

**SPECIAL GENERAL  
BOARD MEETING**

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA



Granada Hills South  
Neighborhood  
Council Dec, 12,  
2024

General Board Meeting  
Agenda Thursday Dec. 12,  
2024 at 7:00 PM

**Granada Hills Charter High School-  
Rawley Hall  
10535 Zelzah Ave. Granada Hills, CA  
91344**



Granada Hills South  
Neighborhood Council

11024 Balboa Blvd., Box  
767

Granada Hills, CA 91344  
(818) 723-8087

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**Neighborhood  
Council**

**Michael Benedetto,  
President**

**Colleen Toumayan, Vice  
President**

**Ashley Pena, Secretary**

**Abbey Ronquillo,  
Treasurer**

**Mark Morris, Board  
Member**

**Launa Bogartz, Board  
Member**

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Member**

**Kayla Owens, Board  
Member**

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*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities*

- I. CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE
- II. ROLL CALL

### III. ADMINISTRATIVE/FUNDING MOTIONS

- A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for Nov..2024
- B. Approval of Board minutes Oct 10 and Nov 7, 2024
- C. Discussion and possible action to appoint Anush Danielyan as a Board member to the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council
- D. Discussion and possible action to appoint Anush Danielyan as a member and Co-chair of the Sustainability Committee
- E. Discussion and possible action to appoint Anush Danielyan as a Liaison of the NC Sustainability Alliance

My name is Musa Khan and I will be your Election Administrator for the upcoming 2025 Neighborhood Council (NC) Election cycle. I wanted to share important information regarding the 2025 Election Season. The 2025 NC Elections will be conducted using an all Vote-By-Mail election model. The [2025 NC Election Handbook](#) provides important information about the election process, including the candidate filing and Vote-By-Mail operations.

The [2025 NC Regional Election Schedule](#) lists each region's election date, and the [2025 NC Election Timeline](#) provides critical election deadlines. I have highlighted a few important election dates below for **GHSNC**.

- Candidate Filing Period: **January 17, 2025 to March 3, 2025**
- Vote-By-Mail Period: **March 21, 2025 to May 11, 2025**
- Election Day: **May 20, 2025**

For additional election information, visit our website at [clerk.lacity.gov/ncelections](http://clerk.lacity.gov/ncelections) and subscribe to '[Subscribe for NC Election Updates](#)' to stay informed of the latest and most relevant election information as it becomes available.

I look forward to working with you this election season. If you have any questions, you can reach me at [musa.khan@lacity.org](mailto:musa.khan@lacity.org) or (213) 978-0444.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve a NPG to the Granada Hills Library up to \$4.000. This program will be free to the public and will provide both educational information, entertainment, and recreational activities.  
These will be designed to build community among our diverse population from preschoolers through senior citizens

- B. Discussion and possible action to skip the Jan. 2, 2025 meeting
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve a NPG to the Distinguished Young Women's scholarship is for you just say specifically up to \$2,000. Students will compete in four different categories and the scholarship will go on to help with tuitions for college.
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$1,500 for a 6-to-7-day CERT I (community emergency response team) events for the betterment and safety of our communities.
- E. In the last few days, it is my understand that, **LAFD, City Council and the Mayor may eliminate or severely downsize the LAFD CERT Unit. Therefore, I propose a** Discussion and possible action to approve a GHSNC CIS to support the CERT Program and its funding, with any and all means necessary, to the above stated entities as well as any others to maintain this essential program
- F. Discussion and possible action to remedy concerns expressed by Mr. Brad Klimovitch of the VFW Post related to missing / incorrect website postings on GHSNC.org Update and Tabled

