

Fiscal Year  
2020 -2021

Office of the City Clerk  
Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
Fiscal Year Administrative Packet

Neighborhood Council: Northridge West Neighborhood Council

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR ADMINISTRATIVE PACKET**

### **Summary**

The Administrative Packet provides for a more comprehensive and complete record of all items that support the Neighborhood Councils' (NC) fiscal and administrative operations, including its annual budget, Financial Officers, and any commitments for NC office space, storage facility, P.O. Boxes, etc.

### **Goal(s)**

The goal(s) of the Administrative Packet is to make it easier for NCs to identify, plan, and confirm, via a board vote, all fiscal and administrative requirements upfront each year so that our Office can prepare for and process funding requests and resulting contracts judiciously and expeditiously.

The Packet contains the following items:

- NC Funding Program Acknowledgements & Agreements – Signed by all Financial Officers
  - If a new Financial Officer is being appointed for the new Fiscal Year, please check the appropriate box for the Financial Officer(s).
- Completed Annual Budget
- Information pertaining to office space, meeting space, storage facility, Post Office Box (P.O. Box), and website services, as applicable.

### **Procedure**

On a yearly basis, we require each NC to discuss, prepare, and approve the Administrative Packet. Once the Packet has been voted on by the board, the Packet and the completed Board Action Certification (BAC) Form are to be submitted to the NC Funding Program.

Your NC Treasurer can submit both documents, the Packet and BAC, by uploading them in the NC Funding System portal, Budget Allocation section, immediately after Board approval. Once received, reviewed, and accepted by our Program, your NC will gain full access to its funds. The NC Funding System portal website is: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/#/login>

As our Program awaits your Packet submission, access to your NC funds will be limited to \$333.00 per month, until the annual budget, Administrative Packet, and BAC have been received and accepted. This limited amount is intended to assist your NC operationally for expenses related to conducting your NC meetings, i.e. meeting facility use fees, printing and photocopying of meeting documents, meeting refreshments/snacks, professional staff services.

If you have questions or require any assistance regarding the packet, please feel free to email us at [clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org) or call us at 213-978-1058.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM  
FINANCIAL OFFICERS LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & AGREEMENT**

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare that as a result of an official action of the Governing Body of the Neighborhood Council (NC) named below:

- (1) we are authorized to request City funding to support NC general operations,
- (2) all items or services described or included in any related funding requests are exclusively intended to further the goals and objectives of the Neighborhood Council, and
- (3) all reasonable precautions shall be exercised by the undersigned to fully safeguard, control and account for all use of funds. Proper accountability of all City funds is critical to the success of the NC Funding Program.

Therefore, by the signature(s) below, and on behalf of the Neighborhood Council named below, WE HEREBY AGREE to the terms and conditions as set forth in this Letter of Acknowledgement and all related documents as provided by the City, agree to expend funds in accordance with any applicable City rules, policies or procedures, and specifically agree to expend monies received by the Office of the City Clerk solely for public purposes relating to the goals and purposes of the Neighborhood Council named below, consistent with the scope and authority under the City Charter, the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils and any implementing ordinances. We have attended and participated in the City-provided training relating to the NC Funding Program.

WE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE and WE AGREE to comply with any requirements regarding use of the NC funds. WE AGREE to provide NC financial reports and/or supporting documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, Neighborhood Council Funding Program as requested and at monthly meetings to the Governing Body and stakeholders of the NC named below. WE AGREE that the Office of the City Clerk and other City representatives may make on-site visits to inspect and review all NC financial records, upon providing reasonable advance notice to the NC Treasurer or designated representatives.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A NEW LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MUST BE FILED IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE OF FINANCIAL OFFICERS.

