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## What is the Community Grants Program?

The Community Grants Program is an unprecedented effort to lessen the Port of Long Beach's impacts on the community. Over the next 12 to 15 years, we plan to invest \$46.4 million toward community-based projects that reduce our impacts on air quality, traffic, noise, and water quality.

The investment adds to the \$17.4 million the Port of Long Beach has awarded to community groups since 2009, for a total of almost \$65 million. No other U.S. seaport has voluntarily committed as much funding for community-based environmental mitigation.

This competitive grant program will help pay for projects such as air-filtration systems at schools, renewable energy projects, energy efficiency upgrades, asthma programs, bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure, and new parks. To see all project categories and to learn more, [read our Investment Plan](#).

The Port Community Grant Program is designed to improve community health by lessening Port-related impacts on air quality, traffic, noise, and water quality. For more information, visit [polb.com/grants](http://polb.com/grants).

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## Upcoming Workshops

The Port of Long Beach will hold four public workshops to discuss funding priorities for this \$46.4 million community grants program.

Potential grant applicants and others are invited to attend. The workshop times and locations are:

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave.
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 at Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.
- 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 at The Nonprofit Partnership, O-2, 4900 E. Conant St. #208
- 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, 5870 Atlantic Ave.

Attendees will learn about and offer input regarding the Port's plans to disburse Community Grant Program funding in three areas: community health, facility improvement and community infrastructure.

To RSVP or to submit written comments, email [grants@polb.com](mailto:grants@polb.com).

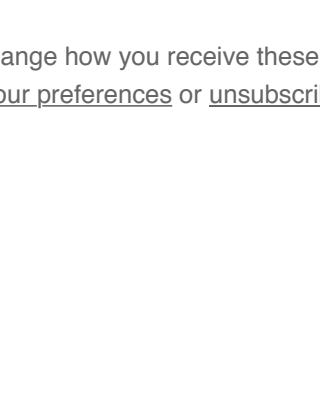
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## Project Spotlight: Breathe California of L.A. County

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received a Port of Long Beach grant of \$355,874 to bring its "O24U" program to children in Long Beach after-school groups. The program teaches children in air pollution-impacted areas about air pollution and its effect on health. Educators offer advice for asthma management.



Children learn about indoor air quality, environmental changes as well as alternative fuels and renewable energy. Children, typically ages 8-14, learn how to make changes in their communities by using nontoxic cleaners, recycling and advocating for clean air.

To read the final report, go to [www.polb.com/grants](http://www.polb.com/grants).

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