

APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)

This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council, upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of Neighborhood Council you are seeking the grant from: **Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council**
Neighborhood Council Name

SECTION I - APPLICANT VERIFICATION INFORMATION

New Friends Homeless Center (Operated by Miracle Minded Ministries 3)
1A) **Organization Name** 45-0569831 California Jan. 13, 2008
Federal I.D. # (EIN#) *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1B) 21781 Ventura Boulevard #337 Woodland Hills CA 91364
Organization Mailing Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1C) 21777 Ventura Boulevard #239 Woodland Hills CA 91364
Business Address (If different) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1D) _____ _____ _____ _____
Address of Affiliated Organization (If applicable) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Name and address of person designated to receive official/legal notices: **Name: April Belt**

2) 21781 Ventura Boulevard #337 Woodland Hills CA 91364
Street *City* *State* *Zip Code*

3) Type of Organization- Please select one: **(Organizations must be located within the City of Los Angeles)**
 Public School *(not to include private schools)* or 501(c)(3) Non-profits *(other than religious institutions)*
Attach Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.

This past year saw record increases in the level of unhoused and food insecure in Los Angeles and our surrounding area. With your generous support, we will be able to meet the needs within Woodland Hills as one of the few local organizations serving the needs of those who are marginalized in our area. The intent of this grant request is to gain financial support for food supply expenses. New Friends Homeless Center currently operates meal services on Friday evenings at 5650 Shoup Avenue in Woodland Hills. Any funds received as part of this grant will be used exclusively for food supplies for meals provided at New Friends Homeless Center gatherings. This includes regular gatherings as well as Holiday events.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a non-discriminatory, public purpose and benefit the public at-large.

New Friends Homeless Center is dedicated to feeding the unhoused and food insecure in our community. We offer a place of respite, sanctuary and home for those who have no place of their own. When our guests enter through the doors they are made to feel welcome and shown they are loved by a warm & kind staff of volunteers. Every Friday evening, NFHC provides its guests with a free nutritious four course meal in Woodland Hills. In addition, we offer our guests free clothing, hygiene kits, pet food, water, blankets, & sleeping bags. We are staffed by a group of over 30 volunteers from the community who provide personal attentive services designed to bring encouragement into the lives of the less fortunate. This includes live entertainment, food service & a friendly ear for all our guests. We have had the honor to serve those most marginalized in our community for over 12 years and the positive effect we have had on the community has not gone unnoticed. The work we undertake is both inspiring, and at times, sobering to witness. The number of people seeking our assistance has grown enormously since our inception and it shows no sign of abating. The financial demand for providing our services has also escalated as the numbers have grown due to the pandemic. With the support of a group of volunteers from our community, we are up to the task of serving those who are in need, and this grant will help support our ability to continue providing to any person in need.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM
NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT - WHAT IS A PUBLIC BENEFIT?

A Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) must provide a demonstrable benefit to the community. An NPG should build community through the implementation process and enhance the neighborhood once completed. Projects may encompass a wide range and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has the final discretion to determine whether or not the proposed project is clearly beneficial to the community.

A project may be submitted that is part of a larger project, but if so, consider carefully whether it can be completed independently of the larger project and regardless of whether other funding needs to be secured.

Considerations:

- The **budget** is realistic and supported with documentation
- The organization or individual is **capable** of completing the project
- The **work plan** is detailed, specific, and feasible
- The project is **supported** by the community
- The **number** of stakeholders that will benefit from this project
- The project implementation process will **build community**
- The complete project will **enhance the community**

- **Credibility.** Does your organization know what it wants to accomplish? What evidence proves that the organization is currently achieving its goals? What kind of reputation does the group enjoy within its community and beyond?

- **Capability.** What skills does the organization's staff and/or board bring to the project? Are they relevant to the project's aims? Has your organization succeeded in similar endeavors of equal size and scale to what you are now proposing?

- **Feasibility.** The Neighborhood Council must determine whether the proposal is advancing a worthwhile project built upon a good idea that can be successfully implemented. Is the budget allocated sufficiently to execute the various tasks and strategies described in the proposal?