

## Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program Step 2 Application

All applicants must submit a completed application form including, supporting documentation.  
**PLEASE REFER TO POLICIES AND PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA LOCATED AT: [WWW.RMC.CA.GOV](http://WWW.RMC.CA.GOV)**. Note: Examples of three items described on page 3 of this document are still being developed and will be posted on the website by February 4, 2008. They are: Tasklist and timeline, Budget, and Resolution.

### Application Cover Sheet

***Project Name (from Step 1 application):***

***Name of Applicant:***

***Applicants Address: (Street or P.O. Box, City, State, Zip)***

***Name of Contact, Title***

***Contact Information:***

***Signature of Applicant, Date signed***

Name, Title		
Telephone #	Email	
		Date

Please Submit three full copies of this application to  
 Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
 "El Encanto"  
 100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road  
 Azusa, CA 91702

This application must be received by 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 23, 2008.

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Please attach documents, plans and/or narratives for the categories listed below. Each category must be addressed or your application will be deemed incomplete and will be rejected. Limit your answers to one page, or less, for each element listed below. Provide applicable documentation for all categories to support claims.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Site Map.** Provide a map (USGS 7.5 topo or better - one original) of the proposed project site. Show property boundary and any public land boundaries (if applicable). Show all current and proposed development (roads, streets, easements, etc.), improvements, natural features (streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands) and mode of access to the property (public road, right of way, easement, etc.). Provide boundary survey of property, if available. Utilize Green Vision Web Tools at [http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools\\_public\\_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp](http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools_public_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Area Map.** Provide a map of the surrounding area which displays current land uses (residential, commercial, forest, etc.) and any proposed developments. Include any important land use features which may influence the project site. Please also identify other protected lands in the area and their ownership (i.e., local government, state or federal). Utilize Green Vision Web Tools at [http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools\\_public\\_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp](http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools_public_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Land Uses.** Describe the existing land use practices on the site. What is the current zoning? What is the current land use?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mineral Rights.** For acquisition projects, describe any mineral, sand and gravel rights that are associated with the parcel. Will they transfer with the property? If not, who owns them and is development likely? Are the mineral rights severed from the property? If severed who owns the mineral rights?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Environmental Hazards.** Describe all known previous uses of the site, and any current uses not already described. What is the possibility of hazardous material or environmental problems on the site? Has an environmental assessment been done? If so, what were the results?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Encumbrances.** Describe any known encumbrances or liens on the property including lis pendis.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Contracts.** Provide information on any other contracts affecting the property (verbal and unrecorded).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Leases/Agreements.** Provide information on any leases that affect the property. Provide a copy of any recorded or unrecorded leases. Does the project involve a joint-use agreement with a school district? Provide a copy of the agreement document. Describe any oral agreements that affect the property and/or uses of the property.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Easements.** List easements that encumber the property. Examples include utility, access, unrecorded easements, and subleases.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Environmental Compliance.** Outline the environmental compliance process (State and/or Federal) and the current status. This information may include a notice of exemption filed with the county clerk, an initial study, a brief description of how the applicant will comply with CEQA/NEPA, a negative declaration, or evidence of a completed environmental process.

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\_\_\_\_\_ List ALL **permits, easements** or **certifications** required, including entity responsible and whether the permit has been issued. If the permit, etc. has not been issued, describe the status and attach documentation as available.

\_\_\_\_\_ Outline how future **operation and maintenance** needs will be addressed. Identify responsible agency/entity and source of funding, including duration of funding commitment.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Non-profit status.** Provide proof of non-profit status, if applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tasklist and timeline** for the project. The tasklist and timeline should include a detailed description of each task and the associated timeline. The Tasklist and timeline should follow the format of the example available on the RMC website at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov>. *NOTE: this example is still being developed and will be posted by February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Budget.** Detail the budget for the project associated with each task, including any matching funds that may be used for the project. Please also identify any other grants for which you have applied for this project (include amount, potential funding agency, and contact). The Budget should follow the format of the example budget available on the RMC website at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov>. *NOTE: this example is still being developed and will be posted by February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Resolution** from the applicant's governing body, which certifies that the project is consistent with *Common Ground* and *Phase II Final Report*, as well as local or regional land use plans or programs. An example resolution is available on the RMC website at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov>. If the project is not consistent with local or regional land use plans or programs, the resolution must state that the governing board approves the project. *Common Ground* and *Phase II Final Report* can be viewed/downloaded at: [http://www.rmc.ca.gov/plans/common\\_ground.html](http://www.rmc.ca.gov/plans/common_ground.html). *NOTE: this example is still being developed and will be posted by February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