#### V. ELECTED OFFICES/DEPARTMENTS/ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. LAUSD District 3 (Tara Vahdani/Tammy Ramirez, Scott Schmerlson)
- B. County Supervisor's Office Lindsay Horvath – {Rep Savanna Heap or Sophia Sovdani}
- C. Senator Caroline Menjivar District 3 rep Andres
- D. Congressional District 25 -George Whiteside  
Congressman Brad Sherman- Sean Reagan
- E. Assembly District 40 – Pilar Schiavo or rep Crystal Carr
- F. Council District 12 (John Lee) lorena.espinal
- G. Mayor's Office Karen Bass
- H. DONE, (NEA Mario Hernandez)
- I. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)
- J. Congressional District 30 (Kimberly Caseres)
- K. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate representative

#### VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Public Safety- Brad
- 2. Beautification- John
- 3. Cultural Affairs- Launa or Kayla
- 4. Education- Abbey
- 5. Homelessness- John-update
- 6, Outreach- Colleen or Mike
  - A. Tree Lighting- report
  - B. Holiday Parade- report
- 7. Planning and Land Use - Brad- Update
- 8. Youth- Abbey-update
- 9, Sustainability- George-
- 10 Seniors- Sally-update

#### VII GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OF NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

## VIII BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### IX ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING WILL POSSIBLY BE Jan. 2, 2024

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- 17723 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344
- <https://ghsnc.org/>
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System (ENS)

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#### Public Access of Records -

- In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at 11024 Balboa Blvd., Box 767 Granada Hills, CA 91344, at <https://ghsnc.org/> or at the scheduled meeting. If you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Mark Morris, President at 818-388-6389 or email at [mmorris@ghsnc.org](mailto:mmorris@ghsnc.org) or Michael Benedetto, Vice President at 818-723-8087 or email at [mbenedetto@ghsnc.org](mailto:mbenedetto@ghsnc.org)

#### Reconsideration and Grievance Process -

- For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website: <https://ghsnc.org/>

## GHSNC Minutes for Nov 7, 2024

The summary of tonight's voting items is below:

- III, A - Mike (moved), Mark (seconded); passed unanimously
- III, B - TABLED
- III, C - Mike (moved), Colleen (seconded); passed unanimously
- IV A - Mike (moved), Kayla (seconded); passed unanimously
- IV B - Mike (moved), Mark (seconded); passed unanimously
- IV C - Mike (moved), Brad (seconded); passed unanimously
- IV D - TABLED

All items passed unanimously and the list of board members this meeting were:

- Mike, Colleen, Mark, Carol, John, George, Sally, Brad, Kayla

# Monthly Expenditure Report



**Reporting Month: November 2024      Budget Fiscal Year: 2024-2025**

**NC Name: Granada Hills South  
Neighborhood Council**

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$44759.18	\$503.65	\$44255.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44255.53

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$20350.00	\$503.65	\$17985.45	\$0.00	\$17985.45
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$1100.00	\$0.00	\$1100.00	\$0.00	\$1100.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$12450.00	\$0.00	\$12450.00	\$0.00	\$12450.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$1860.90	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	GOOGLE GSUITE_GHSNC.O	11/01/2024	GHSNC Paid Google workspace \$141.53 for web services on 11-1-2024, covering 10-1 to 10-31- 2024, which is also part of our Admin package	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$141.53
2	PY NOVA STORAGE M HIL	11/04/2024	GHSNC Paid Nova Storage \$219 to house our belongings covering from November 1 to November 30, 2024; which is also part of our admin package	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$219.00
3	NORTHRIDGE GRAPHIC AND	11/06/2024	GHSNC paid Northridge Stationary \$55.18 for 630 copies for our Nov 2024 meeting, which is also part of our Admin package	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$55.18
4	PIZZASAURUS REX	11/08/2024	GHSNC Pays Pizzasaurus Rex \$87.94 for Pizza for our Nov 2024 meeting, which is also part of our Admin package	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$87.94
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$503.65</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>



# Invoice

Invoice number: 5096838774

**Google LLC**  
1600 Amphitheatre Pkwy  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
United States  
Federal Tax ID: 77-0493581

**Bill to**

Aaron DeVandry  
Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council  
18403 W Vogel Ave  
Waddell, AZ 85355  
United States

**Details**

Invoice number .....5096838774  
Invoice date .....Oct 31, 2024  
Billing ID .....9930-5897-7673  
Domain name .....ghsnc.org

**Google Workspace**

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Total in USD **\$141.53**

**Summary for Oct 1, 2024 - Oct 31, 2024**

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Subtotal in USD \$129.60  
State sales tax (5.6%) \$7.26  
Local sales tax (3.6%) \$4.67  
Total in USD \$141.53

You will be automatically charged for any amount due.

