

BALDWIN HILLS & URBAN WATERSHEDS CONSERVANCY

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Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy Proposition 40 Grant Program and Objectives

The Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy (BHUWC) is accepting applications for a year-round Proposition 40 grant program to support projects for acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and creation of educational resources in the territory.

Background

The BHUWC's mission is to acquire open space, manage public lands within the Urban Watershed Territory, and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience.

The voters of California passed the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in March 2002. The State Legislature has appropriated funds to the BHUWC for capital outlay and local assistance projects within the territory. Funds are to be awarded for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, interpretation and protection of land and creation of educational resources consistent with the statute creating the Conservancy.

Projects funded under this grant program will be implemented through the execution of a standard grant agreement between the project applicant and the BHUWC. BHUWC staff will be responsible for oversight of the Proposition 40 grant and project implementation.

Project Eligibility

The purpose of the BHUWC Prop 40 grant program is to provide funds for planning and capital improvement projects that benefit the Ballona Creek and the Upper Dominguez Channel Watersheds. Proposals consistent with the bond act will achieve at least one the following: 1) acquisition of open space; 2) development of park land; 3) rehabilitation of park facilities; 4) restoration of habitat; or 5) protection of land and water resources.

Proposed projects should seek to implement or expand on one or more of the following goals:

1. Increase active recreation opportunities for underserved communities.
2. Create and implement a comprehensive trail system.
3. Provide for public access and entry ways.
4. Protect and restore natural habitat.
5. Protect critical view sheds.
6. Protect and improve urban water quality.
7. Emphasize connection between existing parks, trails, and urban streams.
8. Restore industrial lands to park and open-space purposes.
9. Protect watersheds connecting to the coast.

Project Objectives

Project proposals are required to demonstrate the following standard objectives:

- Promotion the BHUWC's statutory programs and purposes;
- Consistency with purposes of the funding source;
- Support from the public;
- Location (must benefit the Ballona Creek or Upper Dominguez Channel region);
- Need (desired project or result will not occur without Conservancy contribution);
- Greater-than-local interest; and
- Demonstrated expertise in the proposed program area.

Priority will be given to projects that address the following:

- Urgency (threat to a resource from development or natural or economic conditions; pressing need; or fleeting opportunity);
- Resolution of more than one issue;
- Leverage (contribution of funds or services by other entities);
- Conflict resolution;
- Innovation (for example, using new technique or technology to address environmental or economic issue)
- Readiness (ability of the grantee and others to start and finish the project in a timely manner);
- Realization of prior BHUWC goal (advances previous watershed projects); and
- Cooperation (extent to which the public, nonprofit groups, landowners, and others will contribute to the project).

Project Timing, Fund Limits, Cost Match, and Other Requirements

Grants in any amount may be submitted for consideration. A minimum match of 25 percent is required. Matches may include, but are not limited to, federal or local funding, verifiable donated and volunteer services and other funding sources. The Conservancy accepts grant applications at any time, but may not award grant funds for an application unless the Conservancy has been appropriated with sufficient unencumbered grant funds for the application in question. Proposals are also subject to review for consistency with General Obligation Bond Law. Grant applicants are strongly encouraged to contact BHUWC staff to ensure projects meet eligibility requirements and conform to BHUWC priorities prior to application submittal. All grants are funded through scheduled reimbursement payments.

Who May Apply

Any public entity or non-profit organization established pursuant to the laws of the State of California and qualified under the Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), 501 (c)(4), or 501(c)(5) is eligible to apply for grant funds under this program. Joint proposals between multiple organizations involved in similar or related activities are strongly encouraged. Grant funds, however, may only be encumbered by one organization per agreement. There is no limit to the number of applications an organization may submit.

For additional information, contact: Gail Krippner at gail.krippner@bhc.ca.gov or call 310 202-3010.

**State of California — The Natural Resources Agency
BALDWIN HILLS & URBAN WATERSHEDS
CONSERVANCY**

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

PROJECT NAME	\$ GRANT AMOUNT	
	\$ ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST (State Grant and other funds)	
GRANTEE (Agency, address-incl. zip code and e-mail)	COUNTY	NEAREST CITY
	PROJECT ADDRESS	
	NEAREST CROSS -STREET	
	SENATE DISTRICT NO. 2S	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 55

Grantee's Representative Authorized in Resolution:

Name (type)	Title	Phone
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Person with day-day responsibility for project (if different from authorized representative):

Name (type)	Title	Phone
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Brief description of project:

For Dev. projects Land Tenure – Project is: _____ acres:	For Acquisition projects-Projects will be _____ acres
_____ Acres owned in fee simple by Grant Applicant	_____ Acquired in fee simple by Grant Applicant
_____ Acres available under a _____ year lease	_____ Acquired in other than fee simple (explain)
_____ Acres other interest (explain)	_____

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

Signed _____ Date _____
Grantee's Authorized Representative as shown in Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE **TBD ORGANIZATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
APPROVING **THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM**
THE BALDWIN HILLS & URBAN WATERSHEDS CONSERVANCY
FOR PROPOSITION 40 FUNDING FOR the **NAME OF PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in March 2002, which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, interpretation and protection of land and creation of educational resources consistent with the statute creating the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Proposition, and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy's procedures require **ORG/AGENCY NAME** to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that **ORG/AGENCY NAME** must comply with; and

WHEREAS, **ORG/AGENCY NAME** will enter into an Agreement with the Conservancy to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE **ORG/AGENCY NAME** Board of Directors HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Conservancy for Proposition 40 Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that **ORG/AGENCY NAME** understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that **ORG/AGENCY NAME** has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; or has the right to assign maintenance to another agency; and
4. Appoints the **ORG/AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Passed, approved and adopted this _____ day of _____ 2011.

ATTEST: _____

NARRATIVE / SCOPE / TIMELINE

PROJECT COSTS

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PROJECT LOCATION (MAP / DESIGN / DRAWING)

APPLICANT BACKGROUND / RELATED EXPERIENCE

Application Attachment Checklist

Required: Project Narrative and Timeline—may include photos, designs, or any additional information that helps describe the project (4 page maximum).

Required: Project Costs - Line item budget with matching funds included

Required: Map(s) of project location—should include watershed boundary and project location (3 page maximum).

Required: Applicant background and related experience - references and fiscal capacity for undertaking the project should be provided.

Optional: Summary of water conservation data if available.

Optional: California Environmental Quality Act documents if available.

Optional: Stakeholder support documents if available.