



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

February 1, 2012

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH ANNOUNCES THE 2012 COMPETITIVE TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich announces the availability of \$2,500,000* for a competitive tree planting grant program in the Fifth Supervisorial District. The program offers funding to communities that suffered unprecedented tree losses as a result of the windstorms that affected the western San Gabriel Valley in late 2011. Projects may consist of purchase, planting and a period of maintenance of the planted trees. Priority will be given for projects that demonstrate the greatest need to replace trees lost in the recent windstorms.

Application materials and more detailed information are enclosed in this packet.

Applications are due on or before May 31, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Regional Park and Open Space District, 510 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles CA 90020.

- **How much funding is available:** \$2,500,000
Minimum Grant Amount: \$15,000; Maximum Grant Amount: \$100,000.
Applicants may apply for more than one grant.
- **What types of projects and costs are eligible:** Capital improvement tree planting projects within the Fifth Supervisorial District to plant trees in parks, open space and on other public land, including parkways in commercial and residential areas. Applicants may request grant funds to cover the costs of obtaining and planting of trees, including planting supplies such as root barriers, if necessary, stakes, tree ties and any site preparation including stump removal or trees damaged beyond recovery in the wind storms. Costs may also include the purchase and installation of a temporary or permanent irrigation system, as well as provision for the establishment of newly planted trees for a period of two years and contingencies for tree failures.

- **Who is eligible:** Public agencies, conservancies, and qualified nonprofit organizations in partnership with public agencies. This portion of Proposition A Excess Funds is available on a competitive basis. Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate significant tree loss sustained in the 2011 Windstorms in the western portion of the San Gabriel Valley. Priority will also be given to applicants that can provide matching funds, in kind donations and volunteer participation in completing these projects in the Fifth Supervisorial District.
- **What is required for the application process:** A completed application (attached or also available at the Open Space District's website: <http://openspacedistrict.lacounty.info>) and a resolution from the governing body of the applicant agency or nonprofit organization authorizing the application for funds.
- **When are applications due:** On or before May 31, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Regional Park and Open Space District, 510 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles CA 90020.
- **Project Timeline:** Planting of trees must be completed no later than December 31, 2014. Project performance period extensions beyond that date would require approval from the Fifth Supervisorial District. Because of the competitive nature of this program, once a project has been selected for funding, the Regional Park and Open Space District will not approve any change in the project that substantially affects the use, scope, capacity or service area of the project as presented in the application.
- **For more information:** Please contact Ilona Volkmann or Agie Jordan, III, with the Regional Park and Open Space District at (213) 738-2981.

Sincerely,



Russ Guiney, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation

* The Fifth Supervisorial District reserves the right to award less than \$2,500,000 or none of the funds available, if in the opinion of the Regional Park and Open Space District, no suitable or an insufficient number of applications, is submitted.

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
GRANT PROPOSAL FORM**

I. APPLICANT

- A. Name of Agency/Organization: _____
- B. Name and Title of Contact Person: _____
- C. Work Address: Street, City, Zip Code _____
- D. Telephone (incl. Area Code): _____
- E. E-mail Address: _____

A resolution adopted by governing body of the applicant (and a resolution from the co-applicant public agency if the applicant is a nonprofit organization) authorizing application for this grant must be attached.

II. PROJECT

- Name of Project: _____
- Address (or location) of Project: _____
- Description of the windstorm damages to be addressed: _____
- Brief description of the physical improvements included in this Project: _____
- _____
- _____

Planting map including location of proposed trees: trees must be planted in parks, publicly owned open space or in residential or commercial parkways.

Permission to perform this Project: (If the property to be improved is not owned by the applicant, evidence that the public agency will permit the applicant to perform the project and maintain the improvements, must be attached).

Nonprofit applicants must demonstrate compliance with California's 2004 Nonprofit Integrity Act, Senate Bill 1262.

III. FINANCIAL

- A. Grant Amount Requested: _____
- B. Estimate of Total Project Cost: _____
- C. Attach detailed estimate of project costs including number, variety and container size for all trees to be planted (not more than one page).
- D. A separate cost estimate and location map must be prepared for tree planting in parkways. One grant application may request funding for trees in parks or open space and for parkway tree planting but separate cost estimates must be submitted.
- E. Attach a description of the other funding sources, amount from each source, and any in kind donations or volunteer involvement in the project.
- F. Costs for site preparation and any post-planting maintenance costs are limited to twenty percent of the grant total.

IV. TIMELINE

- 1. Assuming availability of this grant by September 1, 2012, please provide estimated dates for the following project milestones:
 - a. Approximate project start date _____
 - b. Estimated completion date for planting of all trees. (Must be before December 31, 2014.) _____
 - c. Estimated completion date for maintenance period. _____

V. NARRATIVE

Attach a concise description of the scope of the project, of the importance or value of this project, how the project will be maintained and any sources of additional funds, in kind donations and volunteer efforts.

VI. EMPLOYMENT OF AT-RISK YOUTH

Identify how these grant funds will be used, to the maximum extent feasible, to employ at-risk youth in performance of the proposed project. The applicant will be required, at a minimum, to employ the number of youth for the number of hours described in the application. Applicants are encouraged to partner on projects with local conservation corps and other entities that provide youth workers.

Grants awarded pursuant to this competitive grant program will be administered pursuant to the Open Space District's Procedural Guide for the Specified Project, the Per Parcel Discretionary and the Excess Funds Grant Programs.

THIS PROPOSAL FORM AND ATTACHMENTS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 510 S. VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020, BEFORE THE DEADLINE OR THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

***To have access to this form electronically, please contact E-mail Address:
ajordan@parks.lacounty.gov***

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE *(Name of Governing Body of the Agency)* APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
TREE PLANTING GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING FOR *(Name of the Project)*

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require *(Agency Name)* to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that *(Agency Name)* must comply with; and

WHEREAS, *(Agency Name)* will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE *(Name of Governing Body of the Agency)* HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that *(agency name)* understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that *(agency name)* has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the *(title of authorized representative)*, 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 _____, 2012

ATTEST:

Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

 Nonprofit Organization Name

 Address

 Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

 California Registry of Charitable Trusts "CT" Number (if applicable)

The Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulates those receiving and raising charitable contributions.

Check the Certification below that is applicable to your nonprofit agency.

- Nonprofit organization has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If nonprofit organization engages in activities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District project agreement, it must comply with them and provide the District with a copy of its initial registration with the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed.

OR

- Nonprofit organization is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of the most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586.

 Signature of Authorized Representative

 Date

 Name of Authorized Representative

 Title of Authorized Representative