

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: September 23, 2019

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing the augmentation of grant 3810-P01-1811 for Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Los Angeles River Community Access planning, County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing the augmentation of grant 3810-P01-1811 in an amount of \$25,000 in Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Los Angeles River Community Access planning, County of Los Angeles.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2(a) and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code; and Section 79735(a) of the Water Code.

Background: In September 2017 the Conservancy awarded a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for a collaborative planning forum and research to address a new model for low-income communities' access to nature and green spaces while also addressing affordable housing needs and perceived risks of gentrification and displacement. MRCA has requested a \$25,000 augmentation that would bring the total grant amount to \$75,000.

The requested additional funding would fund continued collaborative planning and follow-up research with the Los Angeles Regional Open Space and Affordable Housing Collaborative (LA ROSAH). LA ROSAH is a multi-agency group representing open space conservation, affordable housing, and community-based engagement. Since the original grant was made, Los Angeles County has passed Measures W, H, A, and M, all of which may affect this issues going forward. The next LA ROSAH initiative is a Fall event in early November to engage community leaders, stakeholders, park and affordable housing advocates in the work and research that LA ROSAH has conducted over the last two years and introduce the Collaborative's Strategic Plan for the next three years. In addition to participation in the fall 2019 event, the requested funding would be used to develop an Anti-Displacement Policy and to initiate pre-acquisition/pre-improvement planning for joint development projects on the Los Angeles River. Please see the attached request from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for additional information.

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The original grant application received a score of 93 points (out of a possible 115) under the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines.

Consideration: The augmentation request is for \$25,000, which would bring the total grant amount to \$75,000 of Proposition 1 funds.