

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: North East Los Angeles Hilltops and Connectors Project Planning and Design	Amount of Request: \$95,000 Total Project Cost: \$95,000 Amount of Match: \$ -0- Source of Match:						
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Project Address:						
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">County</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Senate District</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Assembly District</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Los Angeles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">24</td> <td style="text-align: center;">41, 51</td> </tr> </table>	County	Senate District	Assembly District	Los Angeles	24	41, 51
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Grantee's Authorized Representative:

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Name and Title *Phone*

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Name and Title *Phone*

Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):
 Project planning and design work and property acquisition expenses for the North East Los Angeles Hilltops and Connectors. (See attached map of property area boundary)

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84

Narrative/Project Description:
 The North East Los Angeles Hilltops and Connectors project covers multiple remaining open space areas south of the 134 freeway, east of Interstate 5, north of the 10 freeway, and west of the 710 freeway - Fremont Avenue. The proposed project is to conduct pre-acquisition work to maximize the acquisition both of these primary hilltop areas and the open land connectors that remain between them. Acquisitions would be targeted to obtain trails, wildlife corridors, viewsheds, watershed, and tree planting areas.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
Project Planning & Design	\$95,000	6/30/17
Staff Time (Legal and Planning) - \$58,000 Appraisal, Title Reports, and Appraisal Review - \$37,000		

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



Signature of Authorized Representative

4/17/2015

Date

Supplemental Background Information

MRCA grant application for PP&D funds for North East Los Angeles Hilltops and Connectors

The North East Los Angeles Hilltops and Connectors project recognizes the watershed, airshed, viewshed, habitat, and recreational values of the remaining natural lands and drainage ways in the northeastern Los Angeles hilltop area. These natural areas provide close in trail access to a wide range of densely populated communities, and they are positioned to absorb air pollution and green houses gases in high concentration areas.

Positioned just south of the San Rafael hills and just east of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Los Angeles River, the hilltops have shown remarkable biodiversity in the past two years. Bobcats and mule deer have both been sighted east of Interstate 5 in the last four years. One goal of this project is to facilitate the acquisition of land to maintain wildlife corridors between the individual hilltop systems and corridors to the larger surrounding natural areas. It may be possible to forge a habitat linkage to the San Rafael Hills near the 134 and 2 freeway interchange.