

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: Temescal Gateway Park	Amount of Request: \$ 550,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 550,000		
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
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Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Preservation, protection and restoration of Temescal Gateway Park			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84			
Narrative/Project Description:			
<p>Located in the Santa Monica Bay Watershed in the Pacific Palisades, Temescal Gateway Park is one of the most popular parks in the Santa Monica Mountains. The park encompasses 141 acres of oak and sycamore canyons, ridgetop views, and access to miles of trails in Topanga State Park, Will Rogers State Historic Park, and the 20,000-acre "Big Wild." Park amenities include easy to moderate trails, picnic tables and grassy areas, restrooms, a camp store, meeting rooms, an auditorium, and classrooms.</p> <p>Temescal Gateway Park is also the home to many educational and outreach programs for children, particularly the Field Science Program. These programs are dedicated to bringing enriching, hands-on outdoor experiences to Los Angeles' under-served, urban youth. Professional naturalists lead students on a 3-day/2-night hands-on science program that aligns with the California State Science Content Standards adopted by the California State Board of Education. Many of the students who attend the program have never had this kind of outdoor adventure. Experiences like these expand students' perspectives of the world and can profoundly impact the course of their lives.</p> <p>The MRCA's Interpretive Division is planning to increase the educational programs at Temescal. In order to accommodate the increased youth participation, some of the park's facilities need to be upgraded. The existing cabins are in dire need of refurbishment, both inside as well as exteriors and roof replacements. All of the restrooms in the cabins and the adjacent shower building need to be updated. The landscaping around these structures also could use upgrading. Areas around the</p>			

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recently constructed dormitories and the refurbished dining hall are also in need of planting. The three classrooms, sitting uphill from the dormitories, need refurbishment as well. The restrooms serving these buildings need to be upgraded. The landscaping in this area needs restoring as well.

In addition to these building renovations, multiple public use and ecological areas throughout the park are in need of improvement. Restoration of the stream as it passes through the built section of the canyon is a high priority. The removal of non-native eucalyptus trees has left some areas in need of habitat restoration. There are opportunities to add sycamores, willows and other riparian plants. Further back in the canyon, an old restroom building needs to be restored to better serve the public. Down by Platform Oak, staff would like to install a new lawn to create an additional informal picnic area. Throughout the park, picnic tables and benches need to be replaced and added; fencing needs to be repaired; and irrigation needs to be upgraded to provide more and better opportunities for public use. Staff also proposes trail realignment in various places in the park.

The MRCA proposes to install additional fire safety measures in the canyon that are necessary to protect the existing resources. These measures will include but not be limited to the installation of water tanks, the creation of safe storage for flammable maintenance products like oil, gas and paint, and the relocation of equipment storage.

MRCA staff will do much of the planning work in house. Some outside consultants will need to be hired to fulfill some of the work. For example, licensed architects will be required to design some of the restroom improvements. Traffic safety and trail design specialists will also be retained.

Pursuant to Section 75005(m) of the Public Resources Code, "Protection" means those actions necessary to prevent harm or damages to persons, property or natural resources or those actions necessary to allow the continued use and enjoyment of property or natural resources and includes acquisition, development, restoration, preservation and interpretation.

Pursuant to Section 75005(n) of the Public Resources Code. "Restoration" includes the improvement of physical structures or facilities and in the case of natural systems and landscape features other plant and wildlife habitat improvements to increase the natural value of the property.

The described project will allow for the continued use and enjoyment of property and natural resources and improve the physical structures, facilities, and natural systems and landscape at Temescal Gateway Park.

The MRCA requests that the term of agreement begin July 9, 2007 and end no earlier than June 30, 2009.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Planning and Design	\$ 75,000	June 30, 2009
2 Improvements	\$ 475,000	June 30, 2009

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.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

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