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Long Beach Water Awards Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Grants

LONG BEACH, CA – The Long Beach Water Department has awarded \$7,000 in grants to two Long Beach organizations working to create a more Beautiful Long Beach. The Long Beach Water Department's landscape grant program is intended to showcase and cultivate interest in native California plants and landscapes. By promoting California-Friendly landscape, we help keep water in the up-stream environment, reduce urban runoff and its toxicity, and create wildlife habitat, while lowering maintenance costs and water bills.

Organizations receiving grants include:

1. **Prisk Elementary School (Long Beach Unified School District):** Awarded \$2,000 to convert part of the lawn and shrub area in front of the school to native California landscape and to improve management of runoff drainage away from the school building. The new native California garden will, among other things, enhance the schools science program.
2. **Pacific Wind Art Sculpture Garden (nonprofit organization):** Located in west Long Beach on Martin Luther King Boulevard just north of Pacific Coast Highway, the \$5,000 grant will help beautify a large open space located within the neighborhood, demonstrating the many benefits of California-Friendly landscape.

Both organizations will profit from the benefits that come with California-Friendly landscape: beautiful landscape, lower water bills, reduced maintenance and urban runoff. All Long Beach nonprofit and public agencies are invited to apply for Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Grants; for more information and to download an application go to www.lbwater.org.

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