**Info for Budget Committee Meeting**

**November 30, 2016**

**Item 6**. There is a request from the principal of Vanalden Avenue Elementary school for a grant (NPG) for $11,997 to pay 100% of the cost of their YMCA Play Program which is basically their physical education program. A copy of the grant request is attached. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**From:** Harvey Goldberg [mailto:harveygoldberg@sbcglobal.net]
**Sent:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 12:59 PM
**To:** 'yxy5775@lausd.net'
**Cc:** 'Len Shaffer'
**Subject:** Grant Request to the Tarzana Neighborhood Council

Principal Yang,

My name is Harvey Goldberg. I am Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairperson of the Tarzana NC.

Your request for a NPG for $11,997 for the Physical Education Program at Vanalden Elementary School was forwarded to me for review by the Budget Committee. We plan to discuss it at our committee meeting currently planned for November 30th.

In the interim I would like to ask some questions that could help our Committee and then our Board make a decision on your request.

1. How was this program financed in the past?

2. What percentage of the students at the school have a 91356 zip code? A 91335 zip code?

3. What alternatives does the school have for funding this program if the Tarzana NC does not fund 100% of the program or none of the program?

4. What other neighborhood councils have been asked to fund this program? What was their response?

If you would like to discuss this with me or have further questions, my contact information is below.

We would appreciate your response by November 14th, which would give us sufficient time to follow up with additional questions prior to our meeting, if necessary.

I would suggest that a member of the school familiar with this program consider attending our meeting on November 30th, to answer any additional questions the Committee might have? Attendance at our meeting is not a requirement for us to consider your request. We will notify you of the exact date, time and location of the meeting when it is finalized.

Thank you

Harvey Goldberg

Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair,

Tarzana Neighborhood Council

**From:** Yang, Yoshim [mailto:yxy5775@lausd.net]
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 5:24 PM
**To:** Harvey Goldberg
**Subject:** Re: Grant Request to the Tarzana Neighborhood Council

Mr. Goldberg,

Thank you for considering Vanalden's request! I truly appreciate the response.

Here are the answers to your questions.

1.  This is the first year implementing the YMCA Play Program.

2.  The percentage of students with 91335 zip code:  97%       91356: 2%

3.  If we are unable to receive the grant from the Tarzana NC then the PTA will raise the money through fundraisers.  Which also means, the field trips costs for the classes will have to be cut in order to fund the YMCA Play Program.

4.  I have not asked any other neighborhood councils for assistance with the YMCA program.

I will definitely be at the November 30th meeting.  I plan to bring parents and teachers too.  Is this okay with you and the committee.  Please call or email me anytime.

Thank you.

Miss Yoshim Yang

**Attached is the cover letter, the NPG request and a copy of the proposed contract with the YMCA.**

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**Item 7**.We received a request for a NPG from The Rescue Train for $400 to support their Shelter Intervention Program in Tarzana

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**Attached is a copy of the NPG request from Rescue Train**

**From:** Jeffrey Mausner [mailto:jeff@mausnerlaw.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, November 24, 2016 11:34 PM
**To:** 'Harvey Goldberg'
**Cc:** 'Lisa Young'; 'Lorraine Alderette'
**Subject:** NPG for the Rescue Train; Canopy for the West Valley Shelter

Hi Harvey.  I hope you had a good Thanksgiving.  Attached is the written statement for the Budget Committee meeting on November 30, regarding the NPG for the Rescue Train and the canopy for the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter.  Please let me know if you have any comments or suggested changes regarding the written statement, or if you need anything else for consideration of these matters at the meeting on November 30.

Thank you.  Best regards, Jeff

**Members of the Budget Committee. I’m sorry I couldn’t be at the meeting on November 30, but I will be in Colorado, visiting my 96 year-old mother. There are two matters on the Budget Committee Agenda which are the result of requests from the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC). 1. The first matter, item 7 on the Agenda, is a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for an organization named The Rescue Train. At the AWC meeting on November 14, we unanimously passed the following resolution: The Animal Welfare Committee requests that the Budget Committee approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) from the Rescue Train in the amount of $400, to be used to fund 4-6 shelter intervention cases at the West Valley Animal Shelter**

**and introduce The Rescue Train’s "Shelter Intervention Program" to the staff and volunteers. Funds would be used towards spay/neuter, redemption fees, vet bills, and/or dog training, depending on what each case**

**needs to keep their pet out of the shelter and home where they belong. When I was at the East Valley Shelter a couple months ago, I saw the attached brochure for the Rescue Train. I thought it would be great**

