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RLF Full Proposal Application

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About Your Organization

Grantee

Ventura County Watershed Protection District

Mailing Address

800 South Victoria Avenue

Address Line 2

City

Ventura

State

California

Zip Code

93009-1610

Country

Ventura

Phone

805-654-2013

Work Extension**Fax**

805-654-3350

Website

<http://vcpublicworks.org/watershed-protection-district/watershed-protection-district>

Chief Executive/Head of Organization**Prefix**

Mr.

First Name

Glenn

Middle Initial**Last Name**

Shephard

Title

Other

Other

Director

E-mail Address

glenn.shephard@ventura.org

Signatory
(Person with legal authority to sign an agreement, if funding is approved.)**Name, Title**

Glenn Shephard, Director

Emailglenn.shephard@ventura.org**Tax ID**

This is the tax ID of the actual grantee (so, where there is a fiscal sponsorship, the tax ID of the fiscal sponsor).

95-6000944

Non-Profit Status

Please check if you are a U.S. or international nonprofit organization.

No

Organization Background

Briefly describe your organization. Include the year it was founded, its mission, and a description of major program areas.

The Ventura County Flood Control District was created on September 12, 1944 when the California State legislature approved the Ventura County Flood Control Act. The District was formed, in part, to control and conserve flood and storm waters, and to protect watercourses, watersheds, public highways, life and property from damage from flood waters. The original Flood Control Act has been amended over the years to reflect changing needs, but the major change occurred on February 21, 2002, when Assembly Member Tony Strickland introduced AB 2320 to initiate a change in the District name from Ventura County flood Control District to Ventura County Watershed Protection District. The bill passed the State Legislature and was signed by Governor Davis on September 14, 2002, with the official date of change set as January 1, 2003.

Number of Offices

3

Number of Staff

134

Prefix

Mr.

First Name

Peter

Last Name

Sheydayi

Title

Other

Other

Deputy Director

Project Organization Name (If different than above)**Phone**

805-654-2016

Extension**E-mail**peter.sheydayi@ventura.org**Document Type**

Audited Financials

Date of Financial Document (Month/Year)

Please indicate the month and year the financial document used to complete these fields.

6/2017

Currency

Foreign Applicants: please indicate currency used for all financial statement fields.

USD

Financial Statement: Net Assets

58643684

Financial Statement: Unrestricted Net Assets

0

Financial Statement: Total Assets

68006687

Financial Statement: Total Liabilities

9363003

Financial Statement: Expenses

31046887

Financial Statement: Revenues

40208542

Proposal

Project Title

Determined by RLF.

Right of Way Acquisitions and Appraisal

RLF Project Lead

Julie Turrini

Proposed Project Start Date

Note: If grant is approved, please see grant agreement for actual effective date and final reporting date, the actual project start and end dates.

12/3/2018

Proposed Project End Date

12/3/2020

Prior RLF Grants/Contracts

Please indicate if you have previously received funding from RLF.

No

Executive Summary

Please provide an overview of the project and intended results.

Since its construction in 1947, the 168-foot-high, arched concrete Matilija Dam has posed a complete barrier to anadromous steelhead migration on the Ventura River and the transport of nearly 8 million cubic yards of fine and coarse sediment downstream to the ocean. However, a coalition of community groups and resource agencies have been working together for almost 20 years to develop a comprehensive strategy to remove the dam, prepare downstream critical infrastructure for increased flood levels and ultimately restore the river from headwaters to ocean. In the process, several millions of dollars in state, local and federal funds have been invested on a series of feasibility studies, technical analyses and other work to produce a consensus-based plan for removal of the dam. In March of 2016 this effort culminated in a multi-stakeholder Matilija Dam "Design Oversight Group" selecting Dam Removal Concept (DRC) 2A as the preferred alternative. Now stakeholders are pursuing funding for this ecosystem-wide solution to rectify the legacy of problems that the Matilija Dam has created (AECOM 2016).

This grant proposal provides for the appraisal and acquisition of three permeant easements (1.2 acres) and two temporary easements (0.6 acres) required for the construction of the Santa Ana Bridge Replacement, and the

appraisal of a property upstream of the Camino Cielo road crossing (46 acres). The property upstream of Camino Cielo (APN 010-0-180-370) has both been identified as a property to be acquired to remove a residential structure that will subject to increased flooding after the dam is removed (completely burned by the Thomas Fire), as well possibly needed for the construction of a bridge to replace the current low water road crossing at Camino Cielo.

Situation Analysis / Needs Assessment

Describe the problem or opportunity you will address. Describe the current situation (baseline status) and the specific aspects that will be changed or improved as a result of your work.

As part of the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project, right of way will need to be acquired to implement downstream project components, to remove structures subject to flooding, and undeveloped properties subject to flood damages, associated with impacts from the dam removal.

In order to replace the downstream Santa Ana Boulevard bridge, additional right of way is needed. In order to be competitive for upcoming Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 grants, it is desirable to acquire this right of way now to show that this project is shovel ready for construction implementation.

The property upstream of the Camino Cielo low water road crossing is currently on the market for sale. It is desirable to appraise this property now to provide for the basis of an application potentially either California Department of Fish and Game or the Wildlife Conservation Board for acquisition. This property is also a parcel that the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (OVLC) has interest in acquiring. Except for the reservation of rights for the potential need to construct a bridge to replace Camino Cielo, the District anticipates that this property will be transferred to OVLC for long term management.

