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VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPLICATION PACKET 2010

APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET

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PROJECT NAME <i>Grand Canal Lagoon - an Icon Reborn</i>	
BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (50 WORDS OR LESS) <i>The Grand Canal Lagoon is a tidal waterway in the Venice Community that is in need of restoration to beautify the area and restore the natural habitat. This project will continue restoration by planting along the western lagoon edge.</i>	
PROJECT SITE NAME AND FULL ADDRESS <i>Grand Canal Lagoon / Ballona Wetlands south to Hurricane Washington Blvd. + Strong's Dr.</i>	
PROJECT COMPLETION DATE <i>June 30, 2011</i>	# OF VENICE STAKEHOLDERS TO BENEFIT BY THIS PROJECT <i>thousands</i>

ORGANIZATION OR STAKEHOLDER NAME <i>Ballona Institute / IH Center c/o 3115 Strong's Dr Venice 90291 Hurricane + Grand Canal</i>		
QUALIFYING ADDRESS <i>→ Strong's + Washington Blvd. to Ballona Wetlands *</i>		
mail: 322 Culver Blvd #317 Playa del Rey, CA 90295 <i>Grand Canal Lagoon/Venice</i>		
DAY PHONE <i>310-823-7040</i>	EVENING PHONE <i>310-821-9045</i>	CELL PHONE <i>310-877-2634</i>
E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>wetlandact@earthlink.net</i>		FAX <i>310-448-1219</i>

PROJECT MANAGER <i>Robert vandettoek + Marciatanscom</i>		TITLE <i>Co-Directors</i>
MAILING ADDRESS <i>322 Culver Blvd #317 Playa del Rey, CA 90293 Robert?</i>		
DAY PHONE <i>310-823-7040</i>	EVENING PHONE <i>310-821-9045</i>	CELL PHONE <i>310-877-2435 310-877-2634</i>
E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>wetlandact@earthlink.net</i>		FAX <i>310-448-1219</i>

BY SIGNING BELOW, I agree to the terms of the 2010-11 Community Improvement Project funding guidelines. I also acknowledge that the information submitted in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Submitting an application with misleading information may be cause for disqualification.

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$1,957.80 <i>\$1,025.70</i>

REVIEW (For Office Use Only)

PROJECT # (For Office Use Only) <i>I</i>

Marciatanscom 2/28/2010
STAKEHOLDER SIGNATURE DATE

Robert vandettoek 2/28/10
PROJECT MANAGER SIGNATURE DATE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Include how many stakeholders will be working on this project.) (Maximum 500 words)

The Venice Canals are a tribute to the historical significance of the area. Immediately across Washington Blvd. is the historical northern edge of the Ballona Wetlands, a vast coastal marshland which inspired Abbot Kinney's steam shovel to create "Venice of America." This northern part of Ballona Lagoon, now referred to as ~~the~~ Grand Canal Lagoon has long been neglected. Last year Ballona Institute forged a partnership with the City, the County, private developer Sun Brook Partners, Los Angeles Conservation Corps and Westside Leadership Magnet School, a LAUSD K thru 8 school we have involved as part of an "outdoor classroom."

Phase 2 of our project - the subject of this grant application - would provide for planting native plants along the west side of the lagoon, from Washington Blvd. to Hurricane - beautifying the area and restoring the natural habitat to benefit birds and butterflies.

This application would provide supplies and materials needed to do the work.

IS THIS PROJECT PART OF A LARGER PROJECT? YES NO

COMMUNITY BENEFIT (Description of benefit to the entire community and justification for these benefits)

Since the walkpath has been installed on the eastern edge of the lagoon, hundreds of local residents, as well as visitors patronizing local businesses, walk, jog and bicycle/cruise the area.

The benefits to the community are enhanced by an increase in beautiful birds and plants - an oasis waterway in a densely populated coastal region. In addition, volunteers from the community will be engaged in the work.