**if they could do the same things they do at the East Valley Shelter at our West Valley Shelter. So I invited them to the AWC meeting, to discuss the possibility of expanding their work to our shelter. Lisa Young, Executive Director, and Lorraine Aldenette, Board Member, made a presentation regarding the work of the Rescue Train at the November 14 AWC meeting. The Rescue Train is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides intervention services for people who come into the East Valley Shelter to surrender their dog, cat, or other pet, to help them keep the animal rather than turn it into the Shelter. They provide free spay/neuter and vaccines, and low cost referrals to vets. They pay pet deposit fees for renters, and license and redemption fees at the Shelter for low income individuals. They provide dog training when needed. They run a pet pantry where free food is provided. They have helped 1,100 dogs and cats stay at home, rather than entering the Shelter. The possibility of the Rescue Train expanding its services to the West Valley Shelter was discussed at the AWC, and everyone agreed that it would be great if they could do so. I’ve also discussed the Rescue Train with my fellow Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter. The Volunteers have seen situations where someone who is surrendering their dog or cat is in tears and would love to be able to keep their pet. Some of these people would be able to keep their pet, if they just had some help. As demonstrated by the Rescue Train’s success at East Valley, I think they would be able to provide this help at the West Valley Shelter as well. The issue, of course, is funding. The $400 grant is just a small part of what they would need to provide services at West Valley. As stated in the Application for NPG: Funds would be used towards spay/neuter, redemption fees, vet bills, and/or dog training, for low income pet owners in the West Valley, depending on what each case needs to keep their pet out of the shelter and home where they belong. ... This grant will be used to serve low income pet owners in West Valley in the same way [as at East Valley] and get the dialogue started about the possibility of having a shelter intervention program there. 2. The other matter, item 8 on the Agenda, is a canopy for the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter. At the AWC meeting on November 14, we unanimously passed the following resolution: The Animal Welfare Committee requests that the Budget Committee approve the purchase of an approximately 12 x 20 foot canopy for the use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter, for an amount not to exceed $250. This will provide shade for the Volunteers when they take the dogs into the play yard. The play yard for the dogs at the West Valley Shelter runs along Lurline Ave. The exposure for the play yard is due west, so the sun is shining directly on the yard during the entire afternoon. There is little or no shade in the afternoon, especially during the summer when the sun comes from the west and northwest. Volunteers and dogs are therefore exposed to the sun for whatever time they are out on the yard, sometimes hours. This increases skin cancer risk. The canopy would provide shade to the Volunteers and dogs. Thank you for your consideration of these two matters. Best regards, Jeff**

**From:** Jeffrey Mausner [mailto:jeff@mausnerlaw.com]
**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2016 11:50 PM
**To:** Harvey Goldberg
**Cc:** Leonard Shaffer
**Subject:** Budget items at the Animal Welfare Committee meeting tonight

Hi Harvey.  I hope you are doing well.

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**Item 8.** The Animal Welfare Committee is requesting the purchase of the canopy to be used by volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter to provide shade while walking dogs The cost of the canopy is NTE $250.

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**Item 9**. The Outreach Committee approved at their meeting on November 16th a request for $2,885 for certain expenses for Earth Day. Specifically missing is the NPG/grant that is requested by the Chamber for participation money given to each school that participates. This historically was $250/school or $1,500 total. Separately, the Chamber was

put in touch with the LA City Department of Cultural Affairs relating to a Grant program they have for "One-Day/Pop-up" art shows. Cultural Affairs grants can be as high as $12,000 for these events.

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Earth Day Request

Award Ceremony Ref. $200.00

Award Certificates $100.00

Award Ribbons $70.00

Banners $515.00

Bouncy/Jumper rental $300.00

Event T-Shirts $300.00

Flyers $450.00

Hanging Supplies $40.00

Poster Labels $100.00

Poster Paper $550.00

Supplies -on Site $200.00

Face Painting Kits $60.00

**Some price quotes are attached.**

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**Item 10**. The current pop ups that were used by the Outreach Committee for cover and shade at events are no longer functional. This is a request to purchase 3 EZ UP Envoy 10 by 10 foot canopies for NTE $500.

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**Item 11**. The current supply of Stylus pens used for give-a-ways are almost used up. We previously purchased 1,000. This is a request to purchase 1,000 additional Stylus pens with our name, logo and web site for NTE $500.

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A price quote from World's Greatest Promotional Stuff is attached as one page of the Earth Day Request (this is not part of that request).