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December 29, 2006

Mr. Joseph Edmiston, Director
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, CA 90265

Subject: Request for Grant Funding for Ballona Creek Bikeway Project Design

Dear Mr. Edmiston:

The City of Culver City understands that there is an opportunity for grant funding available through the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The City is interested in pursuing a Project Planning and Design Grant (PPD) of \$60,000. The funding would be used for the purpose of designing a project along the portion of the Ballona Creek bike trail in Culver City between Overland Avenue and the pedestrian bridge over the creek, located approximately 1,850 feet west of Overland Avenue, with the goal being to have the design completed in time to submit the project for construction funding for the next Rivers and Parkways grant cycle in October 2007. The project will be adjacent to or near the Julian Dixon County Library, Culver City High School, Culver City Middle School, Farragut Elementary School, LA Goal adult learning center, and a Continuous Deflective Separation (CDS) unit. The project is intended to transform this segment of the creek and bike trail by restoring natural habitat, creating educational and recreational opportunities, enhancing the beauty of the creek, and providing a peaceful and beautiful way station for travelers along this segment of the bike trail as well as amenities for library patrons, school students and nearby residents. The proposed construction project would have the following features:

Brief Project Description:

- Removal of concrete embankment and replacement with a retaining wall and terraced landscaping with native, drought tolerant plants and irrigation along the upslope side of the bike trail (between the bike trail and the school properties and library)
- Enhanced fencing between the bike trail and the school property and between the bike path and creek
- Enhanced entry gate at the service roadway entrance to the creek located off of Overland Avenue and adjacent to the Julian Dixon county library
- A rest area with benches, water fountain and trash receptacles
- Lighting
- Educational displays regarding this section of Ballona Creek including information on storm water pollution prevention utilizing the nearby CDS unit. (This item to be coordinated with the Culver City School District and County Library)
- Repair of the existing mural that is that located along the bike path and near the library and install an anti-graffiti coating over the repaired mural.
- Five years maintenance

Culver City Employees take pride in effectively providing the highest levels of service to enrich the quality of life for the community by building on our tradition of more than seventy-five years of public service, by our present commitment, and by our dedication to meet the challenges of the future.

Scope of Work:

Grant funding would be used to pay for design through construction documents including required environmental documents for the proposed construction project and a safety/security study to be performed under the direction of the Culver City Police Department. It is anticipated that at least two community meetings will be held to obtain public input on the project design and safety/security study.

Project Timeline:

Design grant proposal submission (Project Planning & Design)	December 29, 2006
Design grant award -	March/April 2007
Prepare and Issue RFP -	April 2007
Award design contract -	May 2007
Project study and design	May – September 2007
Construction grant proposal submission (Rivers & Parkways Grant) -	October 2007

Project Budget:

Engineering Design and Preparation of Project Plans & Specifications:	\$	50,000
Safety and Security Study	\$	10,000

Total Budget	\$	60,000

Attached for your information is a more detailed description of the proposed construction project. These project design parameters may change based on the available budget and public input received during the design process.

We believe that the time has come for a project of this nature in Culver City and we firmly believe that this proposed project has all the ingredients required for a successful and meaningful project that will serve the bike trail users and community for years to come. The City of Culver City appreciates your consideration of this request.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer at (310) 253-5630 or by email at charles.herbertson@culvercity.org.

Sincerely,



Jerry Fulwood
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and Members of the Culver City Council
Congresswoman Diane Watson
Congresswoman Jane Harmon
California State Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas, 26th District
California State Assembly Member Karen Bass, 47th District
Supervisor Yvonne Burke
Mike Bohlke, Assistant Chief Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Project Planning and Design	Amount of Request: \$ 60,000		
	Total Project Cost: \$ 60,000		
Applicant Name: City of Culver City	Amount of Match: \$ 0		
	Source of Match: n/a		
Applicant Address: 9770 Culver Blvd. Culver City, CA 90232	Project Address: n/a		
	County	Senate District	Assembly District
	Los Angeles	#26	#47
Phone: 310-253-5616			
Fax: 310-253-5626	Email: john.rivera@culvercity.org		

Grantee's Authorized Representative:

Jerry Fulwood, City Manager	310-253-6000
<i>Name and Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>

Person(s) with day-to-day responsibility for project:

Charles D. Herbertson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer	310-253-5630
John Rivera, Senior Administrative Analyst	310-589-3230
<i>Name and Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>

Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):
 Project planning and design activities through the development of all construction documents necessary for construction of a project to restore natural habitat, enhance the creek and bike path environment, create educational opportunities and establish a way station for users of the bike path.