**Neighborhood Council Financial Officers - Names and Signatures:**

Treasurer

Please check here if a new Treasurer is being appointed

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF THE TREASURER

Joel Lowell

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
BOARD POSITION

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

jlowell@northridgewest.org

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER

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**2nd Signer**

Please check here if a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Signer is being appointed

SIGNATURE OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SIGNER

**Rana Sharif**

PRINT NAME OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SIGNER

**President**

BOARD POSITION

DATE

rsharif@northridgewest.org

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

**Alternate Signer**

(If not applicable, please indicate "N/A")

Please check here if a new Alt. Signer is being appointed

SIGNATURE OF THE ALTERNATE SIGNER

PRINT NAME OF THE ALTERNATE SIGNER

BOARD POSITION

DATE

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

**1<sup>st</sup> Bank Cardholder**

Please check here if a new Cardholder is being appointed

SIGNATURE OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> BANK CARD HOLDER

**Joel Lowell**

PRINT NAME OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> BANK CARD HOLDER

**Treasurer**

BOARD POSITION

DATE

jlowell@northridgewest.org

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bank Cardholder**

Please check here if a new Cardholder is being appointed

SIGNATURE OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> BANK CARD HOLDER

**Kelly Sooter**

PRINT NAME OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> BANK CARD HOLDER

**Vice President, Outreach & Communications**

BOARD POSITION

DATE

ksooter@northridgewest.org

EMAIL

**818)807-5109**

PHONE NUMBER

**\*\*\* Bank Cardholders, please read further next page \*\*\***

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM  
BANK CARDHOLDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT &  
AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

This document outlines the responsibilities that I, as the Neighborhood Council Bank Cardholder, have as the primary custodial holder of a City Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (NC) Bank Card, referred herein as "the card" for the Neighborhood Council named below. My signature indicates that I have read and understand these responsibilities and further, that I agree to adhere to the guidelines established by the Office of the City Clerk and approved by the City Controller for the use of City funding as it relates to the Neighborhood Council Funding Program.

1. I understand that the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Card is intended to facilitate the purchase and payment of materials or services required for the conduct of official Neighborhood Council business only.
2. I agree to make only those purchases consistent with the type of purchases authorized by the Office of the City Clerk and approved by the NC Governing Board.
3. I understand that under no circumstances will I use the Card to make personal purchases either for myself or for others. The Card is issued in the name of the Neighborhood Council and I serve as the Card custodian. I agree that should I willfully violate the terms of this Agreement and use of the Card for personal use or gain that I will reimburse the City of Los Angeles for all incurred charges and any fees related to the collection of those charges.
4. Uses of the Card not authorized by the Office of the City Clerk can be considered misappropriation of City funds. This could result in (a) immediate and irrevocable forfeiture of the Card, and /or (b) potential de-certification action. I understand that the Card must be surrendered upon termination of any official position with the Neighborhood Council to which the card is issued. I agree to maintain the Card with appropriate security whenever and wherever I or any other authorized person may use the Card. If the Card is stolen or lost, I agree to immediately notify the Office of the City Clerk.
5. I understand that since the Card is the property of the Bank and authorized for issue by the City of Los Angeles, I am required to comply with internal control procedures designed to protect City assets. This may include being asked to produce the Card, receipts, and/or statements to validate its existence and to audit its use.
6. I understand that I will have access to the Funding Program System portal via the Internet where all card transactions will be posted by the Bank when the card is used. I understand that I am required to obtain itemized receipts for all card transactions and upload the itemized receipts to the Funding Program System portal to verify the posted card transaction. Uploading the required itemized receipt is necessary for my NC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) to be generated by the Funding Program System portal. The MER must be reviewed and approved by the NC Governing Board before being submitted to the Office of the City Clerk as a complete Report.
7. I understand that all transactions on the Card will reduce the funds available to the NC. I understand that the Bank will not accept any limit increases from me.
8. I understand that the Card is solely provided to the designated NC cardholder and that assignment of the Card is based on the understanding that I need to purchase materials required for the conduct of Neighborhood Council business. I understand that custodial possession of the Card is not an entitlement nor reflective of title or position.
9. As a Neighborhood Council Financial Officer, I have signed and received a copy of both the NC Funding Program Bank Cardholder Agreement of Responsibilities and Financial Officers Letter of Acknowledgement, have attended and completed the required NC Funding Program training, and understand the requirements and limitations regarding the NC Bank Card's use.

