

May 23, 2016; Agenda Item No.11

Resolution No. 16-24

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FROM THE
CONSERVANCY FUND FOR TRANSITION AND MOBILIZATION COSTS NECESSARY
FOR THE CONTINUATION OF EDUCATION AND INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES BY THE MOUNTAINS EDUCATION PROGRAM,
A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested a grant from the Conservancy Fund; and

WHEREAS, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's education and interpretive programs have been designed to support the strategic objectives of the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, The transition of said programs to the nonprofit Mountains Education Program will allow for additional funding opportunities to support said programs; and

WHEREAS, Investment and mobilization funds are necessary to ensure continuation of programs and to protect the Conservancy's investment in existing programs; and

WHEREAS, Funding is necessary to ensure that the fiscal and legal requirements necessary to protect the Conservancy and Conservancy parkland; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated May 23, 2016 for this item.

4. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant from the Conservancy Fund in the amount of \$50,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for transition and mobilization costs necessary for the continuation of education and interpretive programs and services by the Mountains Education Program, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
6. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 23rd day of May, 2016 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director