



Port to Fund \$5 Million to Cut Greenhouse Gases Nonprofits, agencies and harbor tenants urged to apply for grants

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The Port of Long Beach today, November 21, launched a \$5 million grant program to fund local projects that will cut greenhouse gas emissions. The first workshop to assist applicants will be held November 30 at Port headquarters.

The Port is encouraging local nonprofit organizations, government agencies and Port tenants to apply for funds to reduce, avoid or capture emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Eligible projects would include renewable power, energy efficiency, clean transportation, tree-planting and others. Priority will be given to projects closest to the Port.

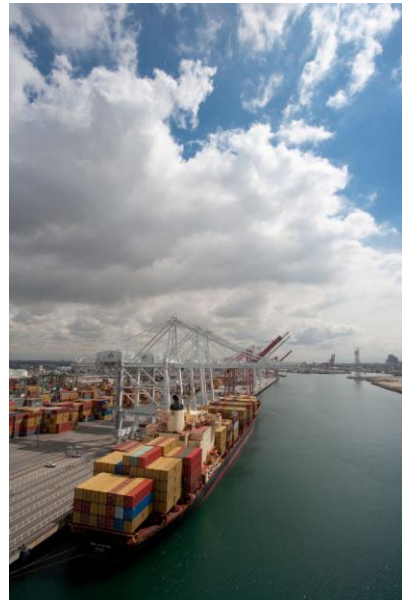
The Greenhouse Gas Grant Program is the third round of Port grants, following programs for air quality-related projects at health-care and senior facilities, and at schools.

“With these grants we’ll be funding a variety of projects that have been demonstrated to effectively reduce greenhouse gases,” said Dr. Robert Kanter, Port of Long Beach Managing Director for Environmental Affairs and Planning. “An added benefit is that all of the eligible projects will save money for the successful applicants in the long run by saving electricity or saving water.”

Applicants can seek funding for more than one project, for a total grant request of up to \$1 million.

To assist potential applicants, the Port will hold three workshops:

- Wednesday, November 30, 1:30 p.m., Port of Long Beach Board Room, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach, 90802



- Thursday, December 8, 4 p.m., Long Beach Neighborhood Resource Center, 425 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, 90802
- Wednesday, December 14, 7 p.m., Long Beach City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, 90802 (Motorists enter parking structure on south side of Broadway between Chestnut and Cedar avenues)

The Port Mitigation Grant Programs were approved by the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners in 2009 to further offset the air quality impacts of Port operations in the community, in addition to the numerous measures employed by the Port to cut air pollution at the source.

The two other Port Mitigation Grant Programs, one for health-care centers and senior facilities and another for schools and related sites, are funding projects in the community that directly reduce the impact of air pollution on the people most vulnerable to its health effects.

Funding for all Port Mitigation Grant Programs comes from specific Port development projects. This \$5 million for the Greenhouse Gas Grant Program comes from the Middle Harbor Redevelopment Project, which is modernizing two aging terminals into one new state-of-the-art container terminal.

Application information: Grant applications and guidelines for the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Grant Program and more information are available at www.polb.com/greenhousegrants. Or contact us at grants@polb.com or 1-888-789-GRANT (1-888-789-4726).

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