**PLEASE SIGN OTHER SIDE**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Bank Cardholder**

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SIGNATURE OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> BANK CARD HOLDER

**Joel Lowell**

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PRINT NAME OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> BANK CARD HOLDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bank Cardholder**

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SIGNATURE OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> BANK CARD HOLDER

**Kelly Sooter**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> BANK CARD HOLDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM**  
**ANNUAL BUDGET TEMPLATE – FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

The annual budget is a plan for the utilization of the NC's financial resources. It should be used as a strategic financial road map to conduct activities and efforts that will help the NC achieve its mission, goals, and objectives. The budget should include the input of stakeholders, be accessible, and comply with the rules that govern the use of NC public funds.

As a planning tool, the annual budget allows the NC board to allocate its funds, both regular annual funds and rollover funds, if any, into the following Expenditure Categories:

1. General and Operational Expenditures
  - i. **Office/Operational**
  - ii. Outreach
  - iii. Elections
2. Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs)
3. Community Improvement Projects (CIPs)

With the exception of certain expenditures related to Office/Operational items, the annual budget cannot be used as authorization or approval of actual payments to vendors. All payments related to Outreach purchases, activities, and events, Elections, NPGs, and CIPs must be considered and approved through separate board motions, not as part of the board approval of the annual budget.

The annual budget may be accepted as authorization for payment for certain monthly and recurring **Office/Operational expenditures only**, such as those listed below, when itemized in the Office/Operational Expenditure Category. Please see the sample itemized Office/Operational budget allocations next page.

1. Office lease payments
2. Office supplies and equipment expenses, not including inventory items
3. Storage facility lease payments
4. P.O. Box payments
5. Office telephone and Internet services
6. Refreshments/snacks for board/committee meetings
7. Website hosting and maintenance services
8. Professional meeting/office-related services, i.e. translators, minute-takers, audio services
9. Printing and copying for meetings/office-related purposes only
10. Printing NC business cards

The annual budget template form provided here is an optional tool. Your Neighborhood Council may submit its annual budget on a form different from this template as long as it only contains the same budget allocation Expenditures Categories listed above.

For more details on the Administrative Packet, Fiscal Year annual budget, and rollover of funds unspent at the end of the Fiscal Year, please review the Policies and Guidelines, Policy 1.1, found on our website: <https://clerk.lacity.org/neighborhood-council-funding-program>

**Sample Itemized Budget Allocations for  
Office/Operational Expenditures**

<b>Office/Operational Expenditures Category</b>	
<i>Office Rent (\$500/month x 12 months)</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>
<i>Office Supplies (paper, ink, staples, pens, binders, business cards, etc.)</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Printer/Copy Machine Lease</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>Internet Service (Spectrum)</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Telephone Service (Ooma)</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Website Hosting and Maintenance</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Printing and Photocopying for Meetings</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Meeting Facility Fees (Riverside Elementary School)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Minute-Taker for Meetings (AppleOne)</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>Refreshments/Snacks for Meetings</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<b>Total Office/Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>

Northridge West Neighborhood Council <b>Neighborhood Council</b> <b>Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	
<b>Annual Budget Funds</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>
<b>Rollover Funds*</b>	
<b>Encumbered Funds*</b>	
<b>Total Annual Budget Funds</b>	<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>

<b>Office/Operational Expenditures Category</b>	
Budget at 35% of total Budget	
- 2019/2020 was 39% of \$33k (\$12,960) which included 1-time speaker purchase. Without speaker purchase of \$1.5 it would be \$11.5 or 35%.	
Apple One minute taker (\$166.66 x 12)	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
Mail Box	<b>\$ 260.00</b>
Webmaster (\$250 x 12)	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
Other website Ex	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
Hosting	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
2Co.com ISO Software	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
Advertising (\$50 x 12)	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
Golden State Storage (\$720 x 2)	<b>\$ 1,440.00</b>
Meeting Refreshments (\$150 x 12)	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>
Board Retreat	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
Office Expenses (includes bus cards, badges, supplies, etc)	<b>\$ 1,475.00</b>
<b>Total Office/Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 11,200.00</b>

\*The Funding Program will notify each NC of their Fiscal Year closing balance including available rollover funds and/or approved encumbered funds, if any, on August 1st or next business day. Depending on when an NC submits its Admin Packet/annual budget, the NC may need to revise and resubmit its annual budget to account for any rollover and/or encumbered funds. PLEASE NOTE: Encumbered funds are intended only for earmarked expenditures submitted in the "Encumbrance Request Form" and approved by the Funding Program

