

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
 AUGMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Project Planning and Design	Amount of Request: Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,100,000 \$ 3,300,00 Augmentation SMM-0776
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934	Project Address: N/A	
	County	Senate
	Los Angeles	Fran Pavley, 23 rd District
		Assembly Julia Brownley, 41 st District
Grantee's Authorized Representative: Cara Meyer, Contracts Officer 323-221-9944, x117 <hr/> <i>Name and Title</i> <i>Phone</i>		
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Brief Scope of Work:

All existing scope items to remain but the principal scope for the requested grant augmentation shall be for the continued preparation and permitting of the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan (PWP) and associated Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). This document preparation and permitting includes the cost of legal advice and potential litigation costs. The requested scope change is to include the Conservancy's Malibu Bluffs Park as one of the many parks and geographic areas specifically included within the scope of work for SMM-0776.

Narrative/Project Description:

Two and a half years of work by staff and a consultant team on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan has advanced this landmark project close to the release of a Final Environmental Impact Report (July-August 2010) and consideration of a Public Works Plan by the California Coastal Commission early this fall. The work embodied in the 3,000 page Draft Environmental Impact Report is emblematic of the detail and caution necessary to support the development of a multi-park Public Works Plan in a highly litigious environment.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) amended the scope of work for grant SMM-0776 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) in December 2007 to work full force on project planning and design for the Malibu Public Parks Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan. To date, in total, the Conservancy has approved \$2,200,000 for SMM-0776 for this purpose.

The full \$2,200,000 has now either been expended or is encumbered by contracts with at least five consultants. The complexity, difficulty, and expected legal challenges to the project have required extraordinary amounts of work to assure the quality and viability of the project. The project components are continually being refined or eliminated both to reduce implementation costs, to respond to Draft EIR comments, and to reduce legal exposure. This extensive front end work effort should pay great dividends in regards to reducing litigation and implementation costs.

The requested \$1.1 million grant augmentation to SMM-0776 is to complete the project permitting including the final, overarching California Coastal Commission permitting through a Public Works Plan. Of that amount, approximately \$450,000 is budgeted for legal costs at various stages of the project, California Coastal Commission, and potential local agency approval processes. The remaining \$650,000 requested from the Conservancy, in approximate order of proportionate cost, would cover the main EIR consultant (Dudek), MRCA staff time, the principal engineering firm (Penfield and Smith), geology and geotechnical consultants, coastal planning consultants, an ADA consultant, and printing costs. This augmentation request is a best assessment of a funding amount that will be adequate, even under unfavorable circumstances, to deliver a certified FEIR, an approved Public Works Plan, and a conclusion of legal challenges. Favorable circumstances--such as acceptable legal settlements--would lead to substantially reduced costs.

The proposed action would also add all necessary project planning and design and legal work associated with the Conservancy's Malibu Bluffs Park to the grant's scope of work. The Malibu Bluffs project planning and design work to date has been covered under a separate Conservancy grant.

The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), allocated funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in Chapter 7, 75060(d)(1) of the Public Resources Code for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay, including projects to prevent the contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote the access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state.

The Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan project is within the Santa Monica Bay watershed, and is consistent with Proposition 84's policy to promote access and enjoyment of land and water resources. The proposed activities under this grant are to plan and support eventual actions of development, preservation, protection, or restoration as defined in the bond. These actions will physically improve the lands being used for the subject parks and trails, and will include the creation of visitor-serving amenities that educate and communicate the significance and value of natural and cultural resources.

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Certify FEIR and receive PWP approval from California Coastal Commission	\$ 650,000	December 30, 2010
2 Legal costs	\$ 450,000	December 30, 2012

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

Lisa Segler
 Signature of Authorized Representative

June 16, 2010
 Date

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