

Grants Committee Recommendation – griefHaven

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$10,000** from donations that PPCC has received to griefHaven for the delivery of grief counseling support groups to Pacific Palisades residents affected by the Fire.

griefHaven has been serving grieving adults, children, and families for more than 20 years. Their facilitators and are licensed therapists and certified grief counselors, and they work exclusively with experienced grief and trauma professionals. The organization has supported millions of people through their educational resources, support groups, speaking engagements, media appearances, and partnerships throughout the country.

The Palisades fire loss groups were created because the Palisades is deeply personal to the founder of Greenhaven. She has lived in the Palisades for more than 40 years and has long-standing relationships throughout the community. As both a resident and grief professional, she recognized early on that many people would eventually need support processing the emotional and traumatic impact of this loss.

griefHaven has partnered with Dr. Denise Mandel to create specialized fire loss groups. Traditionally, grief support groups are partially participant funded, with generous sliding scale accommodations to ensure that no one is ever turned away. For the Palisades fire loss groups, however, griefHaven has absorbed the costs so these activities remain accessible to those affected by the fires, partially using a grant that griefHaven received from Fire Aid. The direct cost to facilitate the fire loss groups is \$1,000 per month for two 90-minute sessions.

Additional information about griefHaven can be obtained from their website: [www.grief him and Haven.org](http://www.griefhimandHaven.org).

The grant recommended by the PPCC Grants Committee should enable griefHaven to continue their program through the end of 2026.

By the PPCC Grants Committee:

Quentin Fleming, Chair; Janet Anderson, Lorie Cudzil, Sue Kohl (ex-officio), Kevin Niles, Chris Spitz, Andrew Wolfberg, Maryam Zar.* (* not attending)*

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