


SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
<b>Project Name:</b> Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor Project Planning and Design		<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 65,000	
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority		<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 65,000 <b>Amount of Match:</b> \$ 0 <b>Source of Match:</b>	
<b>Applicant Address:</b> 5810 Ramirez Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265		<b>Project Address:</b>	
		<b>County</b>	<b>Senate District</b>
		Los Angeles	18, 26, 27
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<b>Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):</b> Project planning and design work and expenses for the Los Angeles River portion the Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor project in the City of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Mountains.			
<b>Funding Source Applied for:</b> Proposition 84 Upper Los Angeles River			
<b>Narrative/Project Description:</b> The Mulholland Scenic Corridor is the backbone of the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. The open space protection and development needs along the corridor between the Lake Hollywood area and Woodland Hills are varied and unique. Complex work is necessary to maintain the remarkable habitat linkage that ties Griffith Park to the 20,000-acre Big Wild habitat area anchored by Topanga State Park and Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. The numerous parks along the corridor need habitat and trail connections to expand both their ecological and recreational capacity flanked by dense city on two sides. The Conservancy has made a significant public investment in this area over a 30 year period that it seeks to protect and enhance.  The proposed project area included under this grant application covers the officially designated City Scenic Corridor which is one-half-mile from the roadway. That area encompasses approximately 6,982 acres in headwaters of the Los Angeles River watershed. This grant is only for the Los Angeles River watershed side. Within the proposed project area are approximately 500 undeveloped, privately-owned acres. These potential open space and easement acquisitions include approximately 20 miles of a contiguous Rim of the Valley Trail segment along Mulholland Drive (also Mulholland Core Trail). Public parklands along this route, beginning with the western terminus at Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park, include Wilacre Park, Fryman Canyon Park, Franklin Canyon Park and Griffith Park. Major trailheads exist all along this portion of paved and unpaved Mulholland Drive leading into the Big Wild.			

The MRCA staff pursues every possible opportunity in the City of Los Angeles entitlement process to secure deed restrictions, conservation easements, and trail easements to achieve a permanently functioning wildlife corridor, high quality habitat blocks, and the Mulholland Specific Plan mandated core trail. In the past 12 months the MRCA has commented on 21 projects, has recorded an easement or deed restriction on 6 projects, and has achieved City conditions of approval for the required recordation of land interests on an additional 5 projects. All of these land interests are achieved at no public cost. The only expense is MRCA staff time to develop the projects and close the transactions. The value of the permanently protected real estate dwarfs this modest amount of public expense. The MRCA staff will also continue to seek out outright land donations in the project area. The expense of a title report and legal time for otherwise cost free permanent public open space provides incomparable value to the public.

The attached project area map shows the parcel specific boundaries of the proposed project area. The MRCA proposes to conduct planning and design work to acquire trail easements, conservation easements, and fee simple parcels in this defined project area.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1. Project Planning & Design – upper Los Angeles River	\$ 65,000	December 2017

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

  
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Signature of Authorized Representative

5/20/2014

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Date

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