

STUDIO CITY GREENWAY RE-ACTIVATION

PROJECT SUMMARY

This project is a partnership between the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, The River Project, and local community groups to revitalize a stretch of the Los Angeles River as a regional resource for public benefit, and to serve as an example to champion leading practices and lessons learned. Rivers are critical to address our regional challenges and realize climate resilience, presenting key opportunities for flood risk management, water capture and treatment, habitat, carbon sequestration, air quality improvements, community wellbeing, and many other associated benefits.

The Studio City Greenway, completed in 2004, was the City's first stretch of greenway along the Los Angeles River. However, gates intended to be main access points have not opened, businesses still face away from the river, and low visibility and poor operations contribute to rising conflicts between greenway users and residents experiencing homelessness. Inappropriate maintenance has resulted in overwatering, poor soil health, and a proliferation of invasive plants. Runoff from surrounding hardscapes contributes to erosion and destabilization of the banks and trail. As a result, significant resources are underused and underperforming—wasting precious land and investments, and setting poor precedent for future project work.

This project will ensure removal of persistent overwhelming invasive species; planting, soil building, and foundational guidance for appropriate native plant habitat and environmental services; water use reduction; and work with local community groups and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to improve visibility and best uses of the land. Such projects are increasingly important to maintain the high performance and visible successes that advance future work and the establishment of the nearly 52-mile LA River greenway, enhancements, and restoration. This work cannot be realized by the local community alone.

This project capitalizes on building healthy soil, leaving leaf litter and plant trimmings in place, and cultivating a diverse structure of healthy native plant material. The world's soils hold more than three times the carbon in the atmosphere,^{1,2} and layers of vegetation have been demonstrated to remove up to 40% of greenhouse gasses such as nitrous oxide along urban streets;³ significant progress can be made with such interventions. Based on afforestation in the US at 0.35 tons carbon per hectare per year including soil and deciduous trees^{4,5} this number could be converted to an approximated .007 pound

¹ Rattan, L. 2007. Carbon Sequestration. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B Biological Sciences*. The Royal Society. Accessed from: <http://rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/363/1492/815>

² Batjes, N.. 1996. Total Carbon and Nitrogen in the Soils of the World. *European Journal of Soil Science*, 1996 vol. 47 (2). British Society of Soil Science and the National Societies of Soil Science in Europe. Accessed from: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1365-2389.1996.tb01386.x>

³ Pugh, T., A. MacKenzie, J. Whyatt, and C. Hewitt. 2012. Effectiveness of Green Infrastructure for Improvement of Air Quality in Urban Street Canyons. *Environmental Science and Technology* 2012, 46 (14). Washington, DC: American Chemical Society. Accessed from: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es300826w>

⁴ Minasny et. al. 2017. Soil Carbon 4 per Mille. *Geoderma*, vol. 292. Elsevier. Accessed from: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0016706117300095>

⁵ Morris, S., S. Bohm, S. Haile-Mariam, and E. Paul. 2017. Evaluation of Carbon Accrual in Afforested Agricultural Soils. *Global Change Biology*, vol. 13 (6). Accessed from:

carbon per square foot per year for urban installations. Based on this comparison this project at approximately 88,500 square feet of soil and vegetated area could sequester 619.5 pounds of carbon a year. Water captured by this and similar projects may also offset water imports over time, and the associated carbon footprint of these imports.

Pursuant to Proposition 68, this project provides public benefits that address the most critical statewide needs and priorities, including water security, flood risk management, carbon sequestration, air quality improvements, urban cooling, outdoor space for community wellness, and many other associated benefits. This expands the functions and coverage of natural resources and their appropriate management, as well as urban park space with necessary approvals, and provides job education and training opportunities. Additionally, this work is in line with the following state, regional, and local plans:

US Bureau of Land Management and County Flood Control District Los Angeles Basin Study

River restoration strategies were among the highest ranked for impact and cost-effectiveness, as well as distributed projects for stormwater management, water supplies, and climate resilience. This planning project advances these strategies.

