

Bear Valley Protection Society (BVPS)

General Support Grant Request – \$1,000 for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Organization Overview:

Bear Valley Protection Society (BVPS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Running Springs, California, dedicated to protecting and restoring the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the **San Bernardino National Forest**—a vital ecosystem encompassing **over 811,000 acres**. The forest is home to **71 threatened, endangered, or sensitive animal species** and **85 sensitive plant species**, making habitat protection and restoration a critical priority. It is also **one of the most visited national forests in the United States**, surrounded by more than **17 million people** living within a 90-mile radius who rely on its lands for recreation, clean air, and water resources.

Founded and led by community volunteers and grassroots activism, BVPS collaborates directly with the **U.S. Forest Service, Southern California Mountains Foundation, Sierra Club, San Bernardino Mountain Land Trust, UC Davis Accreditation to Improve Restoration, Heaps Peak Arboretum, S.B. County Public Works**, and numerous local partners to remove illegal dumpsites, restore burned landscapes, maintain hiking trails and OHV routes and restoration projects for critical habitats impacted by wildfire and misuse.

Project Purpose:

We respectfully request **\$1,000** from the Rose Foundation to purchase **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**—including **needle-proof gloves, tear-resistant arm guards, heavy-duty contractor bags, and tools**—for our volunteer crews who work year-round cleaning illegal dumpsites on forest lands. At nearly every illegal dumpsite cleanup, our volunteers encounter used **hypodermic needles, rusted nails, broken glass, and hazardous waste**. The safety of our friends, family, and community members is our primary goal. It's our organization's obligation to provide our volunteers with PPE to prevent exposure to unknown drugs or infectious diseases.

Problem and Environmental Concerns:

Illegal dumping is one of the most persistent and damaging threats to the San Bernardino National Forest. Household waste, construction debris, tires, and toxic materials such as used oil and paint often end up in remote forest areas and steep watersheds. These pollutants leach into the soil, harm sensitive wildlife habitats, and degrade watersheds that supply water to Southern California communities.

In 2025 alone, BVPS volunteers **removed 14,460 pounds of trash** from the forest floor—including hazardous materials—at sites across the entire span of the San Bernardino National Forest.

Environmental Impact:

Each cleanup directly improves soil and water quality, reduces wildfire risks, and restores habitat for native plants and wildlife. Removing debris prevents microplastics and chemicals from entering streams and groundwater, while clearing forested areas promotes the regeneration of native vegetation. With proper PPE, our volunteers can safely continue this vital work and expand our efforts across more high-risk areas identified in coordination with Forest Service biologists and county partners.

Conclusion:

This grant will have an immediate and measurable impact on both **volunteer safety** and **environmental protection** in one of the nation's most heavily used national forests. Through the support of the Rose Foundation, BVPS can continue empowering our local community to safeguard public lands and preserve the San Bernardino Mountains for future generations.

Financial Statement:

Category	Cash Value (\$)	Description
Income – Grants & Donations	\$12,000	Grants and community contributions, including support from the Rose Foundation, Sierra Club, and AllTrails Public Lands Program.
In-Kind Contributions (Forest Service)	<i>Estimated Value:</i> \$45,000+	Includes use of two U.S. Forest Service trucks, access to Skyforest and North Shore Work Centers, use of an ATV and Side-by-Side, and storage/operational workspace for volunteer events.
In-Kind Contributions (Community Partners)	\$8,000	Equipment loans, volunteer time, tools, and supplies donated by local businesses and residents.
Operating Expenses	(\$5,000)	Program operations, volunteer coordination, cleanup logistics, fuel, materials, and administrative costs.
Program Supplies & Tools Provided by USFS	<i>Included above</i>	Trash bags, shovels, rakes, signage materials, safety vests, and disposal fees. <i>PPE such as needle-proof gloves and tear-resistant sleeves are not provided.</i>
Remaining Cash Balance (as of October 2025)	\$7,000	Reserved for program expansion, outreach, and upcoming reforestation projects.

Notes on In-Kind Support

The **U.S. Forest Service** provides invaluable in-kind assistance that allows BVPS to operate at a high capacity with limited direct funding. This includes:

- Vehicles:** Two service trucks used for volunteer transport and debris hauling. **Facilities:** Access to the **Skyforest** and **North Shore Work Centers** for staging, equipment storage, and coordination. **Equipment:** Access to an **ATV and Side-by-Side** for transporting tools, personnel, and debris in steep or remote terrain. **Supplies:** Computer software, disposal trailers, and basic safety vests. However, **the Forest Service does not provide proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**, including **needle-proof gloves, tear-resistant arm guards, or heavy-duty bags**

Summary

BVPS leverages every dollar of direct funding through strategic partnerships and in-kind support. The requested **\$1,000 from the Rose Foundation** will fill a crucial gap by providing volunteers with the **PPE required to safely continue cleaning illegal dumpsites** across the San Bernardino National Forest — protecting both human health and environmental integrity.

