



Safe Clean Water Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program

ROUND 1 GRANTS

\$3,146,498.57

1 North East Trees

\$250,000

Central Alameda Stormwater Examination (CASE) Project

Funding will support the Central Alameda Stormwater Examination (CASE) project, which will catalyze a community- led outreach and design process for stormwater capture projects that utilize nature-based solutions to improve water quality, improve public health, and create career pathways for the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) of Central Alameda. They aim to engage over 2,500 residents through methods like door-to-door canvassing, attending community events, and outreach to local elementary schools to identify community needs and opportunities for nature-based solutions to stormwater management, using the information gleaned to help shape the community visioning and concept design process for identified project opportunities.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 2

2 Active San Gabriel Valley

\$250,000

San Gabriel Valley Water Action

Funding for this project will support water action and education in the San Gabriel Valley through community participatory action research, Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) educational events, and workforce/leadership development. Active San Gabriel Valley will lead over 15 tabling events, community bike rides, and public transportation adventures to natural areas within the watershed to increase local awareness of the SCWP. They will also hire three interns to provide them with skills-based training for watershed education and community outreach and engagement, additionally facilitating a cohort of youth and other community members to research real-world watershed topics that are relevant to their community, such as nature-based solutions or best management practices for projects in their neighborhoods. All activities will empower San Gabriel Valley residents, particularly youth, with knowledge and skills to engage with the SCWP and deepen their understanding of the watershed areas they call home.

Watershed Area(s): Upper San Gabriel River; Rio Hondo

Supervisory District: SD 1, SD 5

3 Pacoima Beautiful **\$250,000**

El Agua es Vida: Empowering Pacoima Residents to Innovate Scalable and Sustainable Water Solutions in their Community

Funding for this project will support Northeast San Fernando Valley local youth and adults to access education, leadership, and project development opportunities that will increase the community's understanding of stormwater capture projects and management systems while envisioning potential community-driven stormwater projects and solutions. Pacoima Beautiful will achieve these outcomes through two programs: Agua University and People's Collaborative Academy. Agua University is a leadership development program that will teach 30-40 local youth about environmental justice and environmental stewardship through educational workshops and fieldwork days. People's Collaborative Academy is a 10-week adult learning program designed to educate community members on the basics of urban planning and how to develop resilient projects to improve environmental and health outcomes. Residents who complete one of these programs will gather for a series of collaborative brainstorming sessions to envision stormwater projects that are responsive to their community needs, fostering a sense of community ownership and empowering them to create positive change.

Watershed Area(s): Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 3

4 The Nature Conservancy **\$250,000**

Leveraging Outreach and Engagement at the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration to Advance Safe Clean Water Program Goals

Funding for this project will support engagement with local communities to build trust and collaboration that will drive future stewardship of the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration, a SCWP funded project, and for educational activities focused on nature-based solutions and stormwater management in Los Angeles County. Through activities such as site tours, sustained engagement with local neighborhood councils, and Bowtie-specific outreach events focused on drawing in northeast Los Angeles residents, The Nature Conservancy aims to cultivate an active cohort of community members who will participate in active stewardship of the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration and continue to build trust with local communities who can benefit from the project for years to come.

Watershed Area(s): Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 1

5 TreePeople Inc. **\$250,000**

SCWP TreePeople Water Ambassador Initiative

Funding for this project will support the development and implementation of a Water Ambassador Program to recruit, train and deploy three Safe, Clean Water Program Ambassadors to advance program messaging, communication, engagement, and project

development for DACs in each of the following County regions: West San Fernando Valley, North San Fernando Valley, and Southeast Los Angeles.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River; Lower San Gabriel River; Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: All

6 Nature For All \$250,000

Nature for All's Community Base Building and Safe Clean Water Education Program in East San Fernando Valley, California

Funding for this project will support Nature for All to enhance and combine two of their existing programs: Community Ambassadors and Community Base Building, which includes community outreach, organization and advocacy. Community Ambassadors will help facilitate workshops and do outreach required to expand community education around local watersheds, teaching residents about the function and role of stormwater drainage systems and the watershed's connection to overall water quality conditions and climate resilience in their communities.

