

Project Agreement
Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant
Excess Funds - Big 5 Grant Program

(From Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection ("the 1992 Proposition"), which voters approved on November 3, 1992, and the Safe Neighborhood Parks of 1996 ("the 1996 Proposition"), which voters approved on November 5, 1996)

Grant No. 58L2-04-2054

The Grantee listed below ("Grantee") and the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District ("the District") do hereby enter into this Project Agreement ("this Agreement"), and under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Grantee agrees to complete the project as described in the Description of Project and the District, acting through the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Propositions, agrees to fund the project up to the total grant amount indicated.

Grantee: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

Project Name: Ballona Creek Trail & Bike Path Improvements

Grant Amount: Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00)

Awarded pursuant to Funding Identification Code 4. a. 2. A.v..

Description of Project:

Improve public access and safety to the existing bikeway along Ballona Creek. Installation of signs, benches, interpretative displays and planting along the public right-of-way adjacent to the creek.

Project Performance Period: FROM: February 03, 2004 TO: June 30, 2006

Special Provisions

None.

General Provisions

A. Definitions

1. The term "Grantee" as used herein means the party described as Grantee on Page 1 of this Agreement.
2. The term "Application" as used herein means the individual application, and its required attachments, for the grant identified on Page 1 of this Agreement.
3. The term "Board of Supervisors" means the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, acting in its capacity as the governing body of the District.
4. The term "District" as used herein means the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. Unless otherwise specified, the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation shall administer this contract on behalf of the District.
5. The term "Procedural Guide" as used herein means the Procedural Guide(s), and any subsequent amendments or changes thereto, issued by the District for grants awarded pursuant to the Funding Identification Code as described on Page 1 of this Agreement.
6. The term "Project" as used herein means the Project that is described on Page 1 of this Agreement.
7. The term "Propositions" as used herein means Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection, which voters approved on November 3, 1992 and Safe Neighborhood Parks, which voters approved on November 5, 1996.

B. Project Execution

1. Subject to the availability of grant monies from the Propositions, the District hereby grants to the Grantee a sum of money (grant monies) not to exceed the amount stated on Page 1 in consideration of, and on the condition that the sum be expended in carrying out, the purposes set forth in the Description of Project on Page 1 and under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Propositions (see Attachment A) and the attached Application (see Attachment B).

Grantee agrees to furnish any additional funds that may be necessary to complete the Project. Grantee agrees to budget and appropriate annually, in each fiscal year until completion of the Project, an amount equal to the total estimated cost of the Project less the grant amount stated on Page 1 of this Agreement.

2. The term of this Agreement is from the date of execution by both parties through June 30, 2019.

3. Grantee agrees to complete the Project in accordance with the time of Project performance as set forth on Page 1, and under the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Procedural Guide. The time of Project performance may be extended upon mutual agreement, in writing, of the Grantee and District.
4. Grantee shall comply as lead agency with the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et. seq. Prior to submitting requests for reimbursement of actual construction or acquisition costs, Grantee agrees to file with the District a copy of the Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration along with a response from the State Clearinghouse, if required; and a copy of the Notice of Determination filed with, and stamped by, the County Clerk, or a copy of the Notice of Exemption filed with, and stamped by, the County Clerk if the Project is categorically exempt.
5. Grantee agrees that, prior to incurring actual development and/or acquisition costs, it will submit all requested development and/or acquisition documents to the District for prior review and approval.
6. Grantee shall use monies allocated in this Agreement, to the maximum extent practical, to employ youth from the community in which the Project is being carried out. Grantee is encouraged, and has authority to use said monies, to provide funding through agreements with community conservation corps, the California Conservation Corps and other community organizations, particularly when youth can be employed to work on restoration or rehabilitation projects being carried on in their own communities. Such agreements shall be entered into solely for the accomplishment of the Project described on Page 1 of this Agreement.

Therefore, prior to requesting reimbursement for actual construction, development or acquisition costs, Grantee must submit a report to the District describing its efforts to employ youth in the community. The report shall contain, at a minimum, the number and approximate age of youth to be employed at each stage of the Project, a description of the work the youth will perform, the process by which the youth shall be employed, the amount the youth will be paid and, the name of any organizations or agencies that will supply youth to be employed on the Project, as well as a description of Grantee's efforts to employ youth in every stage of the Project.

