

## Neighborhood Council Funding Program

Neighborhood Purposes Grants

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<b>Subject</b>	Mar Vista NPG draft

Thank you for your support of our bicycle safety project. Please let me know what you think of our NPG draft.

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Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) provide NCs opportunities to develop partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools to build community and enhance neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Projects and activities supported by NPGs vary widely and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements

NPG-funded projects and activities must be for a **public benefit** and purpose, **open**, **accessible**, and **free of charge** to stakeholders.

Grants approved by NCs exceeding \$5,000 involve further review and possible City contract by the Office of the City Clerk.

Visit the NC Funding Program website page on NPGs ([click here](#)) to find out more details about how 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools serving NC areas can apply. There are two NPG Information Packets; One for prospective applicants to help guide them in the application process, and one for NC board members outlining considerations and factors to keep in mind while evaluating NPG requests.

A “Project Completion Report” template is also provided to help ensure accountability in the use of Grant funds and help demonstrate how NCs and their partners are supporting L.A. communities and stakeholders. NCs and NPG recipients are strongly encouraged to work together to complete and submit the Report at the conclusion of the project.

Any questions you may have with the NPG process, please contact us at the NC

Funding Program:

• [Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org](mailto:Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org)

• (213) 978-1058

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APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

**Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant:** Mar Vista

**SECTION I- APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**1a) Organization Name:** Karmic Action Retribution Management Agency (Karma)

**Federal I.D. # (EIN#)** 83-1961921

**State of Incorporation Date of 501(c)(3)** California 501(c)(3), 10/18/2016

**1b) Organization Mailing Address City State Zip Code** 3547 Hillview St LA CA, 90032

**1c) Business Address (If different) City State Zip Code**

**1d) PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_Johanna Iraheta \_\_\_\_\_323-326-3226\_\_\_\_\_karmicactionla@gmail.com  
**Name Phone Email**

**2) Type of Organization- Please select one:**

- Public School (not to include private schools) or  501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions) **Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter**

**3) Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) City State Zip Code**

Bikerowave 12255 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066

## **SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

### **4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**

The purpose of the grant is to serve Mar Vista's underserved and unhoused communities with free bicycle safety packages to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable mobile commuters. This grant will provide Karma's [karmicaction.org](http://karmicaction.org) bicycle repair and safety project, Bici Libre, [bicilibre.com](http://bicilibre.com) the opportunity to purchase lights, locks, reflective items, and helmets for at least 100 participants.

The bike safety giveaways will be readily accessible at our host site, Bikerowave, <https://bikerowave.org/> a community bike shop that has been serving the Mar Vista cycling community for 15 years. This project will conclude in one year; however, we expect the 100 sets to be distributed sooner, as Bikerowave is open 5 days a week and is frequently used by people who cannot afford regular bike shops.

The safety equipment will be given to cyclists who live, work or regularly ride in Mar Vista. Anyone can state that they are in need of the equipment but otherwise could not afford it. Each participant will be eligible for the free items only one time within the year of the project. This grant will be allocated to Karma's project, Bici Libre, to directly purchase safety equipment for distribution at Bikerowave. Karma, in cooperation with Bikerowave volunteers, will be responsible for completing an end-of-program report.

A flier for the program will be printed and displayed at Bikerowave, with an explanation of the program and its partners. The flier will be available in both Spanish and English.

The program includes participants receiving bike safety instructions through short bilingual videos on how to use the equipment and basic rules of the road. The videos explain how to properly use the equipment and help empower cyclists with understanding of road rules and safer practices.

Through this partnership, the organization aims to enhance safety and accessibility for underserved populations, contributing to a safer and more inclusive cycling environment.

### **5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)**

This grant will serve the public by funding the distribution of lights, locks, and helmets, which are essential bicycle safety accessories. These items are critical for enhancing cyclist safety and security, especially for those who cannot afford them. The grant ensures that underserved residents, including those already receiving low-cost or work-trade bicycles from Bikerowave, have access to the necessary equipment to ride safely. The Bikerowave is open 5 days/week year round, providing bicycle repair guidance, access to new and used parts as well as bikes for purchase or work trade. However, Bikerowave cannot meet the demand to provide free safety accessories that enhance rider safety and security. By funding KARMA's Bici Libre bike safety program, Bicilibre will be able to meet the demand by distributing the lights, lock, and helmets.

The video content on proper use of the equipment will increase the likelihood of success by educating the recipients of the safety equipment on the proper use of each item. Videos are available on line and can be watched in the Bikerowave on a person's mobile device or the Bikerowave's smart TV. The videos are provided by the League of American Cyclists, the leading cycling safety advocate in America. See [bikeleague.org](http://bikeleague.org)

By offering at least 100 sets of these accessories at no cost to low income people that are already coming into the Bikerowave for low cost bicycles or bicycle repairs the grant will directly benefit the public by improving safety and promoting accessibility for economically disadvantaged individuals in the Mar Vista area. This will increase the maximum benefits and impact the NPG grant will invest in safety for some of the most vulnerable road users.

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**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE**

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

<b>Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
Administrative	\$ 250	\$
Outreach Material Design	\$150	\$
	\$	\$

6a)

<b>Non-Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
100 dynamo powered Reelights	\$ 1,800	\$
100 key or combo U-Locks	\$ 1,700	\$
100 Bicycle Helmets	\$ 1000	\$

6b)

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?  No  Yes If Yes, please list names of NCs: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs)  No  Yes If Yes, please describe:

<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 5,000

10a) Start date: 10/01/2024 10b) Date Funds Required: Flexible 10c) Expected Completion Date: 10/01/2025 (After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

**SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

No  Yes If Yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?

Yes  No \*(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)

**SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED\*

*PRINT Name Title Signature Date* 12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School

Principal - REQUIRED\*

*Johanna Iraheta CEO*

*PRINT Name Title Signature Date*

*Woodsin Joseph-Sandberg CFO PRINT Name Title Signature Date*

\* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or [clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org) for instructions on completing this form