California Healthy Soils Initiative

Building of healthy soils is vital to address regional challenges, and is a driving foundation for nature-based solutions. Notably, urban biofiltration areas in semi-arid regions can be important for both carbon sequestration and habitat, with organic mulch increasing soil organic matter (carbon sequestration) and organisms in soil more than inorganic mulch.⁶

California Senate Bill 32 Greenhouse Gas emission reduction target for 2030 and 2018 Executive Order B-55-18 to achieve carbon neutrality

Projects that sequester carbon and apply low-impact materials are key components identified as necessary to reduce emissions and reach carbon neutrality.

State Wildlife Action Plan

Vegetation species are selected to maximize habitat priorities appropriate for the climate and locations, increasing benefits of site and surrounding landscape cover and wildlife benefits.

County LA River Master Plan

The project advances the goal of a complete nearly 52 miles of LA River Trail, and calls for improvements consistent with the 1996 plan, and also consistent with concepts under consideration in recent planning for the update including improving access, passive recreation opportunities, vegetation, stormwater management, interpretation, and beautification.

County Bike Master Plan

The project includes improvements for trails identified in the plan.

City of LA DWP Stormwater Capture Master Plan

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1365-2486.2007.01359.x>

⁶ Pavao-Zuckerman, MA and C. Sookhdeo. 2017. Nematode Community Response to Green Infrastructure Design in a Semi-arid City. *Journal of Environmental Quality* 46(3). Accessed from:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28724103>

Reducing impermeable surfaces and maximizing soil to capture and infiltrate water are essential to realize regional water supply targets.

There is no formal fund match for this phase. However, other contributions may include but are not limited to the time of local government, organizations, and participants, as well as meeting space, and contributions toward realizing project concepts developed through this project in future phases.

Over half of all downstream communities are recognized as disadvantaged communities (DAC) threatened by severe flood risk, water quality through TMDL exceedances, air quality, limited outdoor access, heat island effect, and other climate-related vulnerabilities. This planning effort will advance projects that reduce downstream flows, improve water quality, clean air and sequester carbon, and provide additional regional access to public outdoor corridors which present opportunities to serve these communities.

The best practices in these areas are constantly developing, and will involve leading approaches which may include novel integration of vegetation layering, adaptive management of green waste, and collaborative operations between local organizations and businesses. The City of Los Angeles will be responsible for ongoing operations, and will include evaluation of conditions over time together with local community groups that have been actively engaged in this work for over two decades.

PRIORITIZATION VALUE

PV1 Project achieves 80001(b)(3)(4) by providing urban recreation and protecting or restoring natural resources.

The project is a collaboration between City government and local community for increased public use, improved habitat, and enhanced passive recreation through necessary invasive species removal, planting of climate-appropriate native vegetation, the development of an appropriate management process and schedule, community engagement, and improved visibility.

PV2 Project achieves 80001(b)(5) by providing workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities.

This stretch of river greenway is an outstanding educational opportunity for diverse City staff and contractors to develop the necessary skills for intensive invasive species removal, native planting, soil building, and the successful establishment and management of native plant cover.

PV3 Project achieves 80001(b)(6) by having already obtained all required permits and entitlements.

City staff and contractors will work in partnership with The River Project under existing approvals and mandates.

PV4 Project achieves 80001(b)(9) – advances solutions to prevent displacement if a potential unintended consequence associated with the project is an increase in the cost of housing.*

PV5 Project achieves three or more actions listed in 80001(b)(8)(A through G).

80001(b) (8) To the extent practicable, as identified in the “Presidential Memorandum--Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Our National Parks, National Forests, and Other Public Lands and Waters,” dated January 12, 2017, the public agencies that receive funds pursuant to this division will consider a range of actions that include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Conducting active outreach to diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities, to increase awareness within those communities and the public generally about specific programs and opportunities.

(B) Mentoring new environmental, outdoor recreation, and conservation leaders to increase diverse representation across these areas.

(C) Creating new partnerships with state, local, tribal, private, and nonprofit organizations to expand access for diverse populations.

