

## Who Can Apply?

To apply, you must:

- Live in Long Beach
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Complete and submit an application by the deadline
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a Long Beach organization or group



## How Do I Apply?

Pick up an application at:

**Housing and Neighborhood Services  
Neighborhood Resource Center**

411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

You may also request an application by phone at (562) 570-1010.

Submit an application along with one letter of recommendation from a leader of a Long Beach organization or other group, such as a:

- Neighborhood association
- Business, community or professional organization,
- City of Long Beach department
- Organized religious group
- Neighborhood leadership program alumni



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# The Neighborhood Leadership Program





## What is the Neighborhood Leadership Program?

The Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP) is offered by the Long Beach Community Development Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau. This five-month, multilingual program assists grassroots residents and provides them with the skills, knowledge and resources they need to make a difference in the quality of life of our community.

This program is free to participants and is partially funded through the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.



**Tommie Simmons,**  
Class of 2012

"NLP has been very important in teaching me communication skills and how to network with others to get a task done."

## This Program Will Help You:

- Improve your communication skills.
- Recognize the benefits of diversity.
- Create innovative solutions for improving your neighborhood.
- Identify resources and partnerships.
- Apply for grants.
- Plan and complete a community project.
- Gain confidence as a public speaker.



**Crystal Day, Class of 2018**

"The NLP has equipped me with a strong set of skills, from grant writing to building community partnerships. The program also provided me with a supportive network of individuals to celebrate with, to lean on, and to support. The personal leadership skills that I learned in the Neighborhood Leadership Program has inspired me to encourage other people to be active community leaders."

## What is the Time Commitment?

The time commitment for the Neighborhood Leadership Program is intensive. Training sessions are held twice a month for five months and include a weekend retreat and another full Saturday session. Participants are expected to attend **ALL** sessions. See the application for specific dates and times.

Participants will also be expected to meet outside of regular class time for projects that will be conducted in a specific Long Beach neighborhood.



**Emily Kiwa Tanaka,**  
Class of 2011

"NLP has helped me make meaningful friendships with like-minded people who enjoy volunteering for passion projects. It helped me gain confidence to keep moving forward because I'm prepared with tools to make a 'pipe-dream' into reality."

