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New Date Set for Port's Environmental Grants Workshops

Groups on April 19 can learn to apply for health project, air filter funds

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The Port of Long Beach has rescheduled workshops for a new grant program this year that will foster new health programs for asthma, and empower schools, day-care centers and other facilities to purchase air filters.

Two workshops will be held, both on Wednesday, April 19, at the Port of Long Beach Interim Administrative Offices, 4801 Airport Plaza Drive:

- Air filters from 2-3 p.m.
- Health programs from 3:30-4:30 p.m.



The solicitations are part of the first round of the Port Community Grants Program. On March 27, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved guidelines for the \$46 million plan, which aims to help those in the community who are most vulnerable to port-related pollution. The funding will be distributed over the next 12 to 15 years and adds to the \$18.2 million awarded under a previous grant program, making the total commitment to the community almost \$65 million.

Later in 2017, the Port plans on allocating \$3.4 million from the program. The bulk of the funding, \$3 million, is set aside for health programs lasting three years. Projects include health services such as screening and diagnosis, outreach, case management, education or health worker training to help people affected by asthma and other respiratory and cardiopulmonary illnesses.

The remaining \$400,000 is intended to fund installation of air filters in facilities that serve sensitive populations: children, pregnant women, the elderly, the chronically ill and individuals with respiratory and cardiopulmonary illnesses. The priorities were selected based upon community feedback at public workshops.

Two geographic zones will help determine the most eligible grant recipients. While groups based anywhere in the city of Long Beach are eligible for grant funding, there is a priority zone covering downtown and extending north along the Interstate 710 corridor. Both zones also include parts of Wilmington, Carson, Compton and Paramount.

To learn more about the grant program, [view the fact sheet](#), or visit www.polb.com/grants.

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Photo caption: Attendees offer input on their priorities for the Port Community Grants Program during an October 2016 workshop at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library.

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