(D) Identifying and implementing improvements to existing programs to increase visitation and access by diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities.

(E) Expanding the use of multilingual and culturally appropriate materials in public communications and educational strategies, including through social media strategies, as appropriate, that target diverse populations.

(F) Developing or expanding coordinated efforts to promote youth engagement and empowerment, including fostering new partnerships with diversity-serving and youth-serving organizations, urban areas, and programs.

(G) Identifying possible staff liaisons to diverse populations.

PV6 Project achieves more than one of the Conservancy’s Strategic Objectives.

Implement the *Rim of the Valley Trails Corridor Master Plan*

The project will complete trails and trail amenities recommended by the Plan.

Implement the *Los Angeles County River Master Plan*

The project is consistent with the County Plan goals, including the creation of a continuous river park and greenway, habitat restoration, community involvement and cooperation between local government and nonprofit partners.

Implement the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan

Project improves public open space and recreation, maintains and improves flood protection, improves surface water and ground water quality, and uses science as a basis for planning.

Further Cooperation with Local Governments in the Region to Secure Open Space

The project will be the result of collaboration between The River Project, the Department of Parks and Recreation, LAHSA, and other local stakeholders. It will result in a comprehensive maintenance plan to protect native species and ecosystems.

Expand Efforts to Integrate Nature into the Urban Environment

The project will better integrate the Studio City Greenway into the surrounding urban context by providing additional access points for nearby residents and visitors.

Expand Education, Public Access, and Resource Stewardship Components in a Manner That Best Serves the Public, Protects Habitat, and Provides Recreational Opportunities

Improved access, signage, and other interpretive elements along the greenway will result in educational opportunities for users of all ages, and encourage better stewardship.

PV7 Project achieves more than one of Common Ground guiding principles.*

Specific to improving and increasing connection to a river parkway, the project will address land through open space and recreation improvements; water through flood management, water quality and supply; and also planning by addressing multiple objectives through science-based practices, and being comprehensive and inclusive of relevant government and local partners.

CATEGORY VALUE

CV1 The project will provide benefits to multiple values including water, recreation, habitat, and interpretation of natural resources.

Managed appropriately, the landscape areas along the Los Angeles River Corridor are significant urban habitat for riparian woodland species. This habitat and healthy soil also captures and cleanses water and air, sequesters carbon, and provides accessible outdoor access for recreation and interpretation.

CV2 The project implements a major component of an existing relevant plan related to a major recreation facility, regional ecosystem restoration, or master and protection plan.

The optimal performance of a high-visibility river greenway is key for local, regional, and state plans, including the 1996 LA River Master Plan and ongoing update, the LA County Bicycle Master Plan, US Bureau of Land Management and County Flood Control District LA Basin Study, State Wildlife Action Plan, and California Healthy Soils Initiative.

CV3 The project provides a plan or feasibility study to advance cooperative watershed health protection activities or recreation goals important to two or more organizations.*

The enhancement and establishment of habitat cover will include the development and integrated implementation of guidance for climate-appropriate native vegetation and soil building critical for capacity-building in this river parkway and similar projects in collaboration with City staff, contractors, The River Project, and other local project partners including:

- Studio City Business Improvement District (BID)
- Studio City Chamber of Commerce (Chamber)
- Studio City Residents Association (SCRA)
- Studio City Beautification (SCBA)
- City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (Rec & Parks)
- Save LA River Open Space (SLAROS)
- Studio City Farmers Market (Market)
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

CV4 Applicant has a realistic plan for serving disadvantaged communities upon completion of the improvements.

Over 50% of communities connected along the corridor are recognized by the state as disadvantaged, most of which are impacted by the flows through this stretch of river, and the water supply and quality of water infiltrated here. The goal of this project is to establish a community resource that is more accessible, delivers ecological and social benefits, and is integrated into surrounding trails as part of a nearly 52-mile river corridor while working cooperatively with LAHSA to support the resident unhoused population. River easements and successful greenway projects advance opportunities to capture water, reduce peak flow and flood risk for downstream communities, cleanse air, cool neighborhoods, sequester carbon, and provide opportunities for safe off-street active transportation and recreation.