Watershed Area(s): Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 3

7 East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice \$249,985

People Protecting Water: H2Ours

Funding for this project will support East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice to create curriculum and provide educational workshops and field trips about water systems, water contamination, and examples of stormwater solutions for the communities they serve. They will foster community understanding of water issues relevant to local communities that will encourage civic engagement around projects that improve water quality, create stormwater capture solutions, and reduce drought issues.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River; Rio Hondo

Supervisory District: SD 1, SD 2, SD 4

8 Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians \$249,984

Tiüvac'a'ai (Healthy Lands) Program

This grant will support a Tribally led, culturally sensitive program to develop outreach materials, assess community needs, and create project concepts for 3-6 Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians communities, integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) with technical tools to foster new insights into water management issues and inspire community-led solutions.

Watershed Area(s): Santa Clara River; Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 3, SD 5

9 Amigos De Los Ríos**\$248,916.20****Emerald Necklace Watershed Discovery School Campuses - Tools and Knowledge Share**

Funding for this project will support Amigos De Los Rios to share their expertise in community-based design and implementation of “Watershed Discovery School Campuses” with a broader base of school stakeholders from up to eight school districts throughout the Los Angeles Basin who are interested in benefiting from the Safe Clean Water Program’s support in order to transform their public schools into multi- benefit campuses that protect water resources, manage stormwater, and provide significant climate change mitigation and meaningful benefits to school communities.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River; Lower San Gabriel River; Rio Hondo; Upper Los Angeles River; North Santa Monica Bay; South Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: All

10 Los Angeles Waterkeeper**\$211,355.12****LA Waterkeeper SCWP Community-Led Watershed Planning Proposal**

Funding for this project will support a series of trainings and symposiums aimed at engaging NGOs/CBOs/Tribes, municipalities and other ecosystem partners, coupled with undertaking general coalition and community engagement to help inform the SCWP watershed planning process (and other changes to the program, e.g., scoring rubric) to ensure that community-driven, multi-benefit, nature- based projects are competitive and prioritized moving forward to ensure all goals of the SCWP are fully met.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay; Lower Los Angeles River; South Santa Monica Bay; Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: All

11 East Side of the River Organization**\$210,000****Community Watershed Guardians Program**

Funding for this project will support the Community Watershed Guardians Program to organize community- powered concept development and deliver education, advocacy, engagement, organizing, and community art initiatives in Lynwood and the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Area, fostering local stewardship of water resources through promotora training, a community-designed mural reflecting watershed themes, and over ten hands-on community events ranging from students seminars to door-to-door canvassing engagements, that promote sustainable watershed management.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 4

12 Sustainable Claremont**\$161,488.25****Rain Gardens for Waterwise Education**

Funding for this project will support the establishment of 10 rain gardens across Claremont Unified School District (CUSD) to serve as interactive learning hubs on water conservation, watershed health, and sustainable water practices. By engaging students and families from nearby DAC Census tracts in Pomona, Montclair, and Upland, this project seeks to provide educational access for communities most affected by urban water issues, supporting stormwater capture improvements, reducing urban runoff pollution, and fostering a culture of community watershed stewardship.

Watershed Area(s): Upper San Gabriel River

Supervisory District: SD 5

13 Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy**\$160,000****Community Assessment and Project Development at Euclid Avenue Elementary and Arlington Heights Elementary/Johnnie Cochran Middle Schools**

Funding for this project will support assessing community priorities, developing parent and student climate leaders to connect with broader LAUSD climate efforts, and engaging in project concept development at Euclid Avenue Elementary School in Boyle Heights and Arlington Heights Elementary School/Johnnie Cochran Middle School in South LA, with the goal of completing a community-led project Technical Resources Program application for each site with the SCWP Regional Program by 2026 and creating a scaled-up workforce development pipeline for green jobs.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay; Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 1, SD 2

14 Council for Watershed Health**\$99,770****SCWP Watershed 101 - Physical and Digital Educational Resources**

Funding for this project will support the development of a) two physical 3D watershed models (regional and neighborhood level) that demonstrate the concepts focused on Los Angeles Region watershed processes and stormwater runoff, and b) a SCWP-specific centralized online resources library containing source files, curriculum, materials, and other tools focused on localized/regional water quality and water supply education, to be shared publicly and among partners.

