

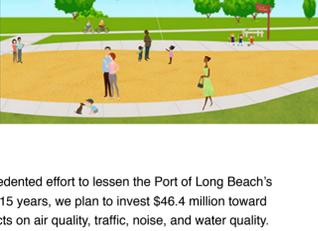
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The **Community Grants Program** is an unprecedented effort to lessen the Port of Long Beach's impacts on the community. Over the next 12 to 15 years, we plan to invest \$46.4 million toward community-based projects that reduce our impacts on air quality, traffic, noise, and water quality. For more information, visit [polb.com/grants](http://polb.com/grants).

## Funds Available for Air Filtration and Health Programs

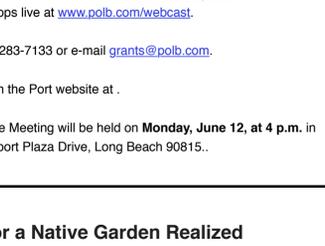
The Port of Long Beach has released two Requests for Proposals (RFP) for air filtration and community health programs, together providing \$3.4 million funds to future projects in the local community. Details regarding each RFP can be found at [www.polb.com/grants](http://www.polb.com/grants).

The air filtration application process is simple, only requiring completion of one straightforward online form. In contrast, the health program application process requires submitting both a concept paper, and, upon invitation, a full proposal. The concept paper is designed to check for applicant and project eligibility as well as project strength before applicants expend significant time participating in the full application process.

Concept papers for the health program RFP are due **Tuesday, May 30**, at 4 p.m. The deadline to submit an air filtration project application is **Tuesday, Aug. 1**, at 4 p.m.

## Workshops Scheduled to Assist Applicants

For more information regarding the Community Health solicitation – how to complete the concept paper and concept paper evaluation – please attend our Community Health Program workshop on **Wednesday, May 10, at 2 p.m.** in the 1st Floor Board Room at the Port Interim Administrative Offices, 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach 90815.



The air filtration workshop will cover how to complete the air filtration application and application evaluation criteria and will be held in the same location on **Thursday, May 25, at 2 p.m.**

The workshops will be recorded and a link will be available online at [www.polb.com/grants](http://www.polb.com/grants); if you cannot attend in person you can also watch the workshops live at [www.polb.com/webcast](http://www.polb.com/webcast).

Please RSVP to the workshops by calling (562) 283-7133 or e-mail [grants@polb.com](mailto:grants@polb.com).

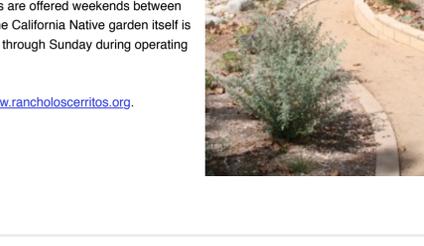
Guidelines for the two programs can be found on the Port website at .

The next Community Grants Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 12, at 4 p.m.** in the Port Interim Administrative Offices, 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach 90815..

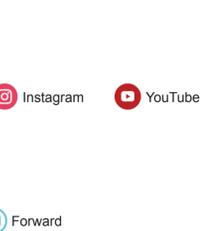
## Rancho Los Cerritos Vision for a Native Garden Realized

*Written by Rancho Los Cerritos*

The California Native Garden was a vision that Rancho Los Cerritos had for years as part of its master plan created back in the 1990s. It came to fruition in 2012 when the site received \$400,000 in funding from the Port of Long Beach Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction grant. The garden was created to expand the recreational use of the property to visitors of all ages, improve aesthetics, and address critical drainage



issues and erosion on the hillside. It extends from the visitor center to the northern perimeter of the property. Along with the arroyo, it contains more than 1.5 acres of land that have been planted with California native species.



It is a popular part of garden tours, with garden docents demonstrating how the garden represents California plants indigenous to the area that are good for the environment and are drought resistant. Garden tours are offered weekends between 1-5pm and by appointment. The California Native garden itself is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday during operating hours.

For more information go to [www.rancholoscerritos.org](http://www.rancholoscerritos.org).

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