CV5 The project uses renewable or non-potable water sources of water, such as reclaimed water, captured stormwater, or other method.

This project will assist in the establishment of appropriate plant material and implementation of improved maintenance strategies to reduce the currently high water use in the project area moving forward.

CV6 Project implements Best Management Practices (BMP) to treat stormwater.

Soil, plants, and mulch will be maximized across the project area; these are the core features of nature-based solutions that capture and infiltrate water.

CV7 Project provides safe and reliable drinking water supplies to park and open space visitors.

Water lines for drinking water will not be made available as part of this project.

CV8 The project provides a high quality access point for nearby open space, parkland, regional multi-modal trails, or water-based recreation.

Current conditions do not support active use of the project area, and gates intended to be access points are not open to the public. The project will drive the improvements, practices, and partnerships necessary for gates to be open, and to create a welcoming, accessible resource for the community and region.

CV9 The project completes a new, significant link in a regional trail system.

This was the first stretch of LA river greenway opened in 2004, but remains underused due to ongoing challenges too great to be addressed by constantly changing part-time staff and occasional community-driven cleanup days. Access is restricted, visibility is limited, and the landscape is overrun with invasive species well beyond the scope of maintenance. The enhancements, learning opportunities, and partnership-building of this project will make this significant link of the river accessible and functional in a way that it has not been, important for both near-term use and to advance critical ongoing work.

CV10 Project adds new trail or recreational resources not available within a 0.5 mile radius.

The intent is to provide a linked riverfront greenway system that is an asset for communities adjacent to the river corridor. The high-performing Valleyheart Greenway—led by The River Project and implemented and managed by the County of Los Angeles—and the soon-to open Zev Yaroslavy Greenway to the west are connected to the Studio City Greenway. The connection will be enhanced by improvements resulting from this project.

CV11 The project contains multi-modal accommodations that will benefit hikers, cyclists, and equestrians.

As riverfront trail segments are completed and the greenway becomes increasingly connected, the entire LA River trail system will become more significant for passive and active multi-modal transportation. This project will ensure that the Studio City Greenway becomes an easily accessed, high performing, and well-used part of this network.

CV12 The project results in new public access to a natural resource with high interpretive and/or educational value, or enhances existing access.

The project will enhance existing access in that additional populations are anticipated to make use of the resources, as a result of planning with local stakeholder groups and additional gate openings.

CV13 The project provides non-personal interpretive elements that will significantly enhance appreciation and enjoyment of a natural resource.

This project includes rehabilitation of existing interpretive elements, including signage and community art projects, that will enhance appreciation and enjoyment of this natural resource.

CV14 The project creates a new venue, or enhance an existing venue, for education and/or interpretation activities that promote natural resources stewardship.

This project will demonstrate leading practices, enhancing conditions along this stretch of the river where there is space for gathering. Volunteer days have been organized by groups such as The River Project as well as local government, and provide opportunities for showcasing and communicating leading principles, as well as best management and concepts that can apply to other areas and for people at home.

CV15 The project alleviates stress on other overburdened recreational resources within a 0.5 mile radius.

This project is a regional resource; new access points will allow for higher use of the greenway, and improved maintenance practices will support high-impact demand, alleviating stress on other parks and recreation centers in the surrounding neighborhood.

CV16 The project provides a new vista point or overlook for a significant scenic viewshed.

For much of this stretch invasive species have choked out native cover, and there is not an experience of woodland habitat. Most wildlife is dependent upon native plants, and the denuded integrity of the landscape is not only a loss for wildlife, but also for people who could otherwise experience the flowers, trees, birds, butterflies, and other wildlife dependent upon the planned native vegetation, together with the views along the river corridor.

CV17 The project adds visitor-serving amenities, accessibility, and public safety improvements to existing parkland.

The improved landscapes, visibility, government and community engagement, and coordination with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) will create a changed landscape that is safe, inclusive, accessible, and open for everyone.