Watershed Area(s): All

Supervisory District: All

15 **We Are R I S E Inc.**

\$55,000

FLOW: Future Leaders of Our Waterways

Funding for this project will support We Are RISE to empower 20 young girls over a year through four workshops on stormwater management, providing them with stipends and culminating in a public outreach campaign that promotes environmental awareness and calls for community action.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River; South Santa Monica Bay; Lower San Gabriel River; Central Santa Monica Bay; Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 2, SD 4

ROUND 2 GRANTS

\$3,008,789.78

1 North East Trees

\$250,000

Comprehensive Community Engagement for Elephant Hill Open Space and Stormwater Infrastructure Feasibility Study

Funding for this project will support a comprehensive community engagement process that ensures procedural equity by authentically elevating the voices of El Sereno residents and other community stakeholders in the Elephant Hill Open Space and Stormwater Infrastructure Feasibility Study, a funded Technical Resource Program (TRP) project through the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP). In collaboration with project partner Save Elephant Hill, North East Trees will develop and implement a community engagement plan to integrate diverse perspectives on community needs and priorities into the TRP study. This plan will include direct engagement events, such as door-to-door canvassing, local event tabling, community-wide input sessions, and digital engagement strategies. Additionally, they will educate and engage local agencies and elected officials about the project to deepen understanding of the project across all sectors of the public. This is a great match between the SCWP's TRP funding program and complementary grant support for robust community outreach.

Watershed Area(s): Upper LA River

Supervisory District: 1

2 LA Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)

\$250,000

Green Alley & Sidewalk Networks Community Engagement Project: Western Gage and Historic Filipinotown

Funding for this project will support engaging and educating community members in two disadvantaged Los Angeles communities in a conceptual design process to reimagine networks of neighborhood alleys and adjacent sidewalks, with the goals of enhancing water capture, improving water quality, increasing shade, and creating safer, more inviting pedestrian access to safe passages and green spaces. These two neighborhoods, Historic Filipinotown and the intersection of Western and Gage Avenues in South LA, provide strong opportunities for community engagement, as previously identified issues such as deteriorating infrastructure and flooding persist. Through site walks and community meetings in each neighborhood, LANI will engage community members in conversations about water management and discuss practical solutions to reduce stormwater runoff and retain water locally, identifying the best opportunities to bring green infrastructure improvements to these two in-need neighborhoods.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 1, SD 2

3 Physicians for Social Responsibility - LA

\$250,000

Our Water, Our Health – The Stormwater Edition

Funding for this project will support the development and implementation of an educational curriculum that will expand community knowledge on the connection between stormwater and public health and foster greater engagement in stormwater management. By convening a community advisory group to discuss strategies for addressing stormwater contamination issues in the LA River and hosting workshops and education sessions to gather feedback on community needs, environmental justice communities in Southeast LA will increase their knowledge of stormwater management and expand their capacity to engage with water issues that directly affect their lives.

