

Proposition 40 Local Government and Nonprofit Matching Funds Grant Program

This year, the Conservancy made a concerted effort to reestablish a grant program for local government and nonprofit entities. The impetus behind this program is both to assist other entities in completing projects that are part of the Conservancy's mission, and to maximize the positive impact of the Conservancy's Proposition 40 funds. The core requirement of the program is that the grantee has to provide a minimum cash match of fifty percent of the Conservancy's contribution. The initial round of the program funded nine projects for a total of \$2,114,745 in fiscal year 2002-2003. Each grant is briefly described below. Three of the grantees are nonprofits and the other six are local governments spread over a broad range of the Conservancy's jurisdiction.



Altadena Chaney Trail Corridor

This matching grant provided \$25,575 to the Altadena Foothills Conservancy to acquire a 1.5-acre parcel in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. The parcel contains a crucial link in the Chaney Trail, which ultimately connects Altadena with Mount Wilson.

Glendale/Le Mesnager Improvements

This matching grant provided \$200,000 to the City of Glendale to implement construction drawings for improvements at the Le Mesnager historic site in the Deukmejian Wilderness Park. The improvements are for the purposes of seismic stabilization and rehabilitation of structures on the site, and for the creation of interpretive displays. Through these improvements, the Le Mesnager barn will become an interpretive center.

Hall Beckley/La Cañada Flintridge

This matching grant provided \$600,000 to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for acquisition of the approximately 6-acre Hall Beckley property adjacent to the Angeles National Forest. The property provides a high quality and beautiful access point for two trails in the National Forest.

Agoura Hills/Reyes Adobe Restoration

This matching grant provided \$400,000 to the City of Agoura Hills for restoration of the Reyes Adobe historic site, and implementation of an interpretive plan. An almost 200-year-old adobe house and a barn are located on the site.

MATCHING GRANTS TO NONPROFITS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Calabasas Wild Walnut Park Improvements

This matching grant provided \$29,170 to the City of Calabasas to implement improvements to Wild Walnut Park, located at Headwaters Corner in the upper Los Angeles River watershed. Those improvements included installation of a trail, fencing to protect the walnut grove, benches, tables, and signs.

Los Angeles County – Calabasas/Cold Creek

This matching grant provided \$200,000 to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to acquire a 120-acre parcel that is located in both the Topanga and Cold Creek watersheds. The Calabasas/Cold Creek Trail follows the ridgeline on the property. The rare Santa Susana tarplant is found on the property.

Headwaters Corner – Mountains Restoration Trust

This matching grant provided \$250,000 to the Mountains Restoration Trust to acquire a parcel totaling approximately 2.2 acres located along Dry Canyon Creek, a perennial headwaters of the Los Angeles River. The parcel is within Headwaters Corner, which will eventually be used as a Regional Environmental Interpretive Center. The parcel provides a critical link of the Henry Ridge Trail.



Pasadena Flint Wash Bridge

This \$375,000 matching grant will be used by the City of Pasadena to construct a 150-foot bridge over Flint Wash to connect the Flint Canyon Trail and the old Oak Grove area within Hahamongna Watershed Park. Part of a trail system that connects the Angeles National Forest with the Arroyo Seco, the bridge is an essential link within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2004 and will utilize an existing historic bridge abutment.

Elysian Valley Skate Park Landscaping

This matching grant begins a unique partnership between the Conservancy, the City of Los Angeles, and a local nonprofit organization, Elysian Valley United. The Conservancy awarded \$35,000 for native landscaping around a skate park at Marsh Street Park. Elysian Valley United is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving local youth.