CV18 Project results in additional uses for users of a wide range of ability levels.

The entire project length is wide, accommodating, ADA accessible, and adjacent to trails, sidewalks, public transportation, and parking for multi-modal options for every age and ability level.

CV19 The project is designed to accommodate the needs of users from a variety of cultural and economic backgrounds.

The project presents an open user experience with landscapes, trail, seating areas, and interpretation.

CV20 The project directly abuts and increases the ecosystem function of a protected habitat area including fish and wildlife corridors.

The project area is immediately adjacent the Los Angeles River, and near the north face of the Santa Monica Mountains which can support corridor movement of mobile species.

CV21 The project includes restoration, protection, or enhancements of a native ecosystem appropriate to the site.

A primary focus of the project is the removal of invasive vegetation and the reintroduction of climate-appropriate native vegetation and healthy soils that can support habitat. A focus on improved maintenance practices will ensure the protection of the native ecosystem.

CV22 Project will benefit specifically protected species pursuant to the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990.

Woodland habitat along waterways is among the most critical cover in our region. Hundreds of species, including dozens of protected and endemic species, depend upon them. Protected and enhanced easements along the LA River over time, in aggregate with projects across the watershed, can work to offset peak flows, making possible increased restoration opportunities for sensitive species. While the limited space and high-impact use of the existing easement does not specifically accommodate highest-needs such as the nesting of Least Bell's Vireo, it does support such species and their movement, and is an important part of securing their futures.

CV23 The project employs new or innovative technology or practices.

The cultivation of native plants in urban areas is not new, however there is a great need for building capacity and the integrated layering of appropriate associated species. The foundational establishment of their mulch and leaf layers, as well as trimming and watering cycles, are continually developing areas understood to be key for addressing key regional challenges and realizing climate resilience.

IMPLEMENTATION VALUE

IV1 Applicant has proven that implementation of the project is feasible.

The River Project has implemented several successful projects including the Valleyheart Greenway, which connects to the Studio City Greenway. In the nearly 15 years since original project completion many lessons have been learned for the best strategies to implement and establish healthy native landscapes, and for working with staff, contractors, and local communities to advance stewardship and learning opportunities.

IV2 Applicant has financial capacity to perform project on a reimbursable basis.

Yes.

IV3 Applicant, or active project partner, has successfully completed multiple projects or similar size and scope.

The River Project has been involved in many related initiatives, including acting as advisory to the original development of this stretch of greenway; leading the community-based design for

the adjacent Valleyheart Greenway; securing the first \$83.5 million in state funding for key projects on the LA River; organizing the Coalition for a State Park at Taylor Yard and playing a key role in the park planning and development; participating in drafting the guiding document *Common Ground*; and leading the development of the Tujunga-Pacoima Watershed Plan which continues to be a success, with 23 of 37 preferred projects already implemented or in development as of October 2018. The City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation has also implemented many large and neighborhood-scale projects, with a large portfolio of ongoing operations.

IV4 The project is a partnership between two or more organizations and each organization has committed to contributing toward project implementation.

The project is a partnership between City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation and The River Project, working together with other local organizations including the following:

- Studio City Business Improvement District (BID)
- Studio City Chamber of Commerce (Chamber)
- Studio City Residents Association (SCRA)
- Studio City Beautification (SCBA)
- City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (Rec & Parks)
- Save LA River Open Space (SLAROS)
- Studio City Farmers Market (Market)
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

IV5 Applicant has conducted outreach to the affected communities.

The River Project has been involved in ongoing engagement with the local community since before the first river greenways were envisioned here over two decades ago. Local groups including those listed above have long voiced their interest in becoming more integrated with the river and this resource, and in this project specifically.

IV 6 Applicant, or project partner, has 1+ years experience maintaining and operating projects of a similar size and scope.

Both the City of Los Angeles and The River Project far exceed this threshold.

IV7 Applicant has identified maintenance funding for at least 2 years after completion.