Watershed Area(s): Lower LA River, Upper LA River, South Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 2, SD 4

4 Mujeres de la Tierra

\$219,286.78

MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation Project: Cultural Engagement and Education

Funding for this project will support outreach and education programs to engage Disadvantaged Communities in the MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation Project, a funded SCWP infrastructure project. Through a variety of programs, such as Telenovelas in the Park, pláticas (community discussions), and watershed education fieldtrips, Mujeres de la Tierra will enhance public knowledge and foster active participation of this SCWP project to encourage stewardship and improve project longevity for the benefit of all people who live, work, play, and learn in the surrounding communities.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 1

5 Los Angeles Community Garden Council

\$208,000

Community Garden Leaders as Nature and Community-Based Stewards

Funding for this project will support a 12-month leadership and capacity-building program that empowers 50+ peer-elected Community Garden Leaders as SCWP Stewards to enhance water conservation, design nature-based stormwater solutions, and engage over 2,000 garden members in resilient water management practices across 47+ community gardens in Los Angeles.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay, Rio Hondo, South Santa Monica Bay, Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: All

6 Special Services for Groups/API Forward Movement

\$203,000

Fremont Elementary School Multi-benefit Campus Greening Project

This grant will support the next phase of community-centered development and ongoing engagement of a multi-benefit campus greening project at Fremont Elementary School (FES). This project was first identified as a priority through API Forward Movement's (APIFM) participation in the ReDesignLA program. After conducting a robust first round of community engagement with the FES community during the 2023-2024 school year, APIFM will now continue these efforts by leading another community engagement process to incorporate priorities and feedback into the conceptual design. As they advance this project, they will continue to strengthen community understanding of stormwater and the SCWP by emphasizing the importance of green infrastructure that can create better places to learn while capturing water and mitigating extreme heat.

Watershed Area(s): Upper LA River

Supervisory District: SD 1

7 Black Women for Wellness

\$200,000

Uplifting Water Equity and its Connection to the Safe Clean Water Program

Funding for this project will support community engagement and public education directed at Black households across South LA about water equity and the role of stormwater management and the SCWP in addressing water inequity. Black Women for Wellness will develop and distribute public education materials, hold community meetings, and carry out canvassing and phone banking with local residents to increase community understanding about water equity, understand related community needs and challenges, and educate folks on the SCWP's role in addressing those challenges.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay, South Santa Monica Bay, Upper LA River

Supervisory District: SD 2

8 Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education

\$200,000

SCOPE Grassroots Water Academy

Support for SCOPE's Water Academy will allow grassroots participants to continue to engage in shared learning on how to manage stormwater runoff, envisioning a water-resilient future for South LA, and surveying neighbors on these issues; this includes continued education on topics that members are interested in, resource sharing for the broader community, and leadership development.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay, Upper LA River

Supervisory District: SD 2

9 City of Pasadena \$191,180

Jefferson Park Community Outreach and Project Visioning

Funding for this project will support the development and implementation of a public outreach plan for Jefferson Park in Pasadena, which will include underground and aboveground stormwater infrastructure and amenities and restoring green space and vegetation lost during the Eaton fires. This project will build public awareness of the project and the SCWP to foster a sense of ownership and local advocacy in community resilience and watershed stewardship, and to address post-fire environmental impacts.

Watershed Area(s): Rio Hondo

Supervisory District: SD 5

10 Communities for a Better Environment \$172,339

Water Defenders of Southeast Los Angeles

Funding for this project will support Communities for a Better Environment's Water Defenders Project, which will train community members to be informed advocates who are equipped to educate others on water quality issues and the SCWP. CBE will engage over 300 community members with the goal of improving water quality and public health through increasing community education, awareness and engagement around water quality and nature-based solutions in impacted communities, while increasing community understanding, advocacy, and overall stewardship of neighborhood green stormwater infrastructure that will help reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution over time.

Watershed Area(s): Lower LA River, Upper LA River

Supervisory District: SD 2, SD 4

11 Verdant Venice Group \$149,400

Venice Beach Watershed Workshops and Prioritization Maps

Funding for this project will support a minimum of three hands on watershed workshops and site visits to educate the Venice community on nature-based solutions and intervention techniques to capture stormwater, explore SCWP resources and involve them in creating neighborhood project maps, with the overall goal of connecting water and tree care in our community. Verdant Venice Group will engage renters, property owners, local businesses, and community groups to cultivate active stewardship of their neighborhood by increasing knowledge of SCWP resources and goals to help assess possible interventions based on impact to water quality, habitat, and community safety.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: 3

