

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 22, 2021

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 68 grant to Nature for All for Angeles National Forest community access transit project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a grant not to exceed \$100,000 Proposition 68 funds to Nature for All for a community access transit program for the Mt. Wilson/Highway 2 transit route into Angeles National Forest.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and Proposition 68, Section 80000 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: Please see the attached Proposition 68 grant application from the nonprofit organization Nature for All for a detailed description and analysis of the grant proposal. The grant request is for up to \$100,000, matched by an additional \$50,000 from other sources. Nature for All's San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program is geared to provide transit access to five sites in Angeles National Forest within the Conservancy's Zone/Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor for getting underserved and diverse communities better access to recreational opportunities in the Forest. The grant under consideration provides for design of five shuttle stops on the Mt. Wilson/Highway 2 transit route. Current access is via private cars with parking at sometimes limited capacity trailheads. The planning also includes the critical elements of stakeholder engagement, preliminary community engagement, transit program development, shuttle stop design standards, and planning of interpretation content.

Scoring under the Conservancy's Proposition 68 grant guidelines for Community Access, Education and Interpretation Projects Criteria, the application received sufficient scoring under values for Prioritization, Category, Implementation, Climate Change, totalling 78 points out of a maximum 88, with additional consideration for matching funds.