### The following categories relate to the Project Evaluation Criteria:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Access Value.** If project will create **new** access to a regional or local trail, recreational site and/or a natural area, please describe. Does the project extend or provide a new point of access to the San Gabriel, Coyote Creek, Lario, or LA River Bike paths? If the project includes directional signage, describe it and identify how far it is from a public transit stop and/or residential areas. Describe if the proposed project will enhance public access in an area that is underutilized by the public and conforms to the guidelines established by the Access Board. Map the surrounding land uses of the proposed project site and identify public transportation stops within ¼ mile of the site.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Cultural and Historical Value.** Describe and map historical and cultural resources on the property, if applicable. Does the property possess multiple cultural-historical resources? Does it have educational or interpretive value? Does it contain archaeological or historical sites that are registered? Are any of these sites damaged?

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Educational/Interpretive Value.** Describe any educational and/or information elements, including watershed stewardship, cultural history, and/or natural history. Describe any programmatic

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goals of the proposed project with respect to educational elements for the user. Describe signage to be located in the project and identify the intended audience.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. **Habitat Value.** Describe and map the natural areas on the property and species of concern or special status species on the property, if applicable. How undisturbed is the property? Is the property connected to other undisturbed or protected properties? Describe the status of the habitat on the site. Is the habitat degraded or is it in a natural state? Does it contain unique geologic features? Please address the following elements with respect to Habitat and Natural Areas, where applicable. Utilize Green Vision Web Tools at [http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools\\_public\\_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp](http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools_public_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp)

- Project enhances degraded natural habitat and/or increases native floral and faunal biodiversity.
- Project includes a suitability strategy and success measures for the site's habitat preservation, creation, and/or enhancement.
- Project preserves/creates habitat diversity, biodiversity, and transitional ecotones.
- Project supports in-stream or native riparian habitat.
- Project supports upland habitat.
- Project will protect at least 10 Target Species based on Green Visions Biological Assessment.
- Project supports unique ecological systems and/or is located within a county-designated ecologically sensitive watershed area.
- Project protects watershed processes that support downstream habitat.
- Project contains or connects to an identified protected habitat linkage for wildlife as identified in Green Visions or South Coast Wildlands.
- Project includes habitat that provides a buffer between incompatible uses.
- Project is designed to avoid negative wildland/urban neighborhood interactions.
- Explain how the project will be managed to provide maximum long term habitat protection.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Matching Funds.** Provide documentation on any grants awarded or other cash funding for the project. Describe In-Kind contributions. Note: Points will only be given for cash contributions.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. **Public Health Value.** Describe any project elements that encourage low impact physical activity. Describe design of the project which will encourage opportunities for human respite, addresses public safety issues, and provide programming that creates a sense of place for the proposed users. Describe any signage that promotes "healthy living" practices. If the project area contains a significant percentage of residents living with obesity and/or asthma or other chronic health conditions, attach a map or documentation. Utilize Green Vision Web Tools at [http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools\\_public\\_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp](http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools_public_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp)

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. **Recreational Resource Value.** If the project creates new low impact recreational opportunities, please describe. Describe and map how the property serves recreation needs in the community (picnic areas, interpretive areas, staging areas, if applicable).

