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MOLAA and Sutter Academy Middle School Awarded Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Grants

LONG BEACH, CA – The Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners today awarded nearly \$9,000 dollars in Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Grants to the [Museum of Latin American Art](#) (MOLAA) and Sutter Elementary School. The grant awards will be used to create gardens and landscapes with drought tolerant and California native flora, beautifying the city and providing a tangible education tool to encourage public conservation of water. Drought tolerant and California native landscapes reduce water use, runoff, use of harmful chemicals that pollute our watershed, require less maintenance and increase natural wildlife habitat.

MOLAA has been awarded \$5,000 to help create a landscape that showcases drought tolerant plants, some of which require no water in addition to natural rainfall. Sutter Academy Middle School has been awarded \$3,700 to allow the school's science students to design and build a drought tolerant garden that will attract natural California wildlife like hummingbirds and butterflies. The Long Beach Water Department awards Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Grants to non-profit and public agencies located in the City of Long Beach who are interested in replacing turf lawns with [California-Friendly landscapes](#) and reducing their annual water bill. Under the program, projects may receive grants up to \$5,000.00.

The Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Grant Program is part of a progressive effort to help residents discover the beauty, ease and functionality of environment enhancing California-Friendly landscapes, and reduce the amount of potable water used on grasses and other non-native, high water using landscapes throughout the city of Long Beach. To date, the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners has awarded over \$30,000 in landscape grants to city schools and non-profit organizations.

Water conservation and stewardship of our environment is a priority of the Long Beach Water Department. [Long Beach water conservation programs](#) have contributed to the City of Long Beach ranking among the lowest per capita water users in the State of California. In fact, the city of Long Beach in 2006 uses the same amount of water it did in 1987 when the population was over 100,000 fewer people.

The Long Beach Water Department is an urban Southern California water supply agency and the standard in water conservation and environmental stewardship. Learn more at www.lbwater.org.

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