This stretch of the river is under the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles, managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation, and The River Project and local groups have long been committed to giving time and working to secure necessary resources.

IV8 Project has approval from all landowners to complete the project, or Applicant is the landowner.

The project is consistent with planning through the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, and the City of Los Angeles is responsible for this stretch and management.

CLIMATE CHANGE VALUE

CC1 The project demonstrates a reduction in baseline greenhouse gas emissions through carbon sequestration or other innovation techniques or project designs, such as diverting organic material from landfills.

This project will utilize leading landscaping methods for reducing emissions, including leaving leaf material and cutting up trimmings in place—the best mulch for most native plants. Maintenance efforts will not include the use of gas-powered machines. Mulch layers, healthy soil, and diverse layers of plant material are demonstrated to be highly effective at sequestering carbon and other greenhouse gasses.

CC2 The project implements water saving technologies and techniques to yield quantifiable water and energy savings. Such techniques may include the use of drought-efficient landscaping, including climate resilient and native landscaping whenever possible, stormwater filtration, impervious surfaces, green roofs, and other forms of water capture and storage.

Climate-appropriate native vegetation will be selected, greatly reducing the need for potable water.

CC3 The project contributes to tree canopy cover and/or greenways in urban areas to mitigate heat island effects and promote public health and recreation.

Yes—this project will provide approximately 88,500 square feet of diverse native vegetation cover over a currently underutilized area of waste conditions and denuded soil chronically overrun by invasive species. The reintroduction of climate-resilient native plants will cool and cleanse the air, sequester carbon, and provide an inviting space for public recreation.

CC4 The project develops or maintains multi-use trails that connect communities, provides access to public resources and reduces vehicle miles traveled.

Yes—by improving upon an existing trail and greenway and making it more accessible, this project will encourage non-vehicular travel.

CC5 The project engages local communities through outreach, education, and interpretation regarding long-term stewardship, and climate change awareness.

The project will involve communication and coordination with local groups, as well as Recreation and Parks' maintenance teams, and will make available resources that do not exist today or are otherwise inaccessible.

CC6 The project implements water saving techniques that utilize nature-based solution like wetlands, rain gardens, swales, berms, curb cuts with parkway basins, infiltration trenches, vegetation, tree planting, stream daylighting/restoration, and floodplain reclamation.

The project utilizes vegetation, tree planting, soil building, protection of river-adjacent banks for near-term enhancements and ecosystem services, and long-term floodplain management.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION

AC1 The site is subject to an imminent threat that would preclude future implementation value.

The site has experienced localized fires recently. These fires likely happened as a result of the site's current challenges, including lack of visibility and subpar landscape management. The longer the control of invasive plant species is delayed, the more they will proliferate, making rehabilitation increasingly difficult and costly.

AC2 Project utilizes a local job training entity for a portion of the work.

AC3 Project is within 0.25 miles of public transportation.

The nearest major bus stop for multiple lines is located at Laurel Canyon and Ventura Boulevards within one block, which is additionally directly connected to the Metro Red Line three miles away.

AC4 Project serves a disadvantaged community.

This is a regional resource and part of the planned nearly 52 miles of connected LA River trail and greenways. Over 50% of all river-adjacent communities are recognized by the State as disadvantaged (DAC). River adjacent habitat and soil can catch and infiltrate water, reducing peak flows and in aggregate supporting flood risk management. Additionally, water infiltration over the unconfined San Fernando Valley groundwater basin directly supports groundwater supplies, as well as water quality with TMDL exceedances being an ongoing challenge throughout the length of the urban LA River.

AC5 Project serves a severely disadvantaged community.

As a regional project in the upper watershed, impacts are significant for downstream communities and for the entire region's water supplies, water quality, and air quality and emissions, as well as mobility, recreation, and wellness including those recognized as severely disadvantaged.

