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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION

	GRANT APP	LICATION			
Project Name: Project Planning and Design – Coastal Access		Amount of Request: \$ 120,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 120,000			
Applicant Na Mountains Re	me: ecreation and Conservation Authority				
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Brief Scope of Work: Project planning and design services for coastal trail and access projects, unincorporated Los Angeles County and City of Malibu. (See attached map of project area boundary.)

Funding Source Applied for:

Proposition 12

Narrative/Project Description:

The proposed grant would be used for project planning and design work for coastal trail and access projects, in unincorporated Los Angeles County and the City of Malibu. See attached map of project area boundary. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) would continue to secure and develop land interests and public recreation resources in the subject area of the Santa Monica Mountains. This grant would include tasks such as acquiring trail easements and fee simple parcels, designing public access improvements such as trails, and obtaining permits for such access projects.

There are currently many opportunities on several fronts to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state in the Santa Monica Mountains in the unincorporated Los Angeles County and Malibu areas. Projects could help implement the Coastal Slope Trail. The conceptual alignment of the Coastal Slope Trail criss-crosses in and out of the City of Malibu, into unincorporated Los Angeles County. Maximizing the value of existing and future parklands in this area requires the implementation of the Coastal Slope Trail. A key way to maximize the potential connectivity of the north-south running canyons and parklands is by implementing the primary eastwest trail connection via the Coastal Slope Trail. This grant would also enhance trail connections from the beach, to the Coastal Slope Trail and to the recently completed Backbone Trail. This grant would also allow planning for the Malibu Pacific Trail and other connector trails in the City of

Malibu, some of which are shown on the City's most recent draft proposed maps for the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program. Some of these proposed trails connect to the beach, various beach access points, and the California Coastal Trail. The conceptual California Coastal Trail generally runs along the shoreline and makes inland connections in some areas. The grant could include planning for trails as well as other public access improvements (e.g., trailheads, restrooms, stairs, parking areas, signage, etc.). These potential projects not only would provide key recreational connections and opportunities, but also would maintain world-class views of the coast and mountains for the public.

The potential projects would occur on Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy-owned land, MRCA-owned land, other parkland, and/or private property via easements (and other methods). All of the subject project area is within the Coastal zone. The MRCA has a proven track record of delivering significant real estate interests and public access improvements into the public domain in the subject area.

The proposed scope includes staff time from the planning and legal departments, the use of consultants to conduct specialized studies as necessary, and other internal and external expenses. Some MRCA tasks could include the following: research land and easement acquisition opportunities, oversee and coordinate with consultants in the design and environmental analyses, prepare permit applications and environmental analyses, conduct legal analyses and reviews, respond to requests for information from regulatory agencies, coordinate with other agencies, prepare maps, prepare site plans, conduct site visits, and manage project budget and timeline. MRCA reimbursements could include mileage, printing, mailing, etc. Outside expenses and contracts could include: appraisals, title reports, appraisal reviews, Phase One Environmental Assessments, other environmental reports, engineering design, preparation of site plans, and permit costs.

Key Public Agencies

Project planning and design could include participation from County of Los Angeles, City of Malibu, California Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Park Service, and California State Parks.

Tasks / Milestones: Project Planning and Design	Budget: \$120,000	Completion Date 7/30/2018
1 Staff Time/Expenses (Legal and Planning)	\$ 95,000	
2 Appraisal, Title Reports, Appraisal Review, Phase One Environmental Assessments, and Consultants	\$ 25,000	

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

Signature of Authorized Representative

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