LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

GRANT APPLICATION TITLE PAGE

TITLE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM: Whittier Narrows Fishing Events 2013

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DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION: Department of Parks and Recreation
[As it appears on (501) (c) (3) IRS Letter] (If applicable)

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CITY: South El Monte STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 91733

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AMOUNT REQUESTED: 1,500 pounds of fish for event scheduled December 7, 2013

AUDITED TOTAL INCOME: _____ AUDITED TOTAL EXPENSES: _____

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING _____ AND ENDING _____

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: 3-20-2013

Note: Please complete this title page and attach all grant application materials prior to submission. If you have any question you may contact the Fish and Game Commission staff at (213) 974-1431.

For all areas that are not applicable, please indicate N/A in area.

One Page Project Summary

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, also known as Legg Lake, is requesting funding from the County of Los Angeles Fish and Game Commission for the purpose of providing a youth and family fishing event at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. The funding will be utilized Saturday, December 7, 2013.

The site is located at:
Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, Legg Lake, 751 South Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

Funding will be used to purchase:
1,500 pounds of trout for the "Fishing With Santa Event" held in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Game, Fishing In The City, December 7, 2013

This program is designed to provide a free family oriented recreation activity to the residents of Los Angeles County, while offering environmental education, enhancing the interest of fishing for at-risk youth and outdoor exercise experience for the entire family.

Background on Applicant:

Purpose and goals:

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, Whittier Narrows Recreation Area's mission is to meet the diverse leisure needs and recreational interests of more than two million residents of Los Angeles County that utilize the 1,400 acres of Whittier Narrows annually. This unique facility is comprised of many special interest areas with three lakes and approximately 77 acres of water surface.

Brief summary of current activities:

Whittier Narrows currently provides a Junior Fishing Club, an overnight family fishing event and "Fishing with Santa" event. This facility offers an enjoyable opportunity to residents of all ages by providing the community open space to enjoy family picnics, fish, walk, jog or ride on equestrian trails. Whittier Narrows also provides low cost community special events, organized sports programs and hobby activities throughout the year.

Geographic area served:

The County parks and programs are open to everyone without regard to race, ethnicity, income level or place of residence. Local parks are generally considered to have a service radius of 1/2 to 2 miles, while regional parks draw participants from areas that are remote from the park. The Department's vast resources include more than 65,000 acres of public open space and recreational areas.

Major sources and dollar amounts of corporate, foundation and government support during current and past fiscal year:

Each year, Whittier Narrows Recreation Area maintains its park facilities through a combination of Department General Fund monies, user fees, donations, sponsorships, grants and endowments. Low cost community based events are dependent on sponsorships and donations to enable the facility to offer these events to residents. There is no Department funding for the community-based recreation programs, such as fishing events at Whittier Narrows. One of this facilities main objective is seeking additional funding to enhance community programming at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and to continue providing inner-city fishing to the public.

History of all grants received from the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission:

2002 - $5,000.00; 2003 - $5,000.00 for the Whittier Narrows "Overnight Fishing Events"

2004 - $ 2,500.00; 2006 - $ 2,500 - "Overnight Fishing Events

2007 - $ 2,500.00 - "Youth Fishing Derby"

2011 - $2,500.00 - "Jr. Fishing Club"

2012 - $3,000.00 - Youth Fishing events held in April and December

Project Information

Statement of justification of need:

In addition to recreational services provided to low or no cost to the patrons, this facility offers the public valuable learning opportunities by; providing fishing clinics, free rod and reel loans, free bait and volunteers to assist the youth in learning fishing techniques or answer any questions that the inner-city youth might have about the catch and release practice, identification of types of fish and any other questions they may have to enhance their enjoyment of fishing. Legg lake is located in a urban setting, located many miles from any other public fresh or ocean fishing facilities. Whittier Narrows is one of the few locations that provide an opportunity for fishing to inner-city youth.

Statement of purpose and goals:

Fishing events at County parks allows the Department to offer an additional recreation activity to the residents of Los Angeles County. Youth fishing clubs, fishing events and recreational fishing give urban dwellers the opportunity to experience the "rural" sport of fishing, while allowing the Department to control the quality and quantity of fish available for public fishing activities.

Action plan to meet objectives:

By obtaining additional funding, Whittier Narrows Recreation Area will work with the Department of Fish and Game, Fishing in the City program and provide at no cost a safe fishing event emphasizing the joys of fishing.

Statement of how the objectives advance the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife:

Through collaboration with the Fish and Game Commission, Whittier Narrows would be enhancing the education of propagation and protection of fish and wildlife through the learning stations operated during the fishing events. Only through education can we ensure the proper respect for the future of wildlife and fish. Moreover, by stocking the lakes with additional fish, we contribute to the balance and maintenance of the fish population at Legg Lake.

Project budget and timetable:

The total cost of the program for Fiscal 2011 - 2012 is $10,000.00. The fees cover administrative costs, advertising, hotdog lunch for participants, free bait, prizes for the raffle and indirect costs incurred from the