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?

Applications are available from:

**Housing and Neighborhood Services Neighborhood Resource Center**

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

You may request an application by phone at 562.570.1010, by email NSB@longbeach.gov or online at longbeach.gov/nlp.

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

To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Development Services Department at longbeach.gov/lbds and 562.570.3807. A minimum of three business days is requested to ensure availability; attempts will be made to accommodate requests with shorter notice.

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What is the Neighborhood Leadership Program?

The Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP) is offered by the Long Beach Development Services 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.

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.

What is the Time Commitment?

The time commitment for the Neighborhood Leadership Program is intensive. Training sessions are generally held twice a month for five months and include Thursday and Saturday sessions. 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 to serve Long Beach residents.

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