12 Friends of the Los Angeles River

\$132,676

The River Rover: Taking the Watershed to the People

Funding for this project will support the creation and permanent implementation of branded stormwater and watershed-specific education in FOLAR's River Rover mobile museum, the refurbishment and evolution of the Rover's accompanying watershed display, and the creation of two mobile watershed educational displays – all of which will educate LA County residents with a primary focus on those in the LA River watershed.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay; Lower Los Angeles River; Lower San Gabriel River; Rio Hondo; South Santa Monica Bay; Upper Los Angeles River; North Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: All

13 Water Education for Latino Leaders

\$131,611

WELL Watershed Learning Labs

Funding for this project will support the convening of local elected officials, specifically school leadership in Disadvantaged Communities in San Gabriel Valley and Southeast LA, to be educated on stormwater projects to lead toward multi-benefit programs that provide green space and green fracture in Disadvantaged Communities.

Watershed Area(s): Lower San Gabriel River, Upper San Gabriel River, Rio Hondo, Lower LA River

Supervisory District: SD 1, SD 4

14 Heal the Bay

\$125,000

Heal the Bay's Teaching the Teachers Program (Climate Science & Stormwater Solutions)

Funding for this project will support professional development opportunities benefiting approximately 60 LA County-based classroom teachers (K-12th grade, Title 1) to improve their proficiency in climate science and stormwater solution concepts in the context of LA County's water systems. Educating teachers about the relationship between climate change and stormwater infrastructure will introduce them to potential school greening solutions and inspire them to take action in their own school communities.

Watershed Area(s): Upper Los Angeles River; South Santa Monica Bay; Rio Hondo; Upper San Gabriel River; Lower San Gabriel River; Lower Los Angeles River; Central Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: All

15 Westwood Greenway**\$100,842****Nature-based Pollution Solutions from Our Neighborhood to Yours**

Funding for this project will support the refinement and implementation of an outreach and education program at the Westwood Greenway, so that people from across the county can see a nature-based SCWP project in action and learn best practices for watershed sustainability to take home with them.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: 3

16 Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains**\$99,956****Santa Monica Mountains Watershed Education & Field Programs**

Funding for this project will support thousands of students from across Los Angeles County to engage in Next Generation Science Standard-aligned watershed education programs, including educational field trips within the Santa Monica Mountains, that support local youth to become better stewards of the watershed to which they belong. Additional workshops for teachers will boost their knowledge of watershed function and help them connect their curriculum to watershed health and SCWP goals.

Watershed Area(s): North Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 3

17 Surfrider Foundation**\$95,500****Stewarding and Building Community Awareness of Nature-based Stormwater Solutions with the Surfrider Foundation's Ocean Friendly Gardens Program**

Funding for this project will support the Surfrider Foundation's Ocean Friendly Gardens program, a sustainable landscaping and education program that offers nature-based solutions to support clean water and resilient coastal communities. By hosting active stewardship events at various sites in LA County, Surfrider will engage community members in the active stewardship of neighborhood green stormwater infrastructure, build public awareness and understanding of stormwater management in LA County, and help community members envision and realize stormwater solutions in their own yards and neighborhoods.

Watershed Area(s): South Santa Monica Bay, Lower San Gabriel River, Central Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 2, SD 3, SD 4

18 City of Santa Clarita**\$25,000****Addressing Dry-Weather Runoff and Pollution: Community Education through Bilingual Media**

Funding for this project will support the creation and distribution of bilingual (English and Spanish) educational videos focused on prevention of pollution from dry-weather runoff, aligning with the SCWP goals to improve water quality, increase drought preparedness, promote water conservation, enhance public health, and engaging the community through education and collaboration with local partners.

Watershed Area(s): Santa Clara River

Supervisory District: SD 5

19 Southern California Community Empowerment Corporation**\$5,000****Youth Water Education and Advocacy**

Funding for this project will support educational summer tours and training for youth from within and around South Los Angeles to educate them about local water systems and how they can get involved. Each participant will attend three educational tour sites, led by a practitioner in the field.

