

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Los Angeles River Center Improvements	Amount of Request: \$ 750,000		
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
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Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Planning, engineering, design and construction of improvements to the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84			
Narrative/Project Description: Since opening in March 2000, the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens (River Center) has proved to be an extremely popular location for a variety of activities. Before acquisition in 1998, the buildings and grounds had been vacant for over seven years, and many deferred maintenance problems developed. Since then, all funds available for capital improvements were used for the most critical projects necessary to keep the property open to the public and operating. Decisions regarding which improvements can be made have often been based on emergency needs. In order to serve a greater number of users and maintain the current level of service, additional capital improvements are necessary to the buildings, grounds, and infrastructure. In 2010 MRCA was granted Proposition A funds to make improvements to the Sierra Madre Building and Barbacoa Building for public uses, and make other improvements to the property's infrastructure. As staff evaluated the facility and budgeted for the Proposition A funds, it became clear that those funds are not sufficient to complete all the renovations required to keep the River Center operating at an optimal level. It is evident that rehabilitation of the existing public areas and gardens must continue beyond what was previously done. Some of the improvements that are needed include new roofing for at least four buildings, replacement of aging and failing HVAC systems for at least two buildings, replacement of worn finishes, stabilization of courtyard elements, more efficient lighting systems, and accessibility improvements. Improved audio/visual systems in the meeting spaces are also desired to better serve the public. These proposed improvements will serve to protect the facilities so that they can continue to be used for public enjoyment.			

For example, the Atrium in the California Building, commonly used for public meetings, could be markedly improved with efficient and well-planned lighting, audio/visual capabilities, and noise attenuation. The main courtyards contain pavement that has been uplifted by tree roots. All of the restrooms in the facility could be upgraded with more efficient fixtures and easier-to-maintain finishes. Once the roof is stabilized, the interior of the margarita bar building could be modified for some public use. At the River Garden Park, moving the fountain pump to grade would reduce the amount of maintenance repairs caused by the underground location.

Planning and design work will help to define the improvements and ensure that they are implemented in the most practical and efficient way. The most critical items, such as roofing, will be undertaken first. Major repairs will be scheduled around planned events, and implementation may extend over multiple years. An investment of additional capital funds at this time would allow the work funded by Proposition A to be most efficiently coordinated with these other projects at the facility.

MRCA is requesting a grant in the amount of \$750,000 to rehabilitate, restore, protect and improve the facilities.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:
1 Planning and Design	\$ 150,000.00
2 Construction	\$ 600,000.00

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



Signature of Authorized Representative

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