Subscription	Description	Interval	Quantity	Amount(\$)
Google Workspace Business Starter	Usage	Oct 1 - Oct 31	18	129.60
Subtotal in USD				\$129.60
State sales tax (5.6%)				\$7.26
Local sales tax (3.6%)				\$4.67
Total in USD				<b>\$141.53</b>

Need help understanding the charges on your invoice? [Click here for detailed explanations](#)

<https://support.google.com/a?p=gsuite-bills-and-charges>





NC Name: Granada Hills South NC Meeting Date: July 11, 2024

Budget Fiscal Year: 2024 - 2025 Agenda Item No: III E

Board Motion and/or Public Benefit Statement (CIP and NPG): GHSNC approves the 2024 - 2025 Annual Admin Budget

Method of Payment: (Select One)  Check  Credit Card  Board Member Reimbursement

**Vote Count**  
 Recused Board Members must leave the room prior to any discussion and may not return to the room until after the vote is complete.

Board Member's First and Last Name	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused	
Mike Benedetto	President	X						
Colleen Toumayan	Vice President	X						
Abbey Ronquillo	Treasurer	X			X			
Ashley Pena	Secretary	X						
Mark Morris	Member	X						
Launa Bogartz	Member	X						
Carol Hart	Member				X			
John Horn	Member	X						
George Karam	Member	X						
Sally Kolstad	Member	X						
Brad Smith	Member	X						
Angela Yang	Member				X			
Linda Williamson	Member	X						
Kayla Owens	Member					X		
						X		
<b>Board Quorum:</b>	9	<b>Total:</b>	10	0	0	3	1	0

We, the authorized signers of the above named Neighborhood Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and that a public meeting was held in accordance with all laws, policies, and procedures. The above was approved by the Neighborhood Council Board, at a Brown Act compliant public meeting where a quorum of the Board was present.

Authorized Signature: *Mike Benedetto* Authorized Signature: *Abbey Ronquillo*  
 Print/Type Name: Mike Benedetto - President Print/Type Name: Abbey Ronquillo - Treasurer  
 Date: July 12, 2024 Date: July 12, 2024



**Nova Storage**  
**14800 Rinaldi Street**  
**Mission Hills, CA 91345**  
**818-365-9877**

# Payment Receipt

<b>Tenant</b>	Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council	<b>Date Printed</b>	November 30, 2024
<b>Company</b>	c/o: Michael Benedetto	<b>Payment Date</b>	November 4, 2024 10:15 AM
<b>Address</b>	16465 Donmetz St.	<b>Unit</b>	0521
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	Granada Hills CA 91344	<b>Available Credit</b>	0.00
		<b>Current Balance</b>	0.00
		<b>Paid Thru</b>	November 30, 2024
		<b>Receipt Number</b>	<b>120388</b>
			<b>By FC</b>

Date	Unit	Description	Charge	Discount	Tax	Total	Payment	Method
11/01/24	0521	Rent 11/1-11/30	209.00	0.00	0.00	209.00	209.00	Master Card
11/01/24	0521	Protection Pla 11/1-11/30	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	Master Card

Taxes	0.00
Payment (less tax)	219.00
Payment Subtotal	219.00
Credits Applied	0.00
Refunds Applied	0.00
<b>Total Applied to Account</b>	<b>219.00</b>
Current Account Balance	0.00
Paid By	Master Card *****1445
Paid Thru Date	November 30, 2024

Transaction Type Sale

Authorization 048479  
Reference pl\_txn\_67290f43739030b21d4ae83

I agree to pay the above amount according to the card issuer statement.

x \_\_\_\_\_

We have included ways to pay your rent conveniently and securely. Our payment options include:

1. Online at NovaStorage.com
2. Automatic payments can be set up online at NovaStorage.com
3. Through our 24/7 automated phone system, free of charge (623) 240-8385
4. Through a payment link that is texted to you
5. Mailing a payment to the office













# Invoice

**PIZZASAURUS REX**

DATE: 11/7/2024

17646 Lassen St #4,  
Northridge, CA 91325  
Phone 818-772-7739

TO

Attention

GHSNC

Mike.

QTY	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	LINE TOTAL
2		Large Pineapples			
1		Large Veggie		\$	82.94
1		Large cheese			
1		Large Pepperoni			

Subtotal \$ 82.94

SALE TAX Inc

GRATUITY \$ 5.00

TOTAL \$ 87.94

Emad A. Hoss

Delivery Fee





**Neighborhood Council Funding Program**  
**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. The Neighborhood Council (NC), upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Granada Hills South

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

- 1a) Friends of Granada Hills Library 953702770 CA 3/31/83  
 Organization Name Federal I.D. # (EIN#) State of Incorporation Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)
- 1b) 10640 Petit Ave. Granada Hills CA 91344  
 Organization Mailing Address City State Zip Code
- 1c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address (if different) City State Zip Code
- 1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Candace Dardarian 818/885-7550 candar@earthlink.net  
 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 Grant Request on School Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name / Address of Affiliated Organization City State Zip Code  
 (if applicable)

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

- 4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**  
 The grant's purpose is to fund free educational and entertaining programs for the community, which includes performers, supplies and materials
- Also, see attached*
- 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 program will be free to the public and will provide both educational information, entertainment, and recreational activities. These will be designed to "build community" among our diverse population from preschoolers through senior citizens. The public comes to these programs from the Granada Hills neighborhood and surrounding communities.





**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 Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "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

*Two signatures required*

12A) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal

Beryl Sharpe                      President                      Beryl Sharpe                      11/9/2024  
PRINT First Name/ Last Name                      Title                      Signature                      Date

12B) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal

Connie Sparks                      Secretary                      Connie Sparks                      11/9/24  
PRINT First Name/ Last Name                      Title                      Signature                      Date

**SECTION VII - FOR DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT USE ONLY**

Date Received

Reviewer Name

Date Reviewed

Application     Complete     Incomplete

REVIEWER'S NOTES

Date submitted to Funding Unit

Method:     In-person     E-mail     Fax     Inter-departmental mail

NPG #

Application     Complete     Incomplete

Funding Unit Notes:

## **Addendum B for SECTION II -PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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

**The grant's purpose is to fund free educational and entertaining programs for the community, which includes performers, supplies, and materials.**

**Here are some examples of the programs Friends of Granada Hills Library provide for the patrons and members of the community.**

- 1. THE BEN BAND: Children learn family-friendly songs about animals native to Australia including kookaburras, emus, wombats, and platypuses. The lyrics describe the physical attributes of the animals such as the way they move, the sounds they make, and what they eat. Lots of audience participation with clapping the beat, call and response, and anticipating the rhyming words as the children sing and learn about the animals that live in the Outback.**
- 2. THE BLUE SUBMARINE: This is a marine biology outreach program that provides up-close and hands on experiences for children to observe and learn about tide pool animals. It is a museum and aquarium that comes right to the library. The teaching resources include live animals, specimens, and puppets. A reoccurring theme is for the children to understand the importance of respecting and protecting the oceans.**
- 3. MINI THERAPY HORSES: One live miniature horse is shown to the audience and lead around the room for children and parents to pet and hug. The speaker describes how patients at the Veterans Hospital, or Shriners Hospital for Children receive equine assisted therapy to improve physical and mental health. The mini horses bring a sense of calm, comfort and happiness that lowers blood pressure, reduces stress and anxiety, promotes conversation, improves self-esteem and confidence, and helps build trust and empathy.**