Greater Neighborhood Alliance (G.N.A.) – General Support Proposal

Organization Overview

The Greater Neighborhood Alliance (G.N.A.) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents in Jersey City. We bring together homeowners, renters, and local stakeholders to address key issues including safety, land use, affordable housing, traffic, green spaces, parking, and education. By promoting civic engagement and holding elected officials accountable, G.N.A. ensures that all voices, especially those from underrepresented communities are heard and acted upon.

Mission and Impact

G.N.A. empowers communities through advocacy, education, and action. Over the past year, we have successfully organized:

- Community cleanups, tree plantings, and revitalization of neighborhood green spaces, including our flagship community garden, which provides fresh produce, pollinator-friendly plants, and educational opportunities for youth and families, serving **over 50 local families annually**.
- Educational workshops on environmental sustainability and local civic issues.
- Our youth programs, including YECP, have engaged **50+ high school students this year**, fostering leadership and environmental stewardship skills.

Our programs are designed to build community pride, promote environmental stewardship, and prepare the next generation of leaders to address local challenges.

Program Highlight: Youth Environmental Champion Program (YECP)

One of our signature initiatives is the Youth Environmental Champion Program (YECP), which equips high school students (ages 14–18) with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to become environmental advocates in their communities. Through YECP, youth:

- Learn about environmental justice, sustainable agriculture, pollution prevention, and urban greening.
- Lead hands-on projects such as community cleanups, urban gardens, and environmental art contests.
- Receive mentorship from local leaders and professionals, building leadership and project management skills.
- Gain recognition through certificates, stipends, community service hours, and networking opportunities.

YECP exemplifies how G.N.A. engages youth as active problem-solvers while creating tangible community impact.

Use of Funds

Funding from the Rose Foundation will support G.N.A.'s general operations and programs, including:

- Program supplies and materials for youth-led environmental projects.
- Stipends for youth participants to recognize their leadership and commitment.
- Community engagement events, workshops, and local advocacy initiatives.

Greater Neighborhood Alliance (G.N.A.) – General Support Proposal

This \$1,000 funding will enable G.N.A. to provide program supplies, stipends, and engagement activities for 50 youth and over 200 community members this year, maximizing both environmental and civic impact

Financial Overview

G.N.A. operates on a combination of grant funding, donations, and in-kind support. The requested \$1,000 will directly support program activities and youth engagement, maximizing community impact while strengthening organizational sustainability.

Expense Category	Description	Amount (\$)
Program Supplies	Tools, plants, seeds, and materials for community garden and youth-led environmental projects	\$400.00
Youth Stipends	Recognition for Youth Environmental Champions' leadership and commitment	\$300.00
Community Engagement & Workshops	Costs for hosting environmental workshops, community cleanups, and advocacy events	\$200.00
Miscellaneous / Contingency	Additional project materials, transportation, or minor expenses	\$100.00
Total		\$1000.00

Partnerships and Sustainability

We collaborate with schools, local libraries, community organizations (Henry Snyder High School Alumni Association, Kismet of Kings, I Love Greenville Community Partnership, AngelaCares), eco-conscious businesses, and city departments. G.N.A. maintains an alumni network and engages participants in ongoing civic and environmental initiatives, ensuring lasting impact and leadership development within the community.

Conclusion

The Greater Neighborhood Alliance is committed to fostering empowered, environmentally conscious, and civically engaged communities. Support from the Rose Foundation will help G.N.A. continue to provide programs like YECP, expand youth engagement, and strengthen the overall quality of life in Jersey City neighborhoods.



Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment
Attn: Aurora Heying, Program Officer

Dear Ms. Heying,

I am writing on behalf of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP) to request \$1,000 in general support funding from the Rose Foundation.

Who We Are

CRTP advocates for policies and infrastructure that support climate-friendly, safe, equitable, and healthy transportation on California's North Coast. CRTP envisions a North Coast region with vibrant local communities where walking, biking, public transit, and other socially and environmentally positive modes of transportation are the norm, and we are passionate about creating a world where these modes are equitable, safe and comfortable for people of all races, ethnicities, cultures, income levels, genders, ages and abilities. Our small but effective team has been educating, organizing and advocating in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties since 2015.



Why We Do This Work

Transportation is the largest source of climate pollution in the United States, and makes up almost three-quarters of North Coast emissions. It is now widely acknowledged that the transition to electric vehicles, while crucially important, won't come fast enough to meet climate targets. That means we need to collectively reduce the amount we drive as a society.

We also know that EV adoption won't solve any of the other problems of a car-dependent society. Those problems range from the ever-growing death toll on our roads (about 25 people are killed and nearly 150 seriously injured in car crashes every year in Humboldt County alone) to economic burdens (local residents are forced to spend nearly as much on their cars as they do on their housing) to the newly recognized threat of tire pollution (one study estimated that 78% of microplastics entering the ocean are pieces of car and truck tires!).



Finally, we know that not everyone feels these impacts equally. Low-income people, people of color, seniors, and people with disabilities bear the brunt of climate change, air and water pollution, and are much more likely than other groups to be hit and killed while walking or biking. They are also much more likely to be nondrivers. That means anything we can do to make walking, biking, rolling, and public transit safer, easier, and more convenient helps address historic and ongoing disparities affecting the most disadvantaged members of our community.