Grantee must comply fully with all State and Federal laws regarding the employment of youth on the Project.

Notwithstanding the above, the District reserves the right to establish goals for the employment of youth if, in the District's opinion, it is necessary to do so in order to accomplish the purposes of the Propositions.

7. Grantee agrees to file with the District copies of any contracts or agreements executed for work on the Project. Grantee further agrees that it will make a good faith effort to recruit and promote minority, women, disadvantaged and disabled veteran owned businesses to participate in the process for the award of any contracts or agreements executed for work on the Project.

Therefore, when filing with the District a copy of any contract or agreement for work on the Project, said copy will be accompanied, at a minimum, by a description of the process used for identifying minority, women, disadvantaged and disabled veteran contractors or vendors; a list of firms from which the Grantee solicited or received offers; and comparative statistics regarding the minority, women, disadvantaged and disabled veteran participation and percentage of minority, women, disadvantaged and disabled veteran ownership of each contractor and subcontractor working on the Project. In addition, said copy will be accompanied by a statement affirming that, on final analysis and consideration of award, contractor or vendor was selected without regard to race, color, creed or gender, unless City, State or Federal laws and/or regulations or court decisions require otherwise, in which case the Grantee will state the applicable reason. Grantee further agrees to retain on file, and to make available to the District on request, statistical information regarding the minority, women, disadvantaged and disabled veteran participation and percentage of minority, women, disadvantaged and disabled veteran ownership in each firm participating in the bidding process.

8. Grantee agrees to secure completion of the development work in accordance with the approved development plans and specifications or force account schedule.
9. Grantee agrees to permit the District to make periodic site visits to determine if development work is in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, or force account schedule, including a final inspection upon Project completion.
10. Any modification or alteration in the Project, as set forth in the Application on file with the District, must be submitted, in writing, to the District for prior approval. No modification shall be effective until and unless the modification is executed by both Grantee and the District.
11. If the Project includes acquisition of real property, Grantee agrees to comply with Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 7260) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code and any applicable federal, state, or local laws or ordinances. Documentation of such compliance will be made available for review upon the District's request.
12. If the Project includes acquisition of real property, Grantee agrees to furnish the District preliminary title reports respecting such real property or such other evidence of title that the District determines to be sufficient. Grantee agrees in negotiated purchases to correct, prior to or at the close of escrow, any defects of title that in the opinion of the District might interfere with the operation of the Project. In condemnation actions, such title defects must be eliminated by the final judgment.
13. If the Project includes landscaping, Grantee shall use drip irrigation systems and shall use drought-resistant or xerophytic trees, plants, lawn or sod, unless Grantee can show, to the District's satisfaction, that it is infeasible to do so.

C. Project Costs

The grant money provided under this program may be disbursed as follows:

1. If the Project includes acquisition of real property, the District may disburse to Grantee the

grant monies as follows, but not to exceed, in any event, the District grant amount set forth on Page 1 of this Agreement:

- a. When acquisition is by negotiated purchase, the District may disburse the amount of the District-approved purchase price together with District-approved costs of acquisition. The District-approved purchase price shall not exceed the value contained in a valid appraisal report, unless the District agrees, in advance, to the higher price.
 - b. When acquisition is allowed pursuant to the Propositions through eminent domain proceedings, the District may disburse the amount of the total award, as provided for in the final order of condemnation, together with District-approved costs of acquisition. Grantee shall bear all costs and make all advances associated with obtaining an order of immediate possession in an eminent domain proceeding.
 - c. In the event Grantee abandons such eminent domain proceedings, Grantee agrees that it shall bear all costs in connection therewith and that no grant monies shall be disbursed for such costs.
2. If the Project includes development, after the completion of the Project or any phase or unit thereof, the District will disburse funds to Grantee only after the District has reviewed and approved all requested development documents and has received from Grantee a statement of incurred costs. The District may disburse funds in the amount of District-approved incurred costs shown on such statement, but not to exceed the District grant amount set forth on Page 1 of this Agreement, or any remaining portion of the grant amount.

The statements to be submitted by Grantee shall set forth in detail the incurred costs of work performed on development of the Project and whether performance was by construction contract or by force account. Statements shall not be submitted more frequently than once a month, unless the District requests otherwise.

