Neighborhood Initiatives and Environmental Services (NIES)



Data for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

July 2022 - October 2022



Neighborhood Meetings Supported - 44

Neighborhood meeting support includes mailer of meeting flyer to residents, facility reservation, schedule speaker for meeting agenda, notifications - Nextdoor, Constant Contact, Voiceshot, staff facilitation, and Spanish interpretation.



Neighborhood Clean Ups Scheduled - 16

NIES schedules roll off bins for neighborhood clean ups with Republic Services. Neighborhood leaders select a Saturday morning for their clean up and our office provides clean-up flyers and temporary No-Parking signs.



Neighborhood Events Supported - 6

Event support includes providing information of City applications required, certificate of insurance, event planning, marketing of event, and inquiring donations. We also provide technical support accessing funds from fiscal sponsor Charitable Ventures, from purchasing items for event, onboarding vendors, and budgeting. Some of the events supported included the Wilshire Square summer concert, Artesia Pilar Harvest Festival, Artesia Pilar movie night, and more.



Grant/Donation Support - 2

NIES provides support to neighborhoods in applying to grants or receiving donations. We provide technical support in managing and spending funds. NIES also submitted a federal grant for a Lead Technical Study to improve or develop new hazard assessment and control methods, with a focus on lead and other key residential health and safety hazards. We are currently working with the Artesia Pilar Neighborhood to receive a grant from Republic Services for their La Raza mural restoration project.



Email Campaigns - 12

Email campaigns compiled by NIES staff include information on neighborhood meetings, events, and informational material to 2,851 contacts. Our contacts include residents, faith based organizations, school staff, non-profits, City staff, and more.



Environmental Justice Complaints Addressed - 5

NIES receives environmental justice complaints from the community and develops a plan to address concerns. We refer the complaint to the proper City department or agency. Complaints received include notice of violation inquiry for a facility, hazardous materials disaster plan, air emissions concerns, and noise pollution.



Trainings Provided - 2

This fiscal year NIES staff provided two South Coast Neighborhood Leaders trainings. The first training included communications and outreach, event and project planning, and capacity building tools. The second training agenda included peer neighborhood association leader discussion, NIES support and next steps.

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