IRS -- LETTER OF DETERMINATION FOR FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY

Internal Revenue Service

Date: August 4, 2005

FRIENDS OF THE GRANADA HILLS  
LIBRARY  
10840 PEITE  
GRANADA HILLS GA 31344-6422 408

Department of the Treasury  
P. O. Box 20348  
Columbus, OH 43201

Person to Contact:  
April C. Howard 31-07982  
Customer Service Representative  
Toll Free Telephone Number:  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET  
877-829-8220  
Fax Number:  
615-623-8768  
Federal Identification Number:  
95-3702770

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of August 4, 2005, regarding your organization's tax-exempt status.

In May 1982 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that your organization is also classified as a public charity under section 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that contributions to your organization are deductible under section 170 of the Code, and that you are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, testaments or gifts under section 2055, 2108 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



James K. Stalos, Director, TEOE  
Customer Service Division

# Distinguished Young Women of Los Angeles County

Class of 2026



# What is the Distinguished Young Women program?

Founded over 65 years ago, Distinguished Young Women is the largest and longest-running national scholarship program for young women.

Distinguished Young Women strives to give every young woman the opportunity to be her best self, further her education and prepare for a successful future.



# What are the benefits of participation?

- ✓ **\$1 Billion dollars** in scholarships
- ✓ Life Skills Workshops
- ✓ Personal growth
- ✓ New friendships
- ✓ **No cost to participate**



Distinguished Young Women of Los Angeles County  
2025 Representatives

# Who is eligible to participate?

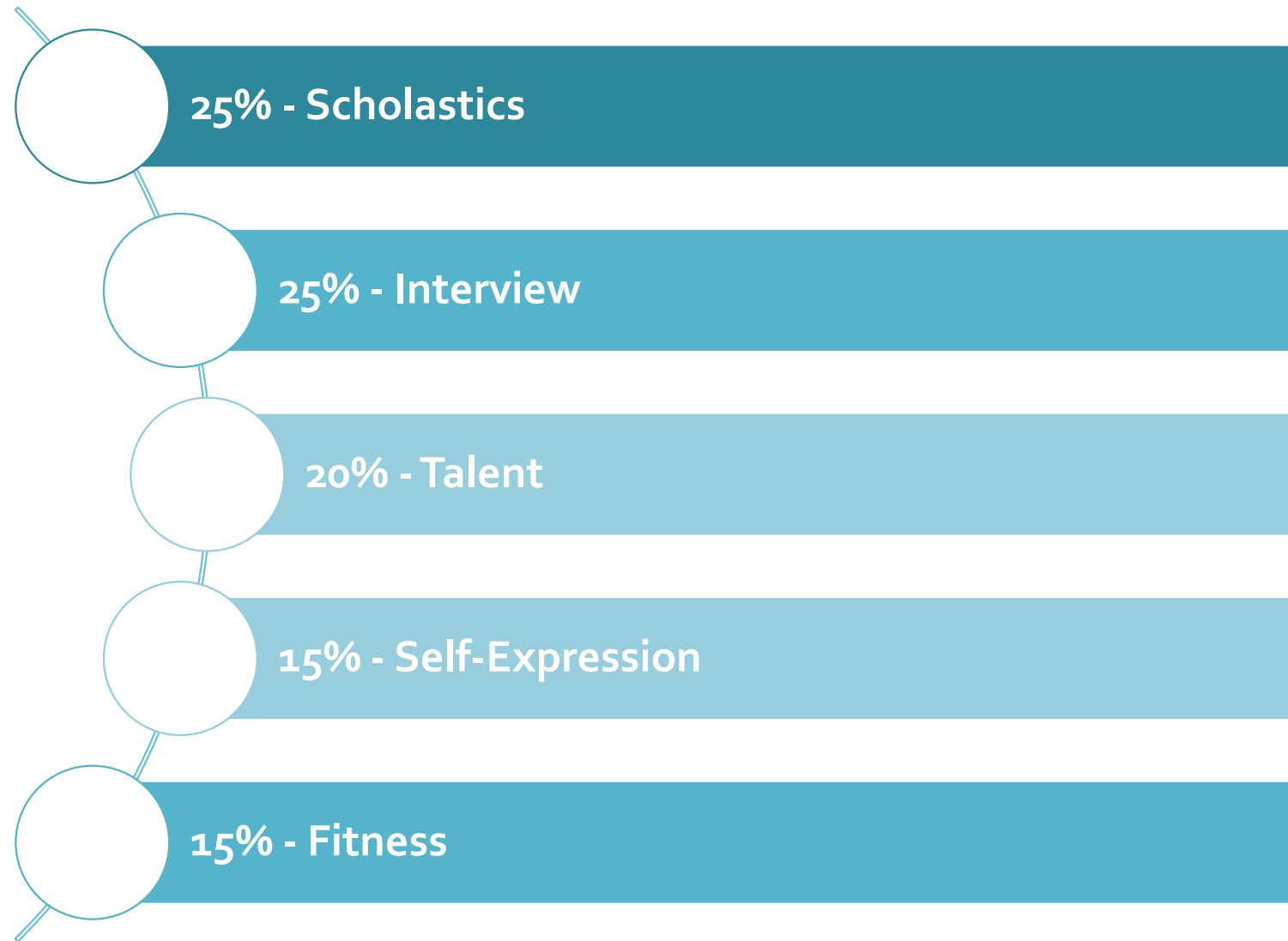
A candidate must be:

