



Grants Report

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County of Orange Report on Grant Applications/Awards

The Grants Report is a condensed list of grant requests by County Agencies/Departments that allows the Board of Supervisors to discuss and approve grant submittals in one motion at a Board meeting. County policy dictates that the Board of Supervisors must approve all grant applications prior to submittal to the grantor. This applies to grants of all amounts, as well as to new grants and those that have been received by the County for many years as part of an ongoing grant. Receipt of grants under \$50,000 is delegated to the County Executive Officer. This report allows for better tracking of county grant requests, the success rate of our grants, and monitoring of County's grants activities. It also serves to inform Orange County's Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates of County grant activities involving the State or Federal Governments.

On September 29, 2009, the Board of Supervisors will consider the following actions:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

New Grant Applications

1. Approve and Adopt Resolution- OC Parks- Habitat Conservation Fund (\$200,000)
2. Receive and File Grants Report

Receive Grant Awards

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve- OC Parks- Habitat Conservation Fund

Requester:	OC Parks
Program:	Habitat Conservation Fund
Amount Requested:	\$200,000
Match/Cost:	\$100,000
Application Due Date:	October 1, 2009
Grantor:	State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation

The Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program allocates approximately \$2 million per year to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for grants to cities, counties, and districts to protect fish, wildlife, and native plant resources, to acquire or develop wildlife corridors and trails, and to provide for nature interpretation and other programs, which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas. The HCF has been available since July 1, 1990, and will continue through July 1, 2020. It was established under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990.

The Habitat Conservation Fund Program encourages applicants to develop partnerships or cooperative agreements with such entities as federal, state and local parks, non-profit organizations, local business groups, and schools, to maximize project opportunities and funding strategies.

In connection with an existing agreement between OC Parks and the Bolsa Chica Conservancy (BCC) to establish an education and restoration center in the Harriett Wieder Regional Park, OC Parks and the Bolsa Chica Conservancy seek funding to underwrite the cost of establishing the Wieder Park Interpretive and Recreational Trails Program that links Central Park, the Bolsa Chica ecosystem and the beach. The program will provide a master plan for interpretive programs within the park and the BCC's planned Education and Restoration Center, interpretive material for the users of Wieder Park in the form of informational video, habitat and trail maps, interpretive signage, outreach and native plant restoration opportunities for the public. Project applications are due by October 1, 2009. The project performance for each funded project is five years, commencing on July 1 of the fiscal year following the application. The proposed grant amount is \$200,000. HCF requires a dollar for dollar non-state match, a minimum of 50 percent of the total project cost which can come from private sources, donated materials and services, local funds including local bond funds, and federal funds. The Bolsa Chica Conservancy will be responsible for providing the minimum \$100,000 in matching funds.

This project is covered under the Environmental Impact Report completed in 1997 for the Park's General Development Plan.

The Bolsa Chica Conservancy is currently developing plans to establish the Education and Restoration Center at the Harriett Wieder Park along with associated programs for interpretation, education and habitat restoration. The BCC will work OC Parks as its landlord to develop appropriate interpretive programs that link the public to the outdoor resources and natural habitats from Central Park, the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and state beach.

OC Park will partner with the Bolsa Chica Conservancy, a private, not-for-profit entity based in Huntington Beach, California, that provides education, outreach and habitat restoration programs at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

A board resolution is required authorizing OC Parks to apply for the grant and execute associated agreements if the project is selected. A draft resolution is attached.

The County Executive Officer or designee may approve the receipt of grant funds up to \$50,000. Grant awards greater than \$50,000 must be presented to the Board of Supervisors for receipt of funds.

If you or your staff have any questions or require additional information on any of the items in this Report, please contact Kelly Channing at 714.834.3832 or Donna Grubaugh at 714.834.7218.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM

September 29, 2009

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire, enhance, restore or develop facilities for public recreation and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Habitat Conservation Fund ("HCF") Program, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the HCF Program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require an applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the project(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD SUPERVISORS OF ORANGE COUNTY, CA HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the HCF Program; and
2. Certifies that the County of Orange has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in the application, the required match and sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
3. Certifies that the County of Orange has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and
4. Certifies that County of Orange shall prepare, with full public participation, a management plan for lands that have been acquired with HCF funds, which plan shall reasonably reduce possible conflicts with neighboring land use and landowners, including agriculturists; and
5. Certifies that the County of Orange has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and

6. Delegates the authority to (Director of OC Parks) to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project(s); and
7. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.