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Studio City Greenway Re-Activation	Amount of Request:	\$150,000.00
	Total Project Cost:	\$150,000.00
Applicant Name: City of Los Angeles	Matching Funds:	\$0
	Lat/Long:	N 34°8'39.647" W 118°24'4.434"
Applicant Address:	Project Address: 12305 Valleyheart Dr Studio City, CA 91604	
	County	Senate District
	Los Angeles	18
	Assembly District	
		46
Phone:	Tax ID:	
Email:		

Grantee's Authorized Representative:

Name and Title *Phone*

Overhead Allocation Notice:

- Any overhead costs will be identified as a separate line item in the budget and invoices.
- The Conservancy encourages grantees to reduce overhead costs including vehicle and phone expenses.
- The overhead allocation policy has been submitted prior to, or with, the grant application.

Outreach and Advertising Requirement:

- Applicant has read the staff report and board resolution regarding contract policies.
- Applicant has adopted contract policies for the purpose of increasing outreach and advertising to disadvantaged businesses and individuals.

All check boxes must be checked

Brief Project Description:

Revitalization of the Studio City Greenway to improve access to river parkway and provide environmental benefits through invasive species removal, establishment and management of native habitat, soil building, and community engagement in partnership between local government and community organizations.

*attach additional pages with project detail

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
Project Management	\$15,536.40	May 2021
Partner Coordination	\$8,926.05	March 2021
Inventory of Existing Conditions	\$7,371.59	May 2019
Invasive Species Removal	\$27,867.59	October 2020
Planting & Establishment	\$75,082.86	February 2021
Tools & Materials	6,040.25	March 2021
Monitoring & Final Report	9,175.26	May 2021

For Acquisition **APN(s):** N/A

Projects: **Acreage:** N/A

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

Signature of Authorized Representative _____
Date

Studio City Greenway Re-Activation

Scope and Budget for Proposition 68 Application: Resource Protection and Restoration Projects

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Sum Total	\$150,000.00

¹ Including significant initial interventions with City and community engagement, and follow-up work days

² Including plant selection and ongoing care over 2 years, involving City engagement and educational work days

Timeline

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PAYEE DATA RECORD

STD. 204 (Rev. 6-2003) (REVERSE)

1	<p><u>Requirement to Complete Payee Data Record, STD. 204</u></p> <p>A completed Payee Data Record, STD. 204, is required for payments to all non-governmental entities and will be kept on file at each State agency. Since each State agency with which you do business must have a separate STD. 204 on file, it is possible for a payee to receive this form from various State agencies.</p> <p>Payees who do not wish to complete the STD. 204 may elect to not do business with the State. If the payee does not complete the STD. 204 and the required payee data is not otherwise provided, payment may be reduced for federal backup withholding and nonresident State income tax withholding. Amounts reported on Information Returns (1099) are in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and the California Revenue and Taxation Code.</p>								
2	<p>Enter the payee's legal business name. Sole proprietorships must also include the owner's full name. An individual must list his/her full name. The mailing address should be the address at which the payee chooses to receive correspondence. Do not enter payment address or lock box information here.</p>								
3	<p>Check the box that corresponds to the payee business type. Check only one box. Corporations must check the box that identifies the type of corporation. The State of California requires that all parties entering into business transactions that may lead to payment(s) from the State provide their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The TIN is required by the California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 18646 to facilitate tax compliance enforcement activities and the preparation of Form 1099 and other information returns as required by the Internal Revenue Code Section 6109(a).</p> <p>The TIN for individuals and sole proprietorships is the Social Security Number (SSN). Only partnerships, estates, trusts, and corporations will enter their Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN).</p>								
4	<p><u>Are you a California resident or nonresident?</u></p> <p>A corporation will be defined as a "resident" if it has a permanent place of business in California or is qualified through the Secretary of State to do business in California.</p> <p>A partnership is considered a resident partnership if it has a permanent place of business in California. An estate is a resident if the decedent was a California resident at time of death. A trust is a resident if at least one trustee is a California resident.</p> <p>For individuals and sole proprietors, the term "resident" includes every individual who is in California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose and any individual domiciled in California who is absent for a temporary or transitory purpose. Generally, an individual who comes to California for a purpose that will extend over a long or indefinite period will be considered a resident. However, an individual who comes to perform a particular contract of short duration will be considered a nonresident.</p> <p>Payments to all nonresidents may be subject to withholding. Nonresident payees performing services in California or receiving rent, lease, or royalty payments from property (real or personal) located in California will have 7% of their total payments withheld for State income taxes. However, no withholding is required if total payments to the payee are \$1,500 or less for the calendar year.</p> <p>For information on Nonresident Withholding, contact the Franchise Tax Board at the numbers listed below:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Withholding Services and Compliance Section:</td> <td>1-888-792-4900</td> <td>E-mail address:</td> <td>wscs.gen@ftb.ca.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For hearing impaired with TDD, call:</td> <td>1-800-822-6268</td> <td>Website:</td> <td>www.ftb.ca.gov</td> </tr> </table>	Withholding Services and Compliance Section:	1-888-792-4900	E-mail address:	wscs.gen@ftb.ca.gov	For hearing impaired with TDD, call:	1-800-822-6268	Website:	www.ftb.ca.gov
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November 29, 2018