Project Outcomes

Please describe specific outcomes (changes in the situation analysis or baseline) to be achieved by the end of the project or shortly thereafter.

All property will be acquired by permanent or temporary easements and by fee simple interest. Property rights acquired for the construction of the Santa Ana Bridge will include both permanent and temporary easements. For the Camino Cielo Bridge, the property right acquired will be the fee simple interest.

Property to be acquired through permanent easements will be used as access for construction, and for future maintenance of the bridge and channel. Temporary easements will allow access for bridge construction and the easements will be allowed to expire following construction.

Although this grant proposal scope only includes an appraisal, property acquired through fee simple for the parcel upstream of the Camino Cielo crossing consists of approximately 8-acres of the entire 46-acre property currently advertised for sale by the owner. This property will be acquired primarily to limit development on or near the banks of the river. Once the bridge has been constructed, title to the property will be deeded to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy to be placed into a permanent conservation easement.

Activities

Describe the activities and interventions that will be carried out to achieve the Project Outcomes.

Work activities carried out by the Public Work Agency Real Estate Services Division include the following: 1) preparing waiver valuations; 2) soliciting proposals for appraisals, reviewing proposals, and preparing and executing contracts for appraisals; 3) contracted appraisal tasks; 4) review and certification of appraisals; 5) contacting and negotiating with owners or their agents; for easements, 6) writing deeds and preparing acquisition agreements and offer packages; 7) recording documents; 8) preparing general claims and purchase requests; and 9) providing executed deeds to owners. Acquisition of fee simple activities will go through step 5. Because of the expected cost of the fee property, actual acquisition of the property will be accomplished through means outside this project.

Acquisitions through permanent easements and fee simple interest may require survey and preparation of legal descriptions by the Public Works Agency Survey Division of the property to be acquired, and title report(s) ordered by the Real Estate Services Division.

Project management and grant administration will be provided by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. Project management will include oversight and management of all work on the project. Grant administration will include preparation and submittal of all grant required reports and invoices.

Indicators of Success

Please describe specific indicators that will be used to measure achievement of outcomes, including sources of information or data you plan to use to track progress.

This project will be a success if property appraisals are obtained which are acceptable to County Real Estate Services and if the owners either accept the offer or, in the case of the property upstream of the Camino Cielo crossing, accept in concept as willing sellers. This outcome will allow the District to move ahead with final design plans with the assurance that property rights have been secured from willing sellers.

External Factors

Briefly note external factors that may affect the outcome(s) of the project.

The external factors that may affect this project include a sudden rise in real estate prices in the area or a lack of willingness on the part of the owners. The former could put acquisition of the property rights out of range, or it could jeopardize property rights negotiations with owners. A lack of willingness on the part of the owners could require major redesign of the project or could result in development on or near the banks of the river.

List of Principal Staff

Please provide a list of the principal staff that will be responsible for administering the grant funds and implementing the proposal, with a brief description of their background and qualifications.

Principal staff who will work on this project include:

Peter Sheydayi - Deputy Director of the Design and Construction Division for the District, certified professional engineer in the State of California, project manager for the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project. His role will be over-all project management and engineering design of the project;

Tom Yoshioka - Real Property Agent in the Public Works Agency Real Estate Services Division, degree in finance, certified general real estate appraiser. His role will be oversight of the appraisal process, negotiations with owners, and finalizing easement acquisition;

Masood Jilani - Engineer Manager in the District Design and Construction Division, certified professional engineer in the state of California. His role will be project design engineering

Jose Quiray - Manager in the Survey Division of County Engineering Services Department. His role will be providing staff to survey property to be acquired.

Martha Symes - Grant Specialist for the District, degrees in Archaeology, with over 35 years grant administration experience. Her role will be providing grant administration.

Acquisition Type

For acquisition requests, please indicate the type.

Easement

Project Budget**RLF Request Amount**

80000

Currency

Foreign Applicants: please indicate currency used for all project budget fields.

USD

Match Funding - Cash

0

Match Funding - In Kind

0

Sources of Match Funding

N/A

Overall Project Salaries

10000

RLF Request Salaries

10000

Overall Benefits

6000

RLF Request Benefits

6000

Overall Travel

0

RLF Request Travel

0

Overall Subcontractors

10000

RLF Request Subcontractors

10000

Overall Other #1

0

RLF Request Other #1

0

Other #1 Description

Overall Other #2

0

RLF Request Other #2

0

Other #2 Description

Overall Land (Fee/Easement Costs)

40000

RLF Request Land (Fee/Easement Costs)

40000

Overall Land (Stewardship/Other Costs)

0

RLF Request Land (Stewardship/Other Costs)

0

Overall Indirect

14.000

RLF Request Indirect

14.000

Total Project Budget

Include any non-RLF funding, if applicable.

80000

RLF Request Budget Total

Total of RLF funding request only. This should be equal to the RLF Request Amount above.

80000

Lobbying

Do you anticipate any RLF funds being used for grant activities that may qualify as an attempt to influence legislation within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code sections 501(h), 4911, and 4945(d)(1) or (e)? If so, please indicate a dollar amount for each category below. Note: only select RLF programs support lobbying.

No

Direct

Indirect

Attachments

Title	File Name
Most recent Year End Financial Statements (Audited Preferred)	Watershed Protection District Balance Sheet.pdf
IRS Determination Letter or Comparable Documentation of Organization Type	Ventura County Watershed Protection Act (Act).pdf
Files attached to this form may be deleted 120 days after submission.	