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. **Restoration Resource Value.** Describe whether the project is suitable and the strategy developed for "true" habitat restoration. Attach the quantifiable plan for evaluating long-term success of habitat restoration? Describe how the project impacts the health of existing natural habitat located on or adjacent to the site? (negatively or positively) Utilize Green Vision Web Tools at [http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools\\_public\\_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp](http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools_public_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp)

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\_\_\_\_\_ 9. **Scenic Resource Value.** Provide a description and photos of the aesthetic and scenic qualities of the property. If the project will incorporate local indigenous plans and/or visual screens for urban projects, please describe.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. **Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value.** Describe the community and agency partners involved and supportive of the project and how these stakeholders will be engaged throughout all phases of the project. Provide letters of support from the identified stakeholder organizations and groups. If the project includes any opportunities for youth employment, please describe.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. **Stewardship/Management Value.** Describe your plan for active stakeholder/partner participation that includes the 20-25 year period of the project after completion (include identification of stakeholder/partner groups). For long-term maintenance of the project:

- Attach the landscape maintenance manual for the project that addresses details regarding logistics of weed management, trail maintenance, trash management, unauthorized uses, and a habitat establishment monitoring program.
- Attach the plan for water quality elements of the project, which describes how these elements will be monitored and maintained and who will maintain them.
- If the project has an organization (i.e. professional contractor, local non-profit, or community volunteer group) that will provide appropriate future stewardship and adaptive management, please list name of organization and dedicated funding source to support these activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. **Sustainability.** Describe the Best Management Practices included in the project, where applicable. Describe the US Green Building LEED elements which are included in the project that address sustainability and climate change (refer to RMC General Policies for links to resources):

1. Sustainable site planning,
2. Safeguarding water and water efficiency,
3. Energy efficiency and renewable energy,
4. Conservation of materials and resources, and
5. Indoor environmental quality.

- Attach plans/available documentation for projects which include construction or renovation of buildings/structures larger than 1,000 gross square feet to demonstrate consistence with the five elements.
- Attach plans/available documentation for projects which include construction or renovation of buildings/structures larger than 10,000 gross square feet to demonstrate at least Silver Level of LEED Certification.
- Attach documentation which demonstrates lighting elements that are required as part of the project are environmentally sensitive.
- Attach documentation which demonstrates that a minimum of 50% of hardscape elements (gates, fences, lighting fixtures, benches, bike racks, drinking fountains, signage, etc.), will be recycled material content products.
- Attach documentation which demonstrates that a minimum of 75% of the landscaping will be comprised of locally native plant species included in the RMC adopted plant palettes.

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- Describe how facilities will incorporate appropriate elements for the collection of recyclable materials, and elements that contribute to trash reduction
- Describe how facilities that have infrastructure will promote the use of environmentally sound transportation to and from the site (bike racks, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. **Trails/Multi-Use Trails.** Describe whether the property is on an **existing or planned trail system or open space**. Describe and map how the property serves recreation needs in the community, if applicable (*e.g.*, County, City or other Plans, aerial photos or historical documentation). Does the project include improvements to the trail system or connections to a facility? Does the project accommodate a new trail into an inaccessible area? Does the trail provide a scenic buffer for an existing or planned trail?

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. **Urban Land Values.** Does the project result in **new** park space? Does the project enhance an existing park, habitat area or greenway in an urbanized area? Please map and provide any other supporting documentation on the following elements, where applicable. Utilize Green Vision Web Tools at [http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools\\_public\\_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp](http://gv-server.usc.edu/GVWebTools_public_v2/viewer4.16/signIn.asp)

- The project is located in a disadvantaged or park poor community defined as a census tract with a population that has more than 30% youth (less than 18 years of age) and less than 80% of the state's annual median income and/or having less than 2 acres/0.8 hectares of open space per 1,000 residents.
- The project provides relief from high urban density defined as 150% or more of county median population density.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. **Water Resources and Water Quality Value.** If the project provides a **new** opportunity for substantial water conservation and/or water quality improvements, please describe. Discuss how the project will address the following elements and provide supporting documentation:

- The project contains or improves groundwater supply and/or recharge capabilities.
- Project includes treatment of storm water runoff.
- The project includes a groundwater improvement element that exceeds the recommended elements of the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001.
- The project utilizes cisterns or similar devices to collect and recycle rainwater on site.
- The project utilizes recycled water.
- The project includes water conservation measures, including reduction in potable water usage.
- The project includes a water quality element consistent with the description of a "small or neighborhood project" or "medium or sub watershed project" or "large or multi sub watershed project" as described in the Greater Los Angeles Region IRWM Plan.