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Deadline Approaches for Port Community Sponsorships

Funds support organizations promoting arts, social justice, environment

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Is your community group looking for a sponsor? The Port of Long Beach is currently accepting applications for its community sponsorship program.



The deadline for applicants is Friday, Sept. 30. The Harbor Department provides sponsorship funds to socially responsible local groups for community events and activities that also help to inform residents about the Port while making Long Beach a better place to live and work.

During the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners voted to award sponsorships totaling \$737,995 to local community organizations. The groups receiving money represented a wide cross-section of the city and supported causes such as the arts, environment, social justice and historic preservation.

"We are proud to support the many community groups that make Long Beach so vibrant and diverse," said Harbor Commission President Lori Ann Guzmán. "Helping local organizations while educating the public about the vital role of the Port is one of the many ways we give back to the community."

Community groups began submitting their sponsorship requests on Sept. 1 for the current period. The next call for applications will be in March 2017. If your group has an event within the next nine to 12 months, now is the

time to apply.

Applicants are advised to plan ahead for their events — after the application period closes, it will take about 45 days before recommendations will be sent to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for a decision. It is expected funding will be awarded in mid-November. Organizations that have received sponsorships in the past are welcome to apply again.

For more information on the Port's sponsorship program and to apply, go to www.polb.com/sponsorship.

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Photo caption: Children and parents visit the Port of Long Beach booth at the College Square Neighborhood Association's Back to School event, one of the community events sponsored by the port in 2016.

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