Watershed Area(s): Lower LA River, South Santa Monica Bay, Upper LA River

Supervisory District: SD 2

ROUND 3 GRANTS

\$2,344,711.65

1 United Parents and Students

\$250,000

Groundwork: Building Community Voice in Clean Water Solutions

Funding for this project will support community engagement, outreach, and needs assessment activities led by United Parents and Students to increase awareness of the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) and support community-led stormwater solution development in historically underserved neighborhoods of South LA, Inglewood, and East LA. Engagement strategies include targeted one-on-one residential outreach, hosting walking tours and visual mapping activities to help residents connect the physical locations in their neighborhoods with green infrastructure opportunities, and hosting house gatherings that bring together neighbors in informal settings to talk about issues they care about. This project aims to lay the groundwork for community-generated project concepts and ensure that residents in historically under-resourced neighborhoods are prepared and empowered to shape the future of stormwater infrastructure in their communities.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River, South Santa Monica Bay, Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 1, SD 2, SD 4

2 Resource Media

\$250,000

Storytelling and Narrative-building for the Safe Clean Water Grants Program

Funding for this project will support communications and narrative-building work in partnership with Water Foundation and the grantees of the Safe Clean Water Grants Program (Grants Program). Working closely with Water Foundation staff and grantees, Resource Media will develop a narrative that tells the story of the Grants Program in a compelling, cohesive way. They will assist in content production and storytelling that brings to life the funded projects, working in partnership with grantees to determine their communications goals, strategies, and target audiences, and provide story production services to ensure that groups are able to convey their messages in the most strategic, impactful way possible and use any materials created in their ongoing organizational efforts. Resource Media brings a multicultural communications approach that aims to reduce language barriers, accurately represent community voices, affirm local wisdom, and navigate cultural sensitivities to create messages that resonate with diverse audiences.

Watershed Area(s): All

Supervisory District: All

3 Los Angeles Waterkeeper

\$248,580

Promoting Blue-Green Infrastructure: Identifying Synergies between Schoolyard Greening and Stormwater Capture in LA County

Funding for this project will support the development of targeted education materials, the organization and convening of a symposium, and delivery of educational presentations to promote and drive schoolyard greening initiatives that address stormwater on school campuses throughout LA County. This project's goal is to kick-start greater momentum for schoolyard greening and continue long-term dialogue and relationship building to expedite and expand schoolyard greening practices in LA County.

Watershed Area(s): All

Supervisory District: All

4 Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT)

\$242,000

Greening Koreatown Schools: Planning Stormwater Solutions for Climate Resilience and Community Empowerment

Funding for this project will support public education and community engagement to involve stakeholders in planning stormwater management and sustainable water solutions for three future school greening renovations in Koreatown at Alexandria Avenue Elementary, Cahuenga Elementary, and Harvard Elementary. This initial outreach marks the first phase of a long-term school greening effort. In collaboration with Koreatown Youth Community Center, LANLT will collect public input through activities such as visioning sessions with the school communities, interactive workshops and events that demonstrate the benefits of green stormwater infrastructure, and multilingual outreach campaigns in Korean, Spanish, and English. By integrating these approaches, this initiative will not only educate community members about stormwater solutions but also empower them to influence future schoolyard transformations.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 2, SD 3

5 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD)

\$206,635

SMMUSD Multi-Campus Watershed Discovery and Community-Based Green School Planning

Support for the SMMUSD Multi-Campus Watershed Discovery and Community-Based Green School Planning project will reach six schools to provide on-campus watershed education and community science experiences, field trips to the award-winning Heal the

Bay Aquarium and Beach Cleanup programs, and on-campus community led project concept development by Amigos de los Rios' natural infrastructure specialists using project-based learning to co-develop multi-benefit green campus concept designs that will inform future SCWP implementation applications.

