

Attachment  
SMMC Item 17  
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Mr. Ron Schafer  
Chairperson  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon  
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Application - Conservancy Funds  
Temescal Canyon**

Dear Mr. Schafer:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for Temescal Canyon. The MRCA requests a grant in the amount of \$326,533 from the Conservancy Fund for improvements in Temescal Canyon to satisfy the terms of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act (Proposition A) grant for acquisition and improvements in Temescal Canyon.

Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Lisa Soghor at 323-221-9944, extension 105.

Sincerely,

Jim Friedl  
Financial Officer

Attachments:      Application

**\SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Project Name:</b> Temescal Canyon	<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 326,533		
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
<b>Applicant Address:</b>  570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065  <b>Phone:</b> 323-221-9944 <b>Fax:</b> 323-221-9934	<b>Project Address:</b> 15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, 90272		
	<b>County</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
	Los Angeles	23	41
	<b>Email:</b> Lisa.Soghor@mrca.ca.gov		
<b>Grantee's Authorized Representative:</b>  Cara Meyer, Contracts Officer <span style="float: right;">323-221-9944, x117</span> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <i>Name and Title</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Phone</i></span>			
<b>Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:</b>  Lisa Soghor, Deputy Executive Officer <span style="float: right;">323-221-9944, x105</span> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <i>Name and Title</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Phone</i></span>			
<b>Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):</b> Improvements to Temescal Canyon.			
<b>Funding Source Applied for:</b> Conservancy Fund			
<b>Narrative/Project Description:</b>  MRCA is requesting funds for improvements to Temescal Canyon to satisfy the terms of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act (Proposition A) for acquisition and improvements to Temescal Canyon. The Conservancy used a grant from the 1992 Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act (Proposition A) to acquire and develop 141 acres of property in Temescal Canyon. These funds originated from section 8(c)(4) of the bond, which provides funding for "acquisition of land and development of facilities for at-risk youth and gang prevention". The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) now operates Temescal Gateway Park.  On December 15, 1997, the Conservancy authorized two sales of property in Temescal Canyon to solve encroachment issues for a total of \$34,117. In late 2007, the Y.M.C.A. exercised a purchase option and the Conservancy received a net total of \$292,416. The Project Agreement with the Proposition A District requires that the Conservancy reimburse the District for any disposed properties that were acquired or developed using the Proposition A funds. As an alternative to cash reimbursement, the District will allow the use of sale proceeds for the stated scope of work. The District will not close out the Proposition A grant nor reimburse the final withholding of over \$120,000 until the additional funds have been spent.  The requested grant would provide \$326,533 to the MRCA for improvements in Temescal Canyon. These include necessary health and safety improvements to various facilities as recommended by outside consultants. The MRCA plans to use the funds to continue the renovation of the cabins and other buildings. These renovations will include the upgrading the furniture and fixtures within the buildings. The MRCA will undertake all the improvements with the goal of enhancing public serving amenities within the park.			

