priorities of each community. SBCC will outreach to residents through the Neighborhood Action Networks.

Justification: We like this proposed project because it meaningfully builds on past HCBF funding where SBCC converted a vacant lot to a community farm in partnership with CD15. This project will increase access to green space and reduces local PM. Good workplan of activities and clear budget.

Applicant: Wilmington Community Clinic

Requested Funding: \$50,000

Recommended Funding: \$50,000

Purpose: WCC's services focuses on those who are lower income, and a population that has low English literacy, low health literacy, and limited access to other high-quality healthcare resources. Funding for part-time asthma specialist physician, medical assistant, and case manager to screen, diagnose, counsel, educate, monitor and treat low-income residents of primarily Wilmington and San Pedro who suffer from asthma and respiratory illness due to poor air quality near the Port of Los Angeles. Community engagement typically via health fairs and community events, but with COVID, shifted to online engagement. Will acknowledge HCBF on the website, SM platforms, will send press release to local media. Partnership with LBACA, who provides training to WCC medical assistants on how to respond to asthma patients' concerns and how to best care for them. Training is offered 2x a year at no cost to WCC. Provide referrals to their asthma education course.

Justification: Well-qualified to do asthma screenings and treatment for vulnerable population in Wilmington and San Pedro. Strong and credible organization. Their work has always been a success and much completed with small funding amount. We like the partnership between WCC and LBACA, who will be providing in-kind training to WCC medical assistants on asthma management over 2 years.

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR HHCI FUNDING

Staff also present the applications which are not recommended for funding within this program. It is important to note that the application not moving forward is not a reflection of the quality of the proposal and the work of the organization but more about HCBF's priorities given the submitted applications and the amount of funds available for this program.

Memorial Medical Center Foundation/LBACA

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Purpose: LBACA's Asthma Intervention, Education and Outreach Program will focus on enrolling 120 children (0-18 yrs) with uncontrolled asthma and their families (within SP and W). Proposes to conduct 6 asthma 101 classes, 6 air pollution and health effects classes, and 10 trainings for school and clinic personnel. Asthma trainings will be virtual. LBACA's CHW program will provide each enrolled family 4 educational opportunities via phone/video conferencing over a period of 6 months to educate them about asthma and med use, virtual home env assessments to identify asthma triggers, provide covid-19 recommendations for asthma patients, plan with families to improve asthma management, provide an asthma kit with nontoxic cleaning supplies

Justification: LBACA has a strong program in addressing asthma management issues, they do great work in the community, and their in-home visitation has been modified to follow COVID-19 safety measures. Due to the competitiveness for the large grant category, we are moving forward with another qualified applicant for the larger grant for this round.

Buddhist Tzu Chi Medical Foundation

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Purpose: BTCMF will partner with LAUSD to provide free screenings and medication for respiratory illnesses and also connect them to other comprehensive health services at BTC clinics and with other partners. A minimum of 250 elementary school children will be screened in W/SP, and 50 out of total will be for homeless children. Screenings will take place at approximately 15 elementary school locations. BTCMF proposes to hold a community event to distribute 50 air purifiers and gift cards.

Justification: Organization does great work and is currently funded to do air purifier distribution with Round 1 HHCI funding. Given the scope of the project, we are moving forward with other qualified applicant for the larger grant amount.

Breathe Southern California

Amount Requested: \$231,823

Purpose: Proposes to reduce the health impact of port-related pollution through air filtration, student education, asthma screening, and community awareness. In partnership with IQAir, Harbor Christian School and Watts Clean Air and Energy Committee, Breathe SoCal proposes to install and maintain air filtration system at one Wilmington school.

Justification: While this is good project, we are concerned that this large amount of HCBF funds will provide air filtration at only one school. Not recommended under this round because HCBF is moving forward with other qualified applicant for the larger grant amount.

Robert F. Kennedy Institute of Community and Family Medicine

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Purpose: RFKI's Healthy Heart, Healthy Start program to provide 12 bilingual monthly health education workshops and one year-end health conference to educate Wilmington and San Pedro residents on common symptoms, risk factors, and methods for preventing and mitigating the effects of chronic diseases exacerbated by port pollution, including heart disease, high blood pressure, congestive heart failure, stroke, asthma, allergies, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Year-end health conference - opportunity for residents to connect to local representative, researchers, and organizations working to improve health for those living near the port.

Justification: Organization does great work in serving the community but given limited HCBF funds, proposal did not align with funding priorities at this time.

Coalition for a Safe Environment

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Purpose: CFASE proposes to conduct a CASPER Public Health Survey focused on the communities of Wilmington and San Pedro to establish a public health baseline. The data will be used to validate whether the Port's adopted Clean Air Action Plan, project mitigation measures and other initiatives are succeeding in improving public health. Will establish a Project Advisory Committee to inform assessment.

Justification: Establishing a public health baseline for the communities of Wilmington and San Pedro is important for HCBF, however concerned about the scope of the workplan and proposed activities within the timeline of the grant period. Applicant did not provide letters of support from partners included in the project proposal.

LA Compost

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Purpose: LA Compost proposes to engage Wilmington and San Pedro communities to support individual, community and regional level composting production and regenerate local soils, ecosystem protections and climate resiliency. The proposed project would include the following activities and partnerships: (1) Regional Compost Facility at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, in partnership with LA County Department of Parks and Recreation and City Plants LA; (2) Community Compost Cooperative, in partnership with Strength Based Community Change (SBCC) and Heart of the Harbor Community Garden; and (3) Farmers Market Drop-off Program, in partnership with Wilmington Certified Farmers' Market.

Justification: This is a good project with connection with previously funded community farm in Wilmington, but proposed project is not a priority with PCMTF funds and does not meet the port nexus.