BUDGET SHEET

Applicants previously receiving Community Improvement Funds must complete Parts A & B (see instructions)

Applicants previously unfunded should only complete Part A - No match is required

PART A - VENDOR AND MATERIALS/SERVICES INFORMATION	TOTAL COST	NOTES
<i>See attached for further detail</i>		
<i>Fencing Materials</i>	<i>627.90</i>	
<i>Planting/Restoration supplies</i>	<i>1,093.55</i>	
<i>tax</i>	<i>171.65</i>	
<i>shipping</i>	<i>69.70</i>	
	<i>1,957.80</i>	
<i>see page 3.1</i>		

PROJECT TOTAL (PARTS A & B) \$ ~~1,957.80~~
\$ 1,025.70

Fencing Materials

fence posts	\$ 80.50	Gempler's
safety fence	\$ 424.20	Gempler's
flagging/marking tape	\$ 16.50	Gempler's
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posthole digger	\$ 69.95	Gempler's
wetland boundary tape	\$ 15.25	Gempler's

Planting/Restoration supplies

plant I.d. permanent markers	\$ 71.00	Gempler's
leaf hauling container	\$ 35.75	Gempler's
gorilla dump cart	\$ 169.95	Gempler's
plant marker/pin flags	\$ 281.25	Gempler's
planting tools/weeders	\$ 149.70	Gempler's
planting tools/weeders	\$ 107.50	Gempler's
potting tools/weeders	\$ 278.40	Home Garden & Patio

vendor: Gempler's
shipping
tax
subtotal/Gemplers

\$ 1,438.05	905.20
\$ 34.85	30.00
\$ 143.81	90.50
\$ 1,616.71	1025.70

vendor: Home Garden & Patio
shipping
tax
subtotal/Home Garden & Patio

\$ 278.40
\$ 34.85
\$ 27.84
\$ 341.09

total

~~\$1,957.80~~ \$1025.70

adjusted by Budget Committee



PROJECT PLANNING SHEET

WORK PLAN (Include a TIME-LINE for the project with beginning date and completion date of each phase)

July
Week 1: Ballona Institute will commence purchase of supplies.
Week 2: Ballona Institute will accept delivery of supplies and survey area for fencing; volunteers will be recruited and scheduled.
Weeks 3/4: Pin flags will mark native plants identified by biologist and flagging; fence installation will begin.
August/ September: Plants will be selected for planting.
September/ October: Planting will begin, with volunteers and school students starting mid-September
November/
December: Continue planting, also marking where new plants exist and weeding non-natives cropping up.
January thru June: Finish planting and collaborate with other efforts to identify funds for interpretive signage, trash receptacles, sitting bench + mural.

MAINTENANCE PLAN (If applicable)

Ballona Institute is committed to ensuring continued maintenance of the restored natural habitat.
Once a month volunteer work days where participants are given an introduction to the area. Volunteers will then work on removing invasive weeds and trash from the area. We will collaborate with Westside Leadership Magnet School, Mariposa Landscaping (under contract to City's Bureau of Street Services) and Marina Peninsula Neighbors Assn. to insure a clean and beautiful lagoon area.



ORGANIZATION SHEET (If applicable)

(Only complete this form if the applicant is an organization. If so, do not complete Page 7)

ORGANIZATION NAME <i>Ballona Institute - IHC Center</i>
ORGANIZATION ADDRESS <i>322 Culver Blvd. #317 Playa del Rey CA, 90293</i>
ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE (Include the experience that your organization has in the execution of similar projects) <i>Ballona Institute serves as an educational center for research, restoration, advocacy and exploration of the greater Ballona wetlands ecosystem. Our mission is to provide wetland-inspired environmental education and research; to offer opportunities for artistic expression related to coastal ecology and to present community-based restoration activities and native programs. Since 2007, Ballona Institute has participated in community advisory groups related to Grand Canal Lagoon, and we have been successfully completing Phase I of restoration on the east bank of this lagoon.</i>

