

Grants Committee Recommendation – Tahitian Terrace Radio

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of \$5,000 from donations that PPCC has received to the Tahitian Terrace Radio project for seed funds to create 10-weekly episodes of a community radio-inspired podcast that amplifies the voices of the Tahitian Terrace mobile home community as they navigate the long road toward wildfire recovery, visibility, and justice in the Pacific Palisades. At its core, the project seeks to document not only what was lost, but what remains unresolved: the fight to return home, the uncertainty of rebuilding, and the systems shaping that outcome in real time.

Tahitian Terrace is a historic 19-acre coastal mobile home park located at 16001 Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades, which was known for its terraced ocean views and rare affordable coastal living. The Palisades Fire destroyed 157 of its 158 homes.

Tahitian Terrace Radio was created by award-winning documentary film maker Chris J. Russo. The weekly podcast is a video-first, documentary-style series that blends personal narration, resident interviews, and verified community updates into a “community radio” format.

The series will be distributed across major platforms including YouTube, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify, ensuring accessibility for both displaced residents and a broader public audience.

The Grants Committee members believe that the history of Tahitian Terrace and the spirit of the Tahitian Terrace community is important to our shared history and this program will give a voice to former residents, a voice that has gone unheard in traditional media. These first-person stories will help the Tahitian Terrace community by drawing attention to the history of their community and the future of its residents.

The grant recommended by the PPCC Grants Committee will directly enable the production of the first 10 episodes, covering essential costs including minimal crew support, equipment, postproduction, and participant stipends.

By the PPCC Grants Committee: Quentin Fleming, Chair; Janet Anderson, Lorie Cudzil, Kevin Niles, Chris Spitz, Andrew Wolfberg, Maryam Zar (* not attending). Prepared in connection with the June 11, 2026, PPCC Board meeting.*