Our Budget

A simplified version of our adopted 2026 annual budget is found below.

<i>Income</i>			<i>Expenses</i>				
Donations	Grants/Contracts	<i>Total</i>	Personnel	Supplies	Insurance	Other	<i>Total</i>
\$51,000	\$65,000	<i>\$116,000</i>	\$108,778	\$5,000	\$2,600	\$8,408	<i>\$124,786</i>

How We'll Spend the Money

As general support, the requested funding will help us maintain and expand existing programs and projects, as well as launching new ones. Major programs and projects planned for the next year include:

1. **Quick-build projects** use paint and other low-cost materials and techniques to improve streets quickly, typically without expensive groundbreaking or paving work. Quick-builds can take months to go from concept to construction, instead of the years or decades that are often required for conventional street improvements. CRTP recently published an online Quick-Build Toolkit to support the near-term implementation of urgently needed street safety improvements in North Coast communities. Going forward, we plan to increase pressure on local agencies to adopt the quick-build approach where feasible, so that we can start to see more meaningful bike and pedestrian transit improvements over a much shorter time period.
2. **Eureka's 4th and 5th Streets** are part of the US-101 state highway corridor. Despite representing only about 0.2% of the county's road miles, the corridor has been the site of 18% of the county's pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries in the last decade, as well as 4% of bicyclist serious injuries and 3% of motorist serious injuries and fatalities. We have started making the case for safety improvements with reports and point-of-view videos documenting the experiences of bicyclists and pedestrians in the corridor, including people with disabilities and kids. We will continue to document the problems to build public support and pressure Caltrans.
3. **The Transportation Ambassador program** will be a new program. We will recruit a cohort of local residents for a series of training sessions covering key transportation planning and civic engagement topics. Participants will graduate from the program with resources for their own future education and advocacy efforts as a Transportation Ambassador, and will make a commitment to participate in at least three public meetings on relevant topics in the following year and/or organize their own education or advocacy campaigns with CRTP support.



In addition to these major projects, this grant will help us continue other ongoing public education, organizing, and advocacy, including monitoring public agency activities, advocating for better local plans and projects, and publishing our widely read weekly email newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity to make the case for CRTP to receive a \$1,000 general support grant. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Colin Fiske, Executive Director

Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities

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Subject: Request for General Support Grant

October 14, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Hollygrove-Dixon Neighborhood Association (HDNA) to request \$1,000 in general support to strengthen our capacity and sustain our community programs.

HDNA serves as the organizing voice for the Hollygrove-Dixon neighborhood in New Orleans, a community of about 2,250 residents (400 families) who are 98% minority, 83% Black, and 73% living below the poverty line (EPA Environmental Justice Screening Tool). Despite these challenges, our residents work together to create a greener, safer, and more resilient community.

We address environmental, social, and educational needs through programs such as Green Infrastructure education, tree planting to reduce urban heat, and our new DIY Mobile Solar Generator Program, which will equip 25 residents with solar generators to reduce energy burdens and increase resilience during power outages. We also maintain a community garden that supports fresh food access, nutrition classes for seniors, and an experimental children's garden, while expanding engagement through Spanish-language outreach, First Fridays, and Saturday Clubhouse events.

As a small, grassroots organization with only one staff member, most of our funds are restricted to projects with specific deliverables. This general support grant would allow us to:

- Purchase an Asana project management subscription (\$122) to improve coordination and reporting; and
- Contribute \$878 toward consulting services to ensure we are able to get the maximum use from Asana.

This support will help us stay organized, accountable, and better equipped to grow our impact in Hollygrove-Dixon. Thank you for considering our request and for supporting grassroots environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

Raymond Sweet
Climate Coordinator
Hollygrove-Dixon Neighborhood Association
310-270-1992

Statement of Activity	
Hollygrove Dixon Neighborhood Association	
January 1-October 15, 2025	
Distribution account	Total
Income	
Contributed income	
Donations directed by individuals	-42,759.77
Grants from other nonprofits	215,845.00
Total for Contributed income	\$173,085.23
Total for Income	\$173,085.23
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	\$173,085.23
Expenses	
Awards & grants to others	14,010.00
Contract & professional fees	52,860.01
Insurance	
Property insurance	75.00
Total for Insurance	\$75.00
Occupancy	
Rent	2,370.00
Utilities	135.36
Total for Occupancy	\$2,505.36
Office expenses	
Office supplies	94.85
Small tools & equipment	5,343.28
Software & apps	1,278.92
Total for Office expenses	\$6,717.05
Supplies	43.80
Supplies & materials	40,122.61
Total for Supplies	\$40,166.41
Travel	763.60
Hotels	1,926.71
Taxis or shared rides	18.29
Total for Travel	\$2,708.60
Total for Expenses	\$119,042.43
Net Operating Income	\$54,042.80
Other Income	
Vehicle gas & fuel	25.94
Total for Vehicle expenses	\$25.94
Total for Other Expenses	\$25.94
Net Other Income	\$25.94
Net Income	\$54,068.74
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