

**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: Sherman Oaks

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1a) Insight Center for Community Economic Development      94-2410277      CA      January 21, 1977  
*Organization Name*      *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)*      *State of Incorporation*      *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1b) 6946 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 220      Van Nuys      CA      91405  
*Organization Mailing Address*      *City*      *State*      *Zip Code*

1c) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Business Address (if different)*      *City*      *State*      *Zip Code*

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Michael Browning      747)217-9258      Mike@Insightccd.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 Sherman Oaks Community Assessment Quality of Life Index is a first-of-its-kind, data-driven analysis designed to provide your Neighborhood Council with a clear, factual picture of their community conditions, trends, and opportunities. This \$400 stand alone project focuses on gathering, analyzing, and summarizing existing archival data from respected sources such as USC Crosstown, LA County Public Health, Neighborhood Data for Social Change, UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge, METRO planning documents, the Housing Element, Inside Safe, and other major datasets. The assessment will compile these indicators, covering demographics, housing, mobility, health, crime, homelessness, environmental conditions, economic development, and land use planning, etc., into an accessible report with an executive summary.
- 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 benefit the public at large by funding a Sherman Oaks-centered comprehensive data assessment that can strengthen safety, preparedness, and civic participation. By analyzing existing data on housing, safety, homelessness, health, environment, and quality of life, the project will identify the real conditions affecting residents and provide your Neighborhood Council and community groups with a factual foundation for local planning. This work directly supports residents, volunteers, and public agencies by ensuring that decisions about safety, resource allocation, and neighborhood priorities are grounded in accurate, community-specific information. The findings will empower communities through stronger resident leadership, clearer communication with public agencies, and more transparent and accountable decision-making. The data will help nonprofits, schools, faith institutions, businesses, Neighborhood Watch groups, and other stakeholders align efforts, advocate for needed improvements, and coordinate safety and preparedness initiatives. Because the results will be publicly shared, every Sherman Oaks neighborhood will benefit from improved clarity, safer streets, and more responsive services and systems. This project transforms data insights into public value by supporting long-term safety and resilience.





Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
PO Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

INSIGHT CENTER FOR COMMUNITY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
6946 VAN NUYS BLVD STE 220  
VAN NUYS, CA 91405

Date: September 26, 2025  
Employer ID number: 94-2410277  
Form 990 required: Yes  
Person to contact: Name: J. SHERMAN  
ID number: 0195277

Dear Sir or Madam:

We're responding to your request dated July 01, 2025, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in June 1977, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period.

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at [www.irs.gov/forms-pubs](http://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs) or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Stephen A. Martin*

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Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements