

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Ranger Interpretation – Santa Monica Bay Watershed	Amount of Request: \$ 89,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 125,000		
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Amount of Match: \$ 36,000 Source of Match: Various funds		
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Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Interpretation is an important element of the job duties of the MRCA generalist park ranger. This grant will fund the development and implementation of interpretive programs to be led by MRCA rangers and that have as a key component the unique perspective of rangers as stewards of the land. These programs will be in addition to those offered by the Division of Interpretation and will not duplicate those efforts. While all programs will feature the interpretation of the natural and cultural resources of Santa Monica Bay Watershed, they will also include stories, hands-on demonstration and park specific scenarios from the field.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84, Santa Monica Bay Watershed			
Narrative/Project Description:			
<p>For the purposes of this grant, interpretation includes any visitor serving amenities that educate and communicate the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources of the Los Angeles River Watershed, and increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources. These amenities include interpretive signage and materials, naturalist led programs, special seminars and events in parkland owned or managed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.</p> <p>In addition to the programs and materials developed for the general public, specific ranger interpretive programs will focus on programs, which serve disadvantaged, and severely disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>This grant will allow the addition of an interpretive element to the MRCA’s Wildland Fire Volunteer Program. The addition of these elements will broaden the expertise and abilities of participants by giving them the skills needed for program development and delivery as well as increase the interpretive amenities offered to the public by creating a new core group of interpreters.</p>			

The specific scope of services that will be provided, include:

Guided interpretive programs, including program development and implementation, directly relating to the watershed's rich natural, cultural and historic resources. Programming will focus on interpretation of the site's endangered species, ecology, importance of the watershed, conservation, biodiversity, Mediterranean ecosystems, wildlife corridors, and fire ecology;

Interpretive materials that support ranger interpretive programs, including site specific materials, safety information and other supplemental materials that are designed and implemented to increase visitors enjoyment and understanding of the watershed;

Quarterly Junior Ranger Jamborees where participants in the MRCA's Junior Ranger programs from all over the city will have an overnight experience where they will receive interpretive programs led by rangers on survival, adaptation and interdependence in the eco-systems of the Santa Monica Mountains and how these disciplines relate to the human experience.

Development of specific interpretive elements, including program development and delivery, to the wildland fire volunteer program to enhance the services provided by these volunteers. Such elements will include the addition of curriculum on interpretation of fire - a significant element in both the natural and cultural history of Santa Monica Mountain Parkland. Volunteers will then provide public programs, under the supervision of a park ranger. Matching funds are available for this program to cover non-interpretive elements.

Supplies and equipment necessary to produce quality interpretive programs including props, maps, and audio visual equipment for projection at nighttime events.

	Tasks / Milestones:	Annual Budget:	Completion Date
1	20 Public Interpretive Programs	\$6,000	Quarterly
2	Junior Ranger Jamboree	6,000	Quarterly
3	Wildland Fire Volunteer Interpretive Program Supervision	\$6,500	Quarterly
4	Interpretive supplies and equipment	\$3,000	Quarterly
5	Printing	\$750	Quarterly

Acquisition APN(s):
Projects:

Acreage:

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative _____

Date

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