



August 29, 2016

Erica Sasman  
IRWM Grant Manager  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Watershed Management Division, 6th floor  
900 S. Fremont Ave.  
Alhambra, CA 91803

Dear Ms. Sasman,

Our mission is to build healthier, stronger and safer neighborhoods through the creation of urban parks and community gardens. Focusing on the most underserved areas, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust ("Land Trust") utilizes successful grassroots organizing, community leadership development and programming to create safe green spaces.

Not only is the Land Trust a community-based park developer, we build capacity among communities to manage these green spaces and we promote park equity through policy reform and leadership development. We work in park poor communities of color in the City of LA and in unincorporated areas of LA County. To date, the Land Trust has developed 24 parks and gardens adding over seven acres of green space to our region.

The Land Trust has established working relationships with partners located in the disadvantaged communities we serve. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("DPW") has been a committed partner of ours throughout the past 14 years. We recently learned DPW is issuing a Disadvantaged Community Involvement request for proposals and requires assistance shaping a list of activities required for the pre-application submittal.

The Land Trust is in a position to provide DPW with direct community input. We respectfully request \$2,500 to facilitate a meeting alongside DPW with participation from disadvantaged community residents. Funding will cover the costs of resident transportation, translation services, meeting materials, food and staff.

On October 22, 2016, the Land Trust will host a meeting with 50 residents who will participate in a discussion around Integrated Regional Water Management, which is at the center of the Disadvantaged Community Involvement request for proposals. The meeting will be held at MC Francis Community Garden and will include gardeners who tend to the site as well as members of our Park Equity Leadership Academy ("PELA").

Our PELA program consists of community leaders who are identified to participate in a 6-week course in order to build park equity advocates for civic engagement. Participants come

from highly impacted, underrepresented, disadvantaged communities and gain a well-rounded understanding of the issues affecting their neighborhoods. Furthermore, these resident leaders are trained to have policy level discussions, have worked with public agencies and have gained water conservation knowledge. DPW will benefit from engaging these resident leaders.

Leading up to the event, the Land Trust will:

- Schedule and host an initial meeting with DPW to create agenda for the community meeting;
- Conduct community outreach;
- Plan meeting logistics; and
- Facilitate the October 22, 2016 meeting.

The Land Trust's consider DPW a valuable partner in helping us achieve our mission. We would be pleased to facilitate a meeting for DPW this fall to help reach its goal to integrate regional water management. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 213-572-0191 or [abokde@lanlt.org](mailto:abokde@lanlt.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alina Bokde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alina Bokde  
Executive Director



*Budget prepared for:*

LA County Department of Public Works - Disadvantaged Community Involvement

<b>Category</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Actual Cost</b>
Staff		1	\$750.00	
Transportation		1	\$880.00	
Breakfast		1	\$440.00	
Korean and Spanish Translation		1	\$430.00	
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



# Pacoima Beautiful

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & ADVOCACY

September 8, 2016

Erica Sasman  
IRWM Grant Manager  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
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Alhambra, CA 91803

Dear Ms. Sasman,

Pacoima Beautiful, a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 1996 would like to submit a proposal for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program. Pacoima Beautiful (PB) is a resident-driven, community-based non-profit organization located in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. It is the only environmental health and justice organization in the area and reaches over 10,000 residents annually through its programs and events. Our mission is to empower community members through programs that foster a healthy and safe environment.

Over our 20 year history we have been successful in developing effective strategies to engage and advocate around environmental justice and health issues. Pacoima Beautiful's broad area of influence and established working relations and partnerships in the Northeast San Fernando Valley puts us in a position to provide direct community outreach to gather input to help shape the list of involvement activities that DWR requires for the pre-application submittal. We respectfully request \$2,500 to facilitate a meeting alongside Los Angeles County Department of Public Works with participation from Northeast San Fernando Valley residents. Funding will cover the costs of translation services, childcare, meeting materials, printing, food and staff.

The proposed community meeting will be on October 27, 2016. Pacoima Beautiful will host this meeting with 40 residents who will participate in a discussion around Integrated Regional Water Management.

Leading up to the event, the Pacoima Beautiful will:

- Schedule and host an initial meeting with DPW to create agenda for the community meeting;
- Conduct community outreach;
- Plan meeting logistics; and
- Facilitate the October 27, 2016 meeting.

Pacoima Beautiful would be pleased to facilitate this meeting if given the opportunity. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (818) 899-2454 ext. 100 or [vpadilla@pacoimabeautiful.org](mailto:vpadilla@pacoimabeautiful.org).

Sincerely,

Veronica Padilla  
Executive Director



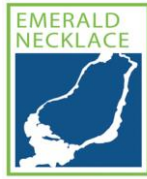
# Pacoima Beautiful

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & ADVOCACY

**Proposed Budget Prepared for:**

**LA County Department of Public Works – Disadvantaged Community Involvement**

Category	Quantity	Estimated Cost
Staff	2 organizers	\$860.00
Translation	1 professional	\$880.00
Childcare	2 hours	\$160.00
Food/Refreshments	40 people	\$450.00
Printing	100 flyers	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>



September 1st, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Amigos de los Rios, a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 2003 would like to submit a proposal for the Department of Water Resources' Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program. Amigos' mission is to create sustainable open spaces, strengthen community life, and preserve the environment in underserved areas of Southern California. Working closely with community members, we strategically partner to design, build, and restore high quality parks and open spaces for recreation and education, with a focus on the urban rivers and their tributaries. Amigos enhances the capacity of communities to protect their social and natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

Our overarching goal is to create a Los Angeles Basin-wide multi objective green infrastructure park and trail network keyed off of urban river corridors, washes and streams known as the Emerald Necklace. To realize this vision, we implement a suite of urban forestry and green infrastructure projects in L.A.'s primarily Latino and Asian Disadvantaged Communities, including El Monte, South El Monte, Baldwin Park, Temple City, Arcadia, and unincorporated areas of L.A. County, Whittier, Pico Rivera, West Covina, and South Gate. We engage robust community involvement from regional stakeholders, including a dedicated base of volunteer Emerald Necklace Stewards drawn from local communities. They donate time, effort and learn about watershed stewardship at weekly Green Infrastructure Stewardship Events, serving as next generation leaders and advocates for sustainable development. We hope to use leverage this community base to better understand and address broad spectrum water resources needs of East L.A.'s diverse underserved communities.

Proposed outreach timeframe would be September through the end of October. We intend to create a survey form and gather feedback from our extensive Emerald Necklace community connections at eight events as we inform stakeholders about opportunities for them to share their vision and water resources needs within Disadvantaged Communities. We would target outreach to approximately 4,500 people through our Constant Contact email marketing, website posting, Facebook, school focus groups and physical attendance at our weekly community volunteer Stewardship Program events. We would design and produce a DAC green infrastructure survey, which we would administer to attendees to our Saturday and Sunday community greening events, school community members and other stakeholders. Our Special focus is outreach out to School Districts, working with San Gabriel Valley Superintendents and key school community leaders to gather feedback on critical water resources issues within these communities. These direct interactions with an extensive and involved stakeholder base will allow us to conduct a needs assessment, gather and share meaningful key focal areas for water resource management with the County. The cost of this outreach would be \$2,500. (Please contact us for a detailed budget – which includes Staff, Printing Costs, and Constant Contact fees)

We look forward to discussing this opportunity with you further and would be delighted to collaborate with you on this very meaningful project and process which is core to our mission. We have fourteen years of experience in this arena of Watershed Protection and fostering Water Resources awareness through planning, outreach and project implementation in DAC communities.

Sincerely,

Claire Robinson,  
Managing Director