The District must approve modifications of the development plans and specifications and/or force account schedule prior to any deviation from the District-approved plans and specifications, and/or force account schedule, unless previously authorized by the District.

3. The District may retain up to ten (10) percent of the grant amount pending project completion and verification that the Grantee has satisfied all terms and conditions of this Agreement. Within three (3) months of Project completion, Grantee must submit final project documents. The District will not make final payment, including but not limited to the ten percent retention, until it has received all closing documents from the Grantee and has made a final Project inspection. At the District's discretion, the District also may perform an audit of Grantee's Project expenditures before final payment is made. Nothing in this section precludes the District from performing an audit of Project expenditures at a later date in accordance with Section I of this Agreement.

D. Project Administration

1. Grantee agrees to promptly submit any reports that the District may request. In any event,

Grantee shall provide to the District a report showing total final Project expenditures.

2. Grantee agrees that property and facilities acquired or developed pursuant to this Agreement shall be available for inspection upon the District's request.
3. Grantee agrees to use any monies disbursed by the District under the terms of this Agreement solely for the Project herein described.
4. Grantee agrees that any gross income earned from non-recreational uses of a Project shall be used for recreation development, additional acquisition, operation or maintenance at the Project site, unless the District approves otherwise in writing.

Grantee also agrees that any gross income that accrues to a grant-assisted development Project during and/or as part of the construction, from sources other than the intended recreational uses, also shall be used for further development of that particular Project.

5. Grantee agrees to submit for prior District review and approval any and all existing or proposed operating agreements, leases, concession agreements, management contracts or similar arrangements with non-governmental entities, and any existing or proposed amendments or modifications thereto, as they relate to the project or the project site for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of this Agreement. Grantee further agrees not to enter into any contract, agreement, lease or similar arrangement, or to agree to any amendment or modification to an existing contract, agreement, lease or similar arrangement, that, in the District's opinion, violates federal regulations restricting the use of funds from tax-exempt bonds.
6. Grantee agrees that, upon entering into any contract for the construction, maintenance, operation or similar activity related to the Project, Grantee will require said contractor to carry adequate insurance required by the District and naming the District as an additional insured. In addition, said insurance must require that Grantee and the District be given thirty (30) days advance written notice of any modification or cancellation of said insurance. Grantee agrees to submit proof of such insurance to the District for its prior approval.
7. Grantee and District will conform to the requirements of Government Code Section 6250, et seq. in making all documents relating to this Agreement, the grant obtained and all other related matters available for public review during regular business hours. In the case that the Project involves acquisition of property, however, both the District and Grantee may withhold from public review any and all documents exempted under Section 6254, subsection (h), prior to completion of said acquisition.

In the event that the District is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the contents of an Grantee's submission under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, Grantee agrees to defend and indemnify the District from all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, in any action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

8. In order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest on any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued for the purpose of providing the grant monies made available in this Agreement, Grantee covenants to comply

with each applicable requirement of Section 103 and Sections 141 through 150, inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In furtherance of the foregoing covenant, Grantee hereby agrees that it will not, without the prior written consent of the District, (a) permit the use of any portion of the Project by any private person or entity, other than on such terms as may apply to the public generally; or (b) enter into any contract for the management or operation of the Project or any portion thereof, except with a governmental agency or a nonprofit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

9. If Grantee sells or otherwise disposes of property acquired or developed with grant monies provided under this Agreement, Grantee shall reimburse the District in an amount equal to the greater of 1) the amount of grant monies provided under this Agreement; 2) the fair market value of the real property; or 3) the proceeds from the portion of the property acquired, developed, improved, rehabilitated or restored with grant monies.

If the property sold or otherwise disposed of is less than the entire interest in the property originally acquired, developed, improved, rehabilitated or restored with the grant monies, then Grantee shall reimburse the District an amount equal to the greater of: 1) an amount equal to the proceeds; or 2) the fair market value.

10. With the written consent of the District, the Grantee may transfer property acquired, developed, improved, rehabilitated or restored with funds granted under this Agreement to another public agency; to a nonprofit organization authorized to acquire, develop, improve or restore real property for park, wildlife, recreation, open space, or gang prevention and intervention purposes; or to the National Park Service, provided that any proposed successor agrees to assume the obligations imposed under the Propositions and to accept assignment of this Agreement. Under these conditions, the Grantee shall not be required to reimburse the District as described in Section D, Paragraph 9 of this Agreement.

