

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Project Name:</b> Minor Capital Outlay Prop 84	<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 500,000		
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 900,000 Augmentation to SMM-0853		
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<b>Brief Scope of Work</b> (60 words maximum): A program of minor capital outlay to ensure the preservation, protection and restoration of developed and natural resources within the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay watersheds.			
<b>Funding Source Applied for:</b> Proposition 84			
<b>Narrative/Project Description:</b> As the Conservancy's land management agency, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) must actively care for the parks by providing safety, resource protection, access and programs for public use. To continue to provide safe and enjoyable public access and a high quality experience in all the parks that it manages, the MRCA must ensure the facilities in them are not only maintained in good condition, but are actively improved as public use dictates. The funding in place for the ongoing long-term maintenance of MRCA parks is not sufficient to include the activities necessary to provide for the enhancement, restoration and improvement of these parks.  On June 23, 2008, the Conservancy granted \$400,000 to the MRCA to undertake site improvements to in multiple parks within both watersheds to continue providing a high quality park experience for our visitors. These improvements have focused on adding and upgrading site amenities including trails, benches, picnic tables, fencing, gates, signage, interpretive elements, drinking fountains, parking areas, irrigation and planting. These projects also increase the useful life of existing amenities, provide resource protection, and improve the visitor experience. At this time, the MRCA is asking for a budget augmentation of \$500,000 to continue to make these improvements in parks as they become necessary. The scope revisions include adding a number of parks to the list of eligible locations and adding road, parking lot and structure renovation to the types of work.			

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**Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park**

At this time, the existing budget for improvements at this location seems sufficient. If unforeseen contingencies occur, some augmentation may be needed for this project.

**Sage Ranch**

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**Mulholland Overlook Enhancement Program**

These overlooks include Hollywood Bowl Overlook, Universal Overlook, Nancy Hoover Pohl Overlook, Barbara Fine Summit Overlook, 13201 Mulholland Overlook, The Groves Overlook, Lotte Melhorn Overlook and Stone Canyon Overlook.

The Mulholland Overlooks receive a high number of visitors year-round. The heavy public use of these small parks creates noticeable wear and tear on the facilities, and some of these overlooks suffer from chronic vandalism. The frequent use of items like benches and tables, signs, and irrigation equipment means that these elements have a shorter-than-normal lifetime, and require periodic replacement. MRCA staff seeks to improve public safety and visitor experience by restoring sight lines within the park and eliminating overgrown vegetation that blocks the views. Many site furnishings in the overlooks need replacement. These include benches, signs, drinking fountains, interpretive displays, and fencing. Parking areas in some of the overlooks need refurbishment to improve public safety. The interpretive displays in most of the overlooks need refurbishing. Staff would undertake the redesign of the graphic materials and install new displays.

The budget augmentation for improvements in the overlooks would be \$100,000. This amount would be roughly broken up as follows.

- Irrigation Improvements                      \$30,000
- Site Amenities (benches, etc.)              \$40,000
- Interpretive Displays                              \$30,000

**Trail and Trailhead Enhancement**

In multiple parks, major restoration and repair of trails and trailheads is necessary. Restoration will include reestablishment of eroded trail surfaces, removal of vegetation overgrowth, stabilization of slopes, replacement of damaged site features including benches and drinking fountains, and installation of regulatory and interpretive signage and wayside displays. Parking lots and roads require resurfacing. Some of these parks also have restrooms and other permanent structures that need renovation. Most of the work will be completed with MRCA staff. Occasionally, specialized contractors will be called in for some of the work. Interpretive displays at many of the trailheads need to be updated. MRCA interpretive and planning staff will work to redesign and produce these informative pieces.

The following parks are possible candidates for trail and trailhead improvements: Alisa B. Katz Overlook, Ballona Creek pocket parks, Corral Canyon Park, Dixie Canyon Park, Ed Edelman Park, Egret Park, Elyria Canyon, Escondido Canyon Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Fritz & Alma Meier Nature Preserve at Zuniga Pond, Fossil Ridge, Gettyview Trailhead, Joughin Ranch, Las Virgenes View Trail, Lechuza Beach, Oso Park, Piuma Overlook, Ramirez Canyon Park, Rattlesnake Park,

Riverwalk, Rocky Peak, San Vicente Mountain Park, Seminole Overlook, Steelhead Park, Studio City Outdoor Classroom, Temescal Gateway Park, Top of Topanga Overlook, Tujunga Wash, Tuna Canyon, Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Viewridge Trail, Vista Hermosa Natural Park, Westridge/Mandeville, and Wilacre Park. The budget augmentation for these improvements would be \$400,000.

- Site Amenities (benches, etc.)           \$100,000
- Structure Renovation                       \$100,000
- Road and Parking Renovation           \$100,000
- Interpretive Displays                     \$ 50,000
- Trail Restoration                         \$ 50,000

These budget estimates are based on recent inventories of backlogged projects. The amounts listed are illustrative; some project work may be less or more expensive than estimated, and staff recommends flexibility between categories and park sites depending upon actual bids.

The requested funding will be used to implement improvements to provide a safe and satisfying experience for the public. The MRCA requests that the term of agreement begin June 23, 2008 and end no earlier than June 30, 2013.

<b>Tasks / Milestones:</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
1 Mulholland Overlook Enhancement	\$ 100,000	June 30, 2013
2 Trail and Trailhead Enhancement	\$ 400,000	June 30, 2013
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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.

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*Signature of Authorized Representative*

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*Date*

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