Watershed Area(s): Central Santa Monica Bay; North Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 3

6 Tzicatl Community Development Corporation

\$196,000

Water Sovereignty and Cultural Resilience: Empowering Indigenous Communities through Education and Stewardship

Funding for this project will support a community-led design process and site assessment that incorporates rainwater and stormwater capture for ecosystem function and onsite irrigation at the Ya'anna Learning Village in Monterey Hills. This initiative aims to integrate Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge to enhance the ecological resilience of native plants and wildlife. It also aims to foster meaningful engagement with the Gabrielino Shoshone Nation, whose leadership is central to the vision of the Ya'anna Learning Village as well as with the broader community. This grant will also support the development of K-12 educational resources drawing from the Tribe's traditional knowledge and site assessment, which will highlight sustainable water practices while connecting tribal wisdom with modern green infrastructure solutions and environmental stewardship.

Watershed Area(s): Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 1

7 Day One

\$191,000

Living Infrastructure for All

Funding for this project will support resident engagement in Pico Rivera and the Rio Hondo watershed area through learning sessions, water tours, and resident attendance at WASC meetings. This project seeks to engage two main populations: high school youth and Spanish-speaking older adults, who will be brought into community through shared learning spaces, where they will have the opportunity to conceptualize living infrastructure in their own communities and increase their participation in the SCWP.

Watershed Area(s): Rio Hondo, Lower Los Angeles River, Lower San Gabriel River

Supervisory District: SD 1, SD 5

8 Willowbrook Inclusion Network

\$157,000

Community Intersections at Compton Creek: Where Safety, Creativity & Civic Engagement Meet

Funding for this project will support community-led project concept development along Compton Creek in Willowbrook through a variety of activities, such as hosting educational community workshops about stormwater and nature-based solutions, forming a community advisory group to guide project planning, facilitating interactive design workshops in partnership with Studio MLA, and publishing an educational podcast series informing community members about Compton Creek and its relevance to Willowbrook's environment. All activities seek to foster inclusive public spaces and promote climate resilience, community safety, and participation in the SCWP.

Watershed Area(s): Upper Los Angeles River, Lower Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 2

9 Los Angeles Walks

\$120,000

Voices of Wilmington: Community-Led Storytelling and Stormwater Solutions for Environmental Justice

Funding for this project will support community-led efforts to transform a vacant lot in Wilmington into a vibrant, multi-use public space that promotes environmental health, green stormwater infrastructure, active transportation, and community resilience. A key component of this initiative will be the development of a 6-episode Spanish-language podcast that captures and shares the voices of residents advocating for a healthier environment in this freight-impacted neighborhood. Collectively, this project's deliverables and outcomes aim to deepen community knowledge, elevate frontline voices, and advance healthier, more connected neighborhoods.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River, South Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 4

10 River in Action**\$93,599.08****Cool Schools and Flowing Futures**

Funding for this project will support a series of educational and engagement opportunities designed to increase public understanding of stormwater and urban runoff capture in Lower Los Angeles River communities, including Florence-Firestone, Maywood, South Gate, and Huntington Park. River in Action will lead a variety of engagement activities to accomplish this goal, including educational bird walks connecting residents to the LA River's role in stormwater capture and local ecosystems, tabling participation at local community events, and facilitating a student-driven visioning process for a school greening project in Florence-Firestone. By making SCWP principles interactive, locally relevant, and community-driven, they will ensure long-term engagement and understanding in the communities they serve.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River, Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 2, SD 4

11 City of Rosemead**\$79,925.57****Growing Green Communities: Collaborative Rain Garden Events**

Funding for this project will support community engagement via several collaborative rain garden events in partnership with the LA Conservation Corps, aimed at promoting native landscaping and educating community members about sustainable water practices. The City of Rosemead will organize additional workshops to educate community members on the SCWP and give participants context as to the importance of rain gardens and other best management practices in stormwater management and pollutant filtration. These workshops and events aim to foster community understanding of the SCWP and inspire active participation in ongoing environmental stewardship efforts.