E. Project Termination

1. Grantee may unilaterally rescind this Agreement at any time prior to the commencement of the Project. After Project commencement, this Agreement may be rescinded, modified or amended by mutual agreement in writing.
2. Failure by the Grantee to comply with the terms of this Agreement, or any other agreement established pursuant to the Propositions, may be cause for suspension of all obligations of the District hereunder.
3. Failure of the Grantee to comply with the terms of this Agreement shall not be cause for the suspension of all obligations of the District hereunder if, in the judgment of the District, such failure was beyond the reasonable control of the Grantee. In such case, any amount required to settle, at minimum cost, any irrevocable obligations properly incurred shall be eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement.
4. The Grantee's full compliance with the terms of this Agreement will have significant benefits to the District, and to the property and quality of life therein, through the preservation and

protection of beach, wildlife, park, recreation and natural lands of the District, provision of safer recreation areas for all residents, prevention of gangs, development and improvement of recreation facilities for senior citizens, the planting of trees, construction of trails, and/or restoration of rivers and streams. Because such benefits exceed, to an immeasurable and unascertainable extent, the amount of grant monies that the District furnishes under the provisions of this Agreement, the Grantee agrees that payment by the Grantee to the District of an amount equal to the amount of the grant monies disbursed under this Agreement by the District would be inadequate compensation to the District for any breach by the Grantee of this Agreement. The Grantee further agrees, therefore, that the appropriate remedy in the event of a breach by the Grantee of this Agreement shall be the specific performance of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the District. Nothing in this Section shall limit in any way the District's legal or equitable remedies under this Agreement.

5. Grantee and the District agree that, if the Project includes development, final payment may not be made until the Project conforms substantially with this Agreement and is a usable public facility.
6. Grantee and each County lobbyist or County lobbying firm, as defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by Grantee, shall fully comply with the County Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of Grantee or any County lobbyist or County lobbying firm to fully comply with the County Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, upon which the District may terminate or suspend this Agreement.

F. Payment of Funds

1. Grantee may request reimbursement from the District for eligible expenses, which the Grantee has properly incurred and paid, no more frequently than every thirty (30) days. Grantee shall submit reimbursement requests on District-provided Payment Request Forms, including the applicable attachments.

All Payment Request Forms should be sent to:

The Regional Park and Open Space District
c/o The Department of Parks and Recreation
433 South Vermont Avenue, Fourth Floor
Los Angeles, California 90020

2. Grantee should submit its payment request prior to the fifteenth day of the month to receive reimbursement within four to six weeks. The District may hold Payment Request Forms received after the fifteenth of the month until the next month, which may result in reimbursements being delayed.
3. The District may withhold a portion of the amount of reimbursement if, in the opinion of the District, an expenditure is not eligible under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Propositions, the Application or the Procedural Guide. In such cases the District shall notify the Grantee of the amount of expenditures declared ineligible and the reason(s) for the

ineligibility. Grantee, within thirty (30) days of notification, may dispute the District's decision, in writing, to the District and provide records and/or documentation to support its claim. The District shall review the information and/or documentation provided and will notify Grantee of its final determination. If Grantee fails to dispute the findings, in writing, within the thirty day period, then the Grantee shall have waived its right to dispute the findings.

G. Hold Harmless and Indemnification

1. Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold the District harmless from and against any and all liability to any third party for or from loss, damage or injury to persons or property in any manner arising out of, or incident to, the performance of this Agreement or the planning, arranging, implementing, sponsoring or conducting of the Project or any other operation, maintenance or activity by the Grantee.
2. The District shall have no liability for any debts, liabilities, deficits or cost overruns of the Grantee.
3. Grantee and District agree that the liability of the District hereunder shall be limited to the payment of the grant monies pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Procedural Guide. Any contracts entered into, or other obligations or liabilities incurred by, the Grantee in connection with the Project or otherwise relating to this Agreement shall be the sole responsibility of the Grantee, and the District shall have no obligation or liability whatsoever thereunder or with respect thereto.