- ✓ A U.S. citizen or legal resident
- ✓ A young woman in junior year of high school
- ✓ Never married
- ✓ Not pregnant and never had a child
- ✓ A resident of Los Angeles county





# What are the evaluation areas?



# Scholastics & Interview



## SCHOLASTICS

- Participants submit transcripts and scholastic test scores (i.e. SAT, ACT)
- Qualified educator reviews and evaluates transcripts and test scores



## INTERVIEW

- Participants answer questions in a private 10-minute interview
- Evaluation panel evaluates perception, personality, sense of values, clarity of expression, knowledge, human relations, accomplishments

# Talent, Self-Expression & Fitness



## TALENT

- Participant prepare a 90-second solo performance showcasing her abilities
- Evaluation panel evaluates originality, technical ability, appropriateness of selection and costume, stage presence



## SELF-EXPRESSION

- Participants share their thoughts on a pre-determined topic
- Evaluation panel evaluates grace, poise under pressure, ability to communicate effectively, confidence, natural posture and carriage



## FITNESS

- Participants perform in a fun group fitness routine
- Evaluation panel evaluates coordination, stamina, agility, carriage and posture

# How are scholarships awarded?

## Cash Scholarships

- Representatives selected to represent Los Angeles County
  - Additional cash scholarships available to representatives at California program
- Program Alternates

Note: Alternates will participate in the California program should one of the selected representatives be unable to participate.

## College Granted Scholarships

- ALL participants are eligible for scholarships from select colleges and universities.

Details available online at [www.DistinguishedYW.org](http://www.DistinguishedYW.org)

# How do I participate in Distinguished Young Women?

- 1) Apply online at [www.DistinguishedYW.org](http://www.DistinguishedYW.org)
- 2) Complete the **online application** and provide the required supplemental documents (including transcripts)
- 3) Participate in an all day workshop and program on **March 22, 2025**

Apply Today!



[www.DistinguishedYW.com](http://www.DistinguishedYW.com)



August 30, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

As the chairperson of the California's Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation (dba Distinguished Young Women of California) it is my pleasure to confirm that the Distinguished Young Women of Los Angeles County Scholarship Program is a licensee of our organization and therefore is covered under the same Federal Tax ID number. This number is 95-6145279 and they should be given all rights and privileges associated with this number.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support of our organization.