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 50

Narrative/Project Description:
 Project planning and design activities leading directly to the development of construction documents necessary for the construction of a project to transform a segment of the Ballona Creek Bike Path by restoring natural habitat, creating educational and recreational opportunities, enhancing the beauty of the creek, and providing a way station for travelers along this segment of the bike path as well as amenities for library patrons, school students and nearby residents. Planning and design activities will include a safety and security study and preparation of all documents required for construction including environmental documents for the proposed construction project as well as preparation of project plans, specifications and a cost estimate.

A start date of February 1, 2007, is requested for the grant.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Project Planning and Design Services	\$ 60,000	September 30, 2007
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Acquisition Projects: **APN(s):** n/a
 Acreage: n/a

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

Martin R. Col, ACM
Signature of Authorized Representative

29 DEC 2006
Date

Interim Form SMM-001

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ♦ THE RESOURCES AGENCY

**BALLONA CREEK NORTHSIDE LANDSCAPE PROJECT
PROJECT PROPOSAL
PRESENTED TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
December 21, 2006**

PROJECT SITE LOCATION

The proposed project is located along the northern side of the Ballona Creek Bike Path and Channel, between Overland Avenue and the Pedestrian Bridge which crosses from Ocean Avenue approximately 1850 feet to the west of Overland Avenue. The Base Project would be the continuation of a proposal originally contemplated as a Bid Alternative in conjunction with the Culver City Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project. To the north of the project site are the Culver City High School, Middle School and Farragut Elementary School, which are operated by the Culver City Unified School District.

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The work to be performed includes removing the existing hardscaping on a slope between the Bike path and adjacent school properties, in order to construct a 3.5' high concrete masonry wall; install irrigation and drought-tolerant landscape materials and site furniture.

Elements of the Proposed Project would include:

1. Clearing And Grubbing Of ± 5" Thick Reinforced Pavement Lining

Removal of the existing pavement lining over the slope on the North Slope. The existing pavement is ± 3" thick concrete with 6" x 6" wire mesh reinforcement on ± 2" asphalt pavement. The pavement lining shall be disposed of per standard practices.

2. 3.5' High Retaining Wall

Construct 3.5' high retaining wall along base of North Slope adjacent to Bike Path:

- The retaining wall shall be 8-inch concrete block constructed in accordance with Section 303-4.1 of the SSPWC.
- Drain pipes and backfill shall comply with SSPWC Sections 207, 208, and 306.

3. Soil Amendment And Fine Grading

4. Irrigation System

5. *2" Water Meter*

Installation of a 2" water meter in a location approved in coordination with Golden State Water Company.

6. *Jute Mesh*

7. *Planting with native, drought tolerant vegetation. (Trees, shrubs and groundcover)*

8. *Lighting*

9. *Site Furniture*

The following furnishing shall be installed at the locations shown on the final improvement plans when prepared.

- Benches – Curved metal benches with backs and arms that divide up the seating area.
- Trash Urns - Universal round receptacle with the concrete base; 36 gallon; side opening; 1/4" diameter perforation.

10. *5 Years Landscape Maintenance included*

11. *Educational Component – coordinate production of educational displays with the Culver City School District and County Library. Educational displays to include material on the history and natural biology of the creek as well as current efforts in storm water pollution prevention that highlight the Continuous Deflective Separation (CDS) unit located within the proposed project area.*

12. In the area adjacent to the Los Angeles County Julian Dixon Library:

- a.) Remove and replace (R/R) fencing along access from Overland Ave to Bike Path (BP).
- b.) Plant appropriate native vegetation.
- c.) Rehabilitate and improve Overland Ave. maintenance vehicle access to BP and CDS unit.
- d.) Install Lighting along BP between Pedestrian bridge area and Overland Ave.

13. Remove fencing and repair post holes along BP adjacent to creek channel slope (excluding areas of 90 degree drop-off), between Overland Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd...

14. Remove and replace school sites fencing adjacent to the BP.

15. Remove and replace bike path surface.