H. Independent Grantee

This Agreement is by and between the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and Grantee and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association between the District and Grantee.

I. Financial Records

1. Grantee agrees to maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents and records for the Project and to make them available to the District for auditing at reasonable times. Grantee also agrees to retain such financial accounts, documents and records for five (5) years following Project termination or completion.

Grantee and the District agree that during regular office hours, each of the parties hereto and their duly authorized representatives shall have the right to inspect and make copies of any books, records or reports of the other party pertaining to this Agreement or matters related thereto. Grantee agrees to maintain, and make available for District inspection, accurate records of all its costs, disbursements and receipts with respect to its activities under this Agreement.

2. Grantee agrees to use an accounting system that complies with generally accepted accounting principles.

3. At any time during the term of this Agreement or at any time within five years after the expiration or prior termination of this Agreement, authorized representatives of the District may conduct an audit of Grantee for the purpose of verifying appropriateness and validity of expenditures that Grantee has submitted to the District for reimbursement under the terms of this Agreement. If said audit reveals expenditures that cannot be verified or that were paid in violation of the terms of this Agreement, the Propositions or the Procedural Guide, the District may, at its discretion, reduce the grant amount by an amount equal to these expenditures.

Grantee, within thirty (30) days of notification that an audit has resulted in the exception of expenditures, may dispute the audit findings in writing to the District and provide the District with records and/or documentation to support the expenditure claims. The District shall review this documentation and make a final determination as to the validity of the expenditures.

If Grantee has received all grant monies prior to the audit, or if remaining grant monies are insufficient, and if said audit reveals expenditures that cannot be verified or that were paid in violation of the terms of this Agreement, the Propositions or the Procedural Guide, Grantee shall pay the District an amount equal to these expenditures within sixty (60) days after receiving written notification of the expenditures disallowed and the reason for the disallowance.

Notwithstanding Government Code Section 907, in the event that Grantee fails to repay the District in full for the amount of excepted expenditures, the District may offset an amount equal to the excepted expenditures from any monies that may be due to Grantee under the terms and conditions of the Propositions. Through the execution of this Agreement, Grantee waives its rights under Government Code Section 907.

J. Use of Facilities

1. Grantee agrees to use the property acquired or developed with grant monies under this Agreement only for the purpose for which it requested District grant monies and will not permit any other use of the area, except as allowed by specific act of the Board of Supervisors as governing body of the District and under the terms and conditions of the Propositions.
2. Grantee agrees to maintain and operate in perpetuity the property acquired, developed, rehabilitated or restored with grant monies, subject to the provisions of the Propositions. With the District's approval, the Grantee, or its successors in interest in the property, may transfer the responsibility to maintain and operate the property in accordance with the Propositions.
3. Grantee agrees to provide for reasonable public access to lands acquired in fee with grant monies, including the provision of parking and public restrooms, except where that access may interfere with resource protection.

K. Nondiscrimination

1. Grantee agrees that any beach, park or other public facility acquired, developed, rehabilitated or restored with funds derived under the Propositions shall be open and accessible to the

public without discrimination as to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, religious belief, national origin, marital status, physical or medical handicap, medical condition, or place of residence, to the extent consistent with the provisions of Section 13 of the 1996 Proposition. The grantee shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any person or organization seeking to use such facility based upon the place of residence of such person or the members of such organization.

2. All facilities shall be open to members of the public generally, except as noted under the special provisions of the Project Agreement.

L. Incorporation by Reference

The Application and its required attachments, and any subsequent change or addition approved by the District, is hereby incorporated in this Agreement as though set forth in full. The Procedural Guide, and any subsequent changes or additions thereto, and the Propositions also are hereby incorporated in this Agreement as though set forth in full.

In the case of conflict, the District shall resolve the conflict with the precedence of documents as follows: the Propositions, this Agreement and the Procedural Guide (earlier named documents taking precedence over later named documents).

M. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof, is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

No provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof, is waived by the failure of the District to enforce said provision or application thereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantee and District have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the latter day, month and year written below.

GRANTEE:

By: 
Signature of Authorized Representative

Title: EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 4-15-04

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL
PARK & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT:

By: 
Director, Parks and Recreation

Date: 5/4/04

Approved as to Form:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By: 
Principal Deputy

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