

2020 Community Rebuilding Grant Application

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Does the proposed activity adhere to the stated requirement? Yes

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Amount Requested (up to \$3,000 if all criteria is fully met):: \$3,000

Public community place to repair/rebuild/clean up: Graffiti Clean Up

City/town where public community place is located: : Bakersfield, CA

Describe the current condition of the public community place? : In response to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, demonstrations and protests have taken place across the country demanding justice, racial equality and the call to end police brutality. Protests by 2 different groups have continued for (as of 6-5-2020) 7 consecutive days in Bakersfield, CA. Unfortunately, the Bakersfield Police Dept. has been in the news several times over the decades for excessive use of force and has been accused of racial discrimination. One group leading protests and sit-ins has been very peaceful, holding large prayers and speakers from the faith community. The other group, while generally peaceful, has had issues of looting and vandalism from both protestors, and members of the public negatively responding to the cries of the protestors. A police memorial outside of the Police Department (honoring fallen officers) was vandalized.

Attach Photo of the public community place

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What will be done to repair/clean up the public community place?: While the memorial was cleaned by an anonymous member of the public within a few hours, there are other areas of town that can benefit from graffiti clean up and efforts to show unity in the community. We will work with activists, non-profits, and faith based groups to lead graffiti clean ups near Martin Luther King Jr. Park, in an area of town constantly plagued with crime, violence, and gang activity. We will also work with the Bakersfield Police Dept. and non-profits who work to end gang violence. We will paint over graffiti and clean the park, including the park equipment. We will assess the condition of the sand in the park, and if it needs replaced, we will replace the sand with bark. The Kern County Dept. of Public Health finds needles in parks quite often, usually hidden in the sand.

What will NAR's grant funding be spent on (i.e. gloves, masks, paint, sponges, paint brushes, cleaning supplies, building and repair materials, tools, replacement benches/playground equipment, day-of-clean-up meal for REALTOR® clean-up crew)?: NAR's grant

funding will be used to purchase paint, gloves, masks, paint brushes and rollers, and food for volunteers. We will work with Keep Bakersfield Beautiful who will provide t-shirts for all volunteers and bags for the cleanup. We will also work with the City Solid Waste Dept. to get walk-on bark to replace the sand.

What is the project's total budget?: \$5,000

What is the role of the REALTOR® Association in the community rebuild project? How are REALTOR® members (YPN, commercial, brokers, etc.) engaged in the project? Describe in detail. : The REALTORS will be a major leader of the community cleanup. We will work with our partners at REAAC (Real Estate Antifraud Advisory Committee) including the Bakersfield Police Department. REALTOR Members will lead the graffiti and park cleanup; we will promote through our website, newsletter, social media platforms, and press releases. We will also encourage our YPN to gather and activate their dedicated volunteers.

Are there any other community partners or volunteers involved in this project? Who is leading the project - your association/board or a partner?: We will partner with Keep Bakersfield Beautiful, Garden Pathways, Isaiah's Recovery Program, and Faith in Action to help get more community involvement. These types of cleanups occur at least annually through Garden Pathways (the non-profit ran by our City Mayor) and Isaiah's Recovery Program, therefore the logistics of the cleanup will be lead by these organizations since they already have the structure. However, the REALTORS will lead the publicity of the event and provide the majority of the volunteers.

Who owns the public community place and have you secured permission from the owner to repair/clean it?: Martin Luther King Jr. Park is owned by the City of Bakersfield, and is a public park. The Bakersfield Association of REALTORS has a great relationship with the City and will work with Keep Bakersfield Beautiful to secure a date for the cleanup. We have secured permission.

Will the grant be funding a project in a rural community within your association's jurisdiction? Note that the Rural Housing Service defines "rural" as areas with less than 30,000 population and rural in character.: No

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