TOTAL MEMBERS <i>4,023</i>	The proposal must include the names and SIGNATURES of 5 members of the organization (preferably Board members)	YEAR ESTABLISHED <i>2006</i>
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BY SIGNING BELOW, I declare in good faith that I am a member of the organization named above. I realize the Venice Neighborhood Council may contact me to verify my membership and participation in this organization.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
<i>Marcia Hanscom</i>	<i>Playa del Rey 322 Culver Blvd #317 90293</i>	<i>310-823-7047</i>	<i>Marcia Hanscom</i>
<i>Ray van der Hoek</i>	<i>Playa del Rey 322 Culver #317</i>	<i>310-877-2425</i>	<i>Ray van der Hoek</i>
<i>Lola Terrell</i>	<i>Playa del Rey 322 Culver #317</i>	<i>310-578-5888</i>	<i>Lola Terrell</i>
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<i>Wendy Jenner</i>	<i>Playa del Rey 322 Culver #317</i>	<i>310-578-5888</i>	<i>Wendy Jenner</i>



PERMISSION FOR USE OF PROPERTY SHEET (If applicable)

Use this form to show the approval of the use of the project site from the property owner, school principal, city agency, etc. Attach as many as necessary.

PROJECT NAME	Grand Canal Lagoon - an Icon Reborn
APPLICANT	Bullona Institute (IA Center)

ENTITY OR NAME OF PERSON WHO CONTROLS USE OF THE PROPERTY	City of Los Angeles	TITLE	Arturo Pina / Los Angeles City Councilman Bill
FACILITY/BUSINESS NAME	Grand Canal Lagoon	PHONE	310-568-8772
SITE ADDRESS			
Washington Blvd. / Koygo Dr. south to hurricane			

Handwritten office

DESCRIPTION OF USE AND PERMISSION NEEDED FOR THIS SITE

see attached letter. We have had authorization thru the 11th District City Council Office & Mayor's Office of Volunteer Services to work on this site since October, 2009, and continue to do so, in collaboration with Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works.

An updated letter will be ~~forthcoming~~ ^{forthcoming} from CD-11 Council Office later this week, however this attached letter signifies authorization.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I declare in good faith that I own or am responsible for the named property. I understand that the applicant is seeking funding through the Venice Neighborhood Council. I grant the applicant permission to use the property for the implementation of the above named project. I understand that the project will begin after July 1, 2010.

see attached

SIGNATURE

DATE



BILL ROSENDAHL

City of Los Angeles
Councilmember, Eleventh District

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 Member, *Ad Hoc Homelessness*

September 22, 2009

SCWRP Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program
 Attn: Shawn Kelly
 124 Simi Avenue
 Oxnard, CA 93035

RE: Wetlands Restoration Grant

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I am writing to offer my full support of the Ballona Wetlands Institutes recent application for a grant via the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project.

Grand Canal Lagoon in Venice, California is not only an important tidal waterway, but also a key neighborhood feature that helps define our community. For far too many years Grand Canal lacked the proper attention and was blight in the community. I however am committed to the restoration of Grand Canal in Council District 11 and believe that Grand Canal Lagoon has the potential to become a vital habitat supporting native flora and fauna, including resident and migratory birds.

As work begins on the restoration of Grand Canal Lagoon, major improvements to both the environmental quality of the lagoon and to the aesthetics of the area are being made possible as the result of partnerships spearheaded by the Ballona Institute, the surrounding community and our city family.

I pledge full support of this restoration and hope that you will strongly consider Ballona Institute for a Wetland Restoration Grant. With Ballona Institute a true partner with my office and the City of Los Angeles as a whole, the commitment towards restoring Grand Canal Lagoon highlights how both non-profit and government agencies can come together for a cause that will benefit so many.

Regards,

BILL ROSENDAHL
 Councilmember, District 11
 City of Los Angeles

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February 24, 2010

Venice Neighborhood Council
Community Improvement Project

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Los Angeles native and resident of Venice for over 13 years I have witnessed dramatic changes in the landscape of our community. Throughout the years the Ballona Institute has been a consistent force behind what I believe are the best developments our neighborhood has seen. Their commitment to the community is apparent in their devotion to the ecosystem they protect and in their extensive educational outreach to local schools. The Ballona Institute is one of the few stewards of the local native habitat that so desperately needs protecting. I strongly urge you to support their efforts by awarding them funding so that they can continue their important work.

Sincerely,



Laura Alice