

FY 2023-24 COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDING REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: Friday, May 19, 2023; 5:00 p.m.
PRESENTATIONS HEARING DATE: Thursday, June 8, 2023; 8:30 a.m.

Thank you for your interest in submitting a request for funding to be considered by the City Council. In order to provide the City Council with complete information, please adhere to the following:

1. Requests from Community Groups must be submitted by **Friday, May 19th ; 5:00 p.m.** ONE unbound single-sided hard copy only. **PLEASE – No stapled/bound double-sided documents.**
2. Requests should be submitted in the form of a letter addressed to the “Mayor and City Council” but submitted to “Attention: City Manager”. Due to past delivery confusion, please do NOT address or submit your requests directly to, or “care of”, the Mayor or City Council.
3. Please clearly identify (on the first page of the cover letter, in **bold**), the **TOTAL dollar amount being requested**. Please round all numbers to the nearest \$25. The letter should include a description indicating the intended use of the requested funds. In addition, the request should identify the approximate number of LCF residents/property owners who are active members of the organization and the location of the requestor’s principal place of business;
4. Requests need to state what public purpose the City’s funding will fulfill or, alternatively, what benefit the City or community will be derived through the funding of the request (this is a legal requirement in the use of public funds. Requests that do not have a general public purpose or community benefit will not be recommended for funding);
5. Requests should include a time-line for when the funds will be expended and when completion of the use of funding will occur. If the funding is for an ongoing project or is for operational expenditures, the request should so clearly state;
6. Please include, with your request, an unbound copy of your most recent financial statement (audited preferred) indicating your group’s various sources of income/revenue and a comprehensive summary of yourr organizational expenditures as well as reserves status;
7. Requests should be signed by an authorized representative indicating a commitment to report back to the City on how City funds were used, how much was expended, what did/will happen with any unexpended funds, and what benefits were derived;
8. Community Groups will have an opportunity to present their requests at a budget hearing scheduled for **Thursday, June 8, 2023; 8:30 a.m.** Presentations will be limited to five minutes maximum. Audio-visual needs should be arranged with staff at least two work days prior to the hearing. All requesting Community Groups should plan to have a representative present;
9. Funding will not be available until AFTER the new fiscal year commences on July 1, 2023 and the Community Group has submitted a letter requesting the funds be disbursed. All pre-release conditions placed by the City Council must be satisfied.

Should you have any questions regarding the funding request process, please feel free to contact Finance Director Alex Kung at (818) 790-8880. Again, thank you for your interest.