



# William C. Velásquez Institute

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## **WILLIAM C. VELÁSQUEZ INSTITUTE RECEIVES NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT FROM LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER**

**(May 19, 2021, Los Angeles, CA)** The William C. Velásquez Institute (WCVI) was awarded a Community Partnership Outreach Grant from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). The grant allocates funding for a year's worth of work in Los Angeles City Council District 14 to conduct community outreach, research, and public education to increase energy efficiency and water conservation efforts in our communities.

“Latino culture is steeped in conserving, reusing and repurposing. Under this grant, WCVI aims to provide information and tools on programs such as the Turf Replacement Program and the Window Air Conditioner Recycling Program that can save Los Angeles City Council District 14 residents on their utilities,” said **Patricia Gonzales, Vice President, William C. Velásquez Institute.**

“LADWP has a long history of working with nonprofits that work in partnership with the communities we serve,” said **Nancy Sutley, LADWP Senior Assistant General Manager of External and Regulatory Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer.** “We look forward to collaborating with WCVI during this grant cycle to bring educational information directly to our customers including how they can access our programs and apply for various rebates to achieve energy efficiency and water conservation *and* save on their utility bills.”

Grants were awarded to 17 local non-profit organizations to inform and energize residents and businesses to reduce their energy and water use while benefitting from lower utility bills. WCVI's program began on May 1, 2021, and consists of outreach to the public through various events as well as community and neighborhood association meetings.

“WCVI is proud to work with Latino leaders and LADWP to promote sustainability and we hope to provide savings to neighbors throughout Northeast Los Angeles,” said **Lydia Camarillo, President, William C. Velásquez Institute.**

“This grant will help us to educate our community on the array of services available to them,” concluded Gonzales.

**About the William C. Velasquez Institute**

The William C. Velásquez Institute (WCVI) is a tax-exempt, non-profit, non-partisan public policy analysis organization chartered in 1985. WCVI (originally the Southwest Voter Research Institute) is a spinoff of the legacy organization Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) founded by the late Latino icon Willie Velásquez. Willie correctly foresaw that Latino voters would inevitably overcome their political exclusion and needed to develop their policy and governance capacity.

WCVI has a long-standing record working on environmental issues, including the LA River and its Eco Intern Program developing a cohort of future stewards of the environment. It first opened its Los Angeles Office in 1984.

**About Los Angeles Department of Water and Power:**

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is the nation’s largest municipal utility, with 8,019 megawatt (MW) of electric capacity and serving an average of 435 million gallons of water per day to the 4 million residents of the City of Los Angeles, its businesses and visitors. For more than 100 years, LADWP has provided the city with reliable water and power service in a cost effective and environmentally responsible manner.

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