

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Valley Vista Real Property Acquisition	Amount of Request: \$650,000.00
	Total Project Cost: \$3,475,000.00
Applicant Name: City of Santa Clarita	Amount of Match: \$2,836,500.00
	SMMC Fund
	Source(s): Prop 84
	Source of Match: City of Santa Clarita., L.A. County, State Wildlife Conservation Board

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Grantee's Authorized Representative:
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Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:
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Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):
Acquisition for preservation of Valley Vista (232+ acres), formerly part of the proposed Las Lomas Development. Valley Vista enhances regional wildlife corridor and trail connections. On the south facing slopes of the Newhall Pass (Los Angeles River Watershed), recognized by California Department of Fish and Wildlife for prioritized acquisition in the Santa Clarita Conservation Corridor, a Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP)

Funding Source Applied for: Prop 84

Narrative/Detailed Project Description: Located on the south facing slopes of the Newhall Pass, the Valley Vista Vista property is part of the Los Angeles River watershed, providing tributaries that drain to the Los Angeles River. The acquisition of "Valley Vista" is of critical regional importance, with wildlife corridors and trail connectivity to adjacent open space and parklands, enhancing the protected corridor from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Santa Susana Mountains. Acquisition of the "Valley Vista" property will improve public access to open space and passive recreational use. It is conveniently located, with frontage on The Old Road and is visible from the 5 Freeway.

Over the past three years, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) has worked hard to engage the land owners of this property. Originally part of a proposed development of 5,000 homes. Recently the California Department of Fish and Wildlife included "Valley Vista" as a prioritized acquisition in the Santa Clarita Conservation Corridor, a CAPP.

TPL has met with the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and will submit a grant request of approximately \$2.3 million towards the acquisition of properties in the CAPP. The City of Santa Clarita has also conceptually committed about \$1.54 million and the County of Los Angeles is supporting a commitment of \$650,000 from Prop A funds towards the Valley Vista purchase. Approximately 232 acres are available for acquisition, with an additional contiguous 16 acres (same ownership) which may become available. Additional funds may be required to purchase these remaining acres. This request for \$650,000 from Prop 84 funds is to meet the current gap of land funds, with any additional funds to be used to purchase the remaining parcels and provide partial reimbursement to the TPL for professional services and incurred expenses.

Tasks and Milestones:	Budget:	Start Date	Completion Date:
1. Complete Prelim. Title & Appraisal Reports	\$8,700.00	2013	January 2013
2. TPL Opens Escrow	\$3,475,000.00	June 2013	March 2014
3. Environmental Site Assessment	\$2,300.00	2013	August 2013
4. LA County (Prop A) Funding Decision	\$650,000.00	2013	October 2013
5. WCB Board Funding Decision	\$650,000.00	2013	February 2014
6. Close of Escrow			March 2014

Acquisition Projects: **APN(s):** 2827-030-011, 012, 013, 2827-029-008, 2827-031-002,007
Acreage: 232+ Acres

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

Signature of Authorized Representative 10/14/2013
Date