Watershed Area(s): Rio Hondo

Supervisory District: SD 1

12 Council for Watershed Health**\$74,417****Puentes Lingüísticos hacia Futuros Verdes | Linguistic Bridges for Green Futures**

Funding for this project will support enhancing language accessibility for Spanish-speaking communities and community groups in Los Angeles County by addressing translation and interpretation gaps in environmental, climate, and green and water infrastructure terminology through the development of a public-facing bilingual Green

Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) glossary, facilitating language accessibility trainings open to agencies, nonprofits, engineering firms, and other partners in the field, and increasing access to interpretation equipment for use by CBOs and other community partners.

Watershed Area(s): All

Supervisory District: All

13 Test Plot Inc.

\$71,500

The Rainbow Canyon Community Resilience Project: Co-Design and Stewardship of a Degraded Urban Waterway

Funding for this project will support a community-led transformation of Rainbow Canyon, a long-neglected urban stream corridor in the Northeast LA community of Mount Washington. Through educational land stewardship events, Test Plot will engage local communities and provide education on nature-based solutions for watershed health to address the persistent runoff issues at the project site and begin developing a conceptual plan for Rainbow Canyon's revitalization, with the ultimate goal of transforming it into a model of watershed stewardship and climate resilience.

Watershed Area(s): Upper Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 1

14 Del Amo Action Committee

\$61,056

Dominguez Channel: A Community's Vision

Funding for this project will support the Del Amo Action Committee's Dominguez Channel focus group, who will lead outreach and community visioning efforts to address stormwater issues in the Torrance Lateral Channel, identifying potential open space opportunities currently affected by industrial pollution and stormwater runoff. Activities such as a walkability tour and community visioning and gathering events will advance the project concept development process, which is a community-identified project guided by the long-term goal of stewarding areas where stormwater flows through the community and building the next generation of community leaders to advocate for healthy neighborhoods.

Watershed Area(s): South Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 2

15 Algalita Marine Research and Education**\$50,000****Kayak Explorers: Watershed Education for Long Beach Youth**

Funding for this project will support an immersive, place-based watershed education program that engages 800 Long Beach Unified School District students and 100 educators in hands-on kayaking, water quality testing, and community science experiences in Alamitos Bay and the surrounding watershed. By grounding learning in the students' home watershed and creating tangible connections between streets, storm drains, and sea, this program helps participants see their role in the broader SCWP vision: one of cleaner water, healthier communities, and a more engaged public.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River, Lower San Gabriel River

Supervisory District: 4

16 Santa Monica Mountains Fund**\$43,000****State of the Watershed 2025: A Documentary**

Funding for this project will support a documentary that educates the public on water conservation, stormwater management and sustainable landscaping practices in Los Angeles. The film will address water quality improvement, increasing drought preparedness, and prioritizing nature-based solutions. The documentary will be followed by a community outreach event educating residents on sustainable watershed management practices so that they can contribute to a more resilient future.

Watershed Area(s): North Santa Monica Bay

Supervisory District: SD 3

17 Long Beach Roots of Unity**\$5,000****Rooted in Resilience: Community-Led Water Education at McBride Park Garden**

Funding for this project will support community gatherings, development of educational materials, and enhancements to the McBride Park garden space to safely educate residents about the SCWP, watershed health, stormwater, climate resilience, and other related topics as part of a larger visioning process to explore what this community garden might look like with the addition of stormwater features such as rain gardens and rain barrels.

Watershed Area(s): Lower Los Angeles River

Supervisory District: SD 4

18 Norwalk Unides**\$5,000****Concrete to Connections: Envisioning a Restored San Gabriel River**

Funding for this project will support Norwalk Unides' Concrete to Connections Program, which will launch a cohort of youth participants in Southeast Los Angeles County who will collectively learn about stormwater and nature-based solutions for restoration of the Lower San Gabriel River and contribute to an initial Community Plan on the River's future.

Watershed Area(s): Lower San Gabriel River

Supervisory District: SD 4