<b>Outreach Expenditures Category</b>	
- Budget at 18% of total Budget	<b>\$ 5,760.00</b>
- 2019/2020 was 20% (\$6,750) which included COVID (\$3.5k); Congress of NC (\$750); Outreach events (\$500); promotional items (\$1.8)	
- 2020 expenses include additional COVID, Outreach events, sponsorship, December holiday GBM event.	
<b>Total Outreach Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,760.00</b>

<b>Election Expenditures Category</b>	
- Budget at 10% of total Budget	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
- 2019 Budget \$0; 2018 was \$8k for 2 postcard mailings	
<b>Total Election Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>

<b>Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures Category</b>	
- Budget at 22% of total Budget	\$ 7,040.00
- 2019/2020 budget was 24% (\$8k) including COVID (\$2k); disaster preparedness (\$1k); YMCA Thanksgiving baskets (\$1.5k), CATS Northridge Hospital (\$2.5k) and GH Street Fair (\$1kk)	
<b>Total NPG Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 7,040.00</b>

<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures Category</b>	
- Budget at 15% of total Budget	\$ 4,800.00
- 2019/2020 was 17% (\$5,770) which included the Utility Box (\$5k); tool repar (\$400); landscaping (\$350)	
<b>Total CIP Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,800.00</b>

<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS</b>	
Office/Operational Expenditures	\$ 11,200.00
Outreach Expenditures	\$ 5,760.00
Election Expenditures	\$ 3,200.00
<b>General and Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 20,160.00</b>
<b>Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 7,040.00</b>
<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,800.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021</b>	<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>

## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM LEASES & AGREEMENTS

Please complete the following information, as applicable, for any leases or service agreements your NC currently has or plans on securing in the Fiscal Year involving office space, meeting space, storage facilities, P.O. Boxes, and/or website services. If sections below do not apply to your NC, please select NA on the sections that do not apply. If you have more than one Meeting Location, then please provide the same information on an additional page. The information provided on this form is to confirm services that an NC may currently have or that it would like to secure in the Fiscal Year which may require a City agreement. If an agreement needs to be drafted from the information provided, the NC board will be notified and advised to agendaize and approve the drafted agreement at a future board meeting; The approval the Administrative Packet/annual budget does not replace the vote the board will need to take to approve any agreements needed.

**Office Location:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Existing(may need to renew agreement) <input type="checkbox"/> New(new agreement may be needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Donated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	
Property Name:	
Property Address:	
Property Owner Name:	
Property Owner Phone Number:	
Property Owner Email:	

**Meeting Location:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Existing(may need to renew agreement) <input type="checkbox"/> New(new agreement may be needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Donated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	
Property Name:	Northridge Christian Church
Property Address:	18901 Chatsworth St. Northridge, CA 91326
Property Owner Name:	Sr Pastor Jim Daughtery
Property Owner Phone Number:	(818)368-3661
Property Owner Email:	pastorjim@nccworship.com

**Storage Facility:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing(may need to renew agreement) <input type="checkbox"/> New(new agreement may be needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Donated <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
Facility Name/Owner	Golden State Storage
Facility Address:	18832 Rayen St., Northridge, CA 91324
Facility Owner Phone Number:	(818)206-1301
Facility Owner Email:	nor@goldenstate.com
Name on Facility Account:	Northridge West NC

**P.O. Box:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Existing(may need to renew agreement) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New(new agreement may be needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Donated <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
Property Name/Owner:	
NC P.O. Box Address	
Property Owner Address:	
Property Owner Phone Number:	
Property Owner Email:	
Name on P.O. Box Account:	

**Website Services:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Existing(may need to renew agreement) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New(new agreement may be needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Donated <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
Name of Website Services Provider:	The Mailroom
Service Provider Address:	1840 S. Gaffey, San Pedro, CA 90731
Service Provider Phone Number:	(310)514-1797
Service Provider Email:	ksmith-mailroom@mail.com
Type of Services Provided:	