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065

RE: Grant Applications for Proposition 68 Studio City Greenway Re-Activation and Proposition 1 Studio City River Greenway Charrette

The Studio City Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed Studio City Greenway Re-Activation Project and Studio City River Greenway Charrette. The proposed projects are planned to meaningfully include us in a decision-making process that will address existing challenges and result in a safe, accessible outdoor space, with robust habitat and ecosystem functions that serve our community and the wider region.

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This work is not only regionally important for the wellbeing of our communities, environment, and local business, but also as a visible demonstration to inform future projects. We need to get this right and provide the best examples for what can be accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Esther Walker
Executive Director

Cc: The River Project

November 30, 2018

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Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065

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Sincerest regards,

Stephen Mejia
Policy & Advocacy Manager
Friends of the Los Angeles River

Cc: The River Project



December 1, 2018

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Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100
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Conner Everts, Co-Chair
Green LA Water Committee

STUDIO CITY

BUSINESS DISTRICT

www.thescbd.com

To: The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy November 30, 2018
Los Angeles River Center Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065

RE: Grant Applications for Proposition 68 Studio City Greenway Re-Activation and Proposition 1 Studio City River Greenway Charrette

The Studio City Business District fully supports the proposed Studio City Greenway Re-Activation Project and Studio City River Greenway Charrette. The proposed projects are planned to meaningfully include us in a decision-making process that will address existing challenges and result in a safe, accessible outdoor space, with robust habitat and ecosystem functions that serve us and the wider region.

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Thank you very much for your consideration to this very important and impacting issue.

Sincerely,

John T. Walker

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Executive Director
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November 29, 2018

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RE: Grant Applications for Proposition 68 Studio City Greenway Re-Activation and Proposition 1 Studio City River Greenway Charrette

Studio City Beautification Association (SCBA) is dedicated to beautifying and maintaining public lands for the enjoyment of all. SCBA supports the proposed Studio City Greenway Re-Activation Project and Studio City River Greenway Charrette and looks forward to working towards an improved public space.

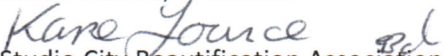
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Thank you for your consideration,
Karen Younce, President


Studio City Beautification Association

Cc: The River Project

November 29, 2018

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Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) supports the proposed Studio City Greenway Re-Activation Project and Studio City River Greenway Charrette. The SCRA has worked hand in hand over the years with The River Project towards an overhaul of the Greenway from Laurel Canyon to Whitsett. This grant will begin the long awaited process.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Alan Dymond, President


Studio City Residents Association

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Save LA River Open Space



ALLIED WITH THE STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

November 29, 2018

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RE: Grant Applications for Proposition 68 Studio City Greenway Re-Activation and Proposition 1 Studio City River Greenway Charrette

Save LA River Open Space (SLAROS) is actively working to create a parkland next to the LA River directly west of the proposed projects. SLAROS supports the proposed Studio City Greenway Re-Activation Project and Studio City River Greenway Charrette

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