Sincerely,

Susan Finch  
State Chairman  
Distinguished Young Women of California



U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
P. O. BOX 231  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90021

January 31, 1967

ID # 95-6145279

IN REPLY REFER TO  
Form L-178  
Case 414:HJC  
LA-EG-67-68

California Junior Miss  
Scholarship Foundation  
P. O. Box 464  
12753 Brookhurst  
Garden Grove, California 92642

PURPOSE	
Charitable, Educational	
ADDRESS INQUIRIES & FILE RETURNS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL R	
Los Angeles	
FORM 990-A RE- QUIRED	ACCOUNTING PE- RIOD ENDING
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	June 30

Gentlemen:

On the basis of your stated purposes and the understanding that your operations will continue as evidenced to date or will conform to those proposed in your ruling application, we have concluded that you are exempt from Federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any changes in operation from those described, or in your character or purposes, must be reported immediately to your District Director for consideration of their effect upon your exempt status. You must also report any change in your name or address.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns so long as you retain an exempt status, unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income imposed by section 511 of the Code, in which event you are required to file Form 990-T. Our determination as to your liability for filing the annual information return, Form 990-A, is set forth above. That return, if required, must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your annual accounting period indicated above.

Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under the provisions of section 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code.

You are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in such act. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Inquiries about the waiver of exemption certificate for social security taxes should be addressed to this office, as should any questions concerning excise, employment or other Federal taxes.

This is a determination letter.

Very truly yours,

Ralph B. Short  
Acting District Director

If distributions are made to individuals, case histories regarding the recipients should be kept showing names, addresses, purposes of awards, manner of selection, relationship if any to members, officers, trustees or donors of funds to you, in order that any and all distributions made to individuals can be substantiated upon request by the Internal Revenue Service. (Revenue Ruling 56-304, Cumulative Bulletin 1956-2, Page 306.)



**Neighborhood Council Funding Program**

**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: Granada Hills South

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1a) Distinguished Young Women of Los Angeles County 95-6145279 CA 1/31/1967  
*Organization Name* *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1b) 2842 Alsace Ave. Los Angeles CA 90016  
*Organization Mailing Address* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1c) same as above  
*Business Address (if different)* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Gretchen Douglass 3232298278 losangeles@distinguisheddyw.org  
*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**

NA

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

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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

The donation will be used to host the annual event in Los Angeles. The next Distinguished Young Woman(DYW) of Los Angeles County event will be in March of 2025 and the DYW State competition will be held in July of 2025. This sponsorship will be used to support the scholarship program.

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)**

The grant will be used to pay the facility rental fee and other expenses associated with the DYW event

The candidates are selected through a competitive process.  
 The candidates are judged based on 5 categories:  
 25%-Scholastic/ 25%-Interview/20%-Talent/ 15%-Self Expression/ 15%-Fitness

There are candidates from Granada Hills Charter High School competing in the event almost every year.

Recent Los Angeles Winners from Granada High School include:  
 Savanna Kimball- 2025  
 Angela Yang-2024  
 Tristin Trombley -2022

**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE**

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

6a)	<b>Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
6b)	<b>Non-Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

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: UP TO \$ 2,000

10a) Start date: 12/15/2024 10b) Date Funds Required: 1/31/2025 10c) Expected Completion Date: 4/1/2025  
 (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:

<b>Name of NC Board Member</b>	<b>Relationship to Applicant</b>

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\*

Gretchen Douglass      DYW LA President      Gretchen Douglass      12/11/24  
 PRINT Name      Title      Signature      Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED\*

Lisa Guo      DWY CA Board Member/Director      [Signature]      12/11/2024  
 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

**City of Los Angeles  
Office of the City Clerk  
Neighborhood Council Funding Program**

**Neighborhood Purposes Grants**

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