



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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September 18, 2017

Chairperson Irma Muñoz
c/o Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Director
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
570 Ramirez Canyon Road
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Application
Accessibility Improvement Plan and Survey**

Dear Chairperson Muñoz and Conservancy Members:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for a grant for an Accessibility Improvement Plan and Survey. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) requests a grant in the sum of \$100,000 from Propositions 12 and 50, to survey existing conditions at highly-visited park locations. The MRCA's Governing Board approved submittal of this application on July 26, 2017.

The proposed grant would fund an inventory of park facility conditions, a cost/benefit analysis to determine priorities, and some initial low-cost improvements to correct conditions.

Please refer to the enclosed materials that describe the proposed grant. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at (323) 221-9944, extension 117.

Sincerely,

Cara Meyer
Deputy Executive Officer

Grant Application

Print Form

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The Natural Resources Agency

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

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Malibu, California 90265
Phone: 310-589-3200
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Project Title: Accessibility Improvement Plan and

Date: 9/18/2017

Funds: Proposition 12

Amount: 100,000

Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation

Match amount: 0.00

Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100

Match source: n/a

State/Province: Los Angeles, CA

Total Project Cost: 100,000

Zip/Postal code: 90065

Phone: 323-221-9944

Brief Project Description: Planning activities to identify and prioritize physical and structural barriers to park facilities.

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Grantee's Authorized Representative: Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer 323-221-9944, x117 cara.meyer@mrca.ca.gov

Name and Title Phone Number Email

Person with day-to-day responsibility: Gabriella Garry, Project Manager 323-221-9944, x200 gabriella.garry@mrca.ca.gov

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Project Objectives:

The accessibility improvement plan will include a survey of physical and structural barriers to park facilities, including parking, restrooms, public meeting areas, and the paths of travel between these areas. The surveys will identify architectural barriers that may need modification or complete reconstruction. The initial focus will be park facilities that frequently host public meetings or events, and parks that accommodate a variety of experiences. Prioritization will include a cost/benefit analysis so that low-cost projects that create new access to programs, services, and activities for a large number of users can be highlighted. (See attached)
*Attach additional pages as necessary

Project Address:

Various Locations

Latitude:

Acreage:

Trail Length:

Longitude:

APN's:

Stream Miles:

Congressional District:

State Senate District:

Assembly District:

Tasks / Milestones:

Budget:

Completion Date:

See attached budget

June 30, 2018

*Attach additional pages as necessary

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

Signature of Authorized Representative

9-18-2017
Date

Grant Application – Supplemental Information

Accessibility Improvement Plan and Survey Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

As a Title II entity under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), MRCA is required to provide accessibility to all offered programs, services, and activities. With a variety of park locations, MRCA is already able to achieve compliance by relocating activities as needed.

The vast majority of buildings and parking facilities managed by MRCA were constructed by other entities prior to enactment of the ADA in 1990. Specific facilities are only required to be upgraded to current standards if major renovations are undertaken. With limited maintenance funds, major renovations are uncommon, and therefore there have been few opportunities to upgrade facilities to accessible standards. The proposed grant will fund the work necessary to create a comprehensive plan and strategy for accessibility improvements to properties managed by MRCA.

The subject grant funding will be used to survey physical and structural barriers at MRCA owned or operated sites. The initial focus will be those sites that frequently host public meetings or events, and parks that accommodate a variety of experiences, such as Franklin Canyon Park and King Gillette Ranch. Properties with few amenities, such as trailheads¹, will also be surveyed if time and budget permit that effort. The reports will identify various architectural barriers that may need modification or complete reconstruction, such as sidewalks, parking, curb ramps, handrails, ramps, stairs, accessible entrances, door hardware and widths, drinking fountains, signage, lifts, and seating. Items such as these that are part of public areas will be included.

The overall general strategy will be an incremental, but consistent, move toward greater accessibility. Although some of the noncompliant conditions, such as signs, can be corrected without a significant investment, it is clear that a system-wide prioritization will be necessary to ensure that the funding invested reaps the most public benefit. Each improvement undertaken will contribute in a meaningful way toward the goal of full accessibility. Some items, such as interior restrooms, will require complete replacement and are expensive, slow, and complicated by nature.

Prioritization will include a cost/benefit analysis so that low-cost projects that create new access to programs, services, and activities for a large number of users can be highlighted. Park sites with less intense uses, such as trailheads, may be surveyed but those conditions could be a low priority for scarce dollars. There will also be a need to prioritize the construction of new facilities vs. bringing old ones up to standard.

The proposed grant will cover both the staff time required to produce the report and prioritization, tools and equipment to conduct the surveys, and some initial improvements. Exact park locations and the specific improvements that can be completed will be identified after the report is complete. It is expected that additional funding will be needed for extensive renovations to restrooms, parking and paths of travel.

¹ Trails are not included because modification would fundamentally alter the nature of the activity.

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

July 26, 2017 — Agenda Item XIV

Resolution No. 17-141

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION
AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FOR
PROPOSITION 12 AND 50 FUNDS FOR A SURVEY OF
PHYSICAL AND STRUCTURAL BARRIERS AND
DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCESSIBILITY
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) hereby:

1. FINDS that the accessibility improvement plan will provide significant public benefits.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated July 26, 2017.
4. AUTHORIZES the grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Propositions 12 and 50 funds for a survey of physical and structural barriers and development of an accessibility improvement plan, in the amount of \$100,000.00.
5. AUTHORIZES any budget amendments as necessary.
6. AUTHORIZES the Chair to sign the grant agreement if the grant application is approved by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.


Chair

AYES: Peterson, Daniel, Lange

NOS: none

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ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 26th day of July, 2017.

Date:7/26/17



Executive Officer

Budget for Grant Application Accessibility Survey and Improvement Plan		
		Grant Request: \$ 100,000
Budget Item		Amount
A. MRCA Staff		
various	Direct Salaries, Payroll Tax, Benefits & Allocations	\$ 50,000
9998, 9999	Administrative Cost	\$ 19,000
SUBTOTAL A, MRCA Staff:		\$ 69,000
B. Materials and Supplies		
5112	Land & Building Improvement - Materials	\$ 7,000
5113	Land & Building Improvement - Equipment	\$ -
5115	Land & Building Improvement - Pre-Construction	\$ 5,000
7777	Equipment Allocation	\$ 4,000
SUBTOTAL B, Materials and Supplies:		\$ 16,000
C. Consultants and Contractors		
5115	Land & Building Improvement - Pre-Construction	\$ 15,000
5114	Land & Building Improvement - Subcontractors	\$ -
SUBTOTAL C, Consultants and Contractors:		\$ 15,000
Grand Total (A+B+C):		\$ 100,000