



## **STENTORIANS**

**The Association of African Americans in the Fire Service**

May 19, 2020

Westlake North Neighborhood City Council  
Office of the City Clerk- Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 224  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### **RE: Neighborhood Purpose Grant Funding Reallocation due to COVID-19**

Dear Westlake North Neighborhood City Council (WNNC),

On behalf of the Los Angeles City Stentorians, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you again for the Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) approval of \$5,000.00 provided to our organization by your council, which was received in March 2020, to assist us in expansion of our outreach services and needs associated with effectively fulfilling this expansion.

Unfortunately, given the circumstances of this current pandemic, we wanted to notify your board that we have had to modify our initially stated activities, and if given the approval will reallocate the received funding towards efforts where we can best assist our immediate community throughout this crisis via the following activities.

- 1) Reallocation of up to \$2500.00 from initially stated Expert Speakers fees, towards supplies and PPEs for volunteers to assist specifically in weekly food distribution with community partner, Blessed Love.**
- 2) Reallocation of up to \$1,000.00 from Bus Transportation for youth to specific supplies needed to fulfill requests from our elderly and most vulnerable populations, i.e. dump truck to haul debris from clean-out of housing, in maintenance of healthy living areas.**
- 3) Reallocation of up to \$1,000.00 from Program Marketing Materials and Participant Handouts towards printing needs, virtual platform fees for mentoring sessions and continued public outreach given the social distancing mandate.**
- 4) Reallocation of up to \$500.00 from Participant Refreshments to refreshments needed for volunteers and community members who visit the center in search of various supportive requests.**

It remains our goal to ensure that our organization is making every attempt to align activities to continue assisting the diverse needs of those who seek our help. Support from caring individuals and agencies like the North Westlake Neighborhood Council enables our organization to consistently achieve this goal, especially during times as the current ones faced.

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We thank you in advance for your consideration of modification of the received NPG funding. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this updated notification, please contact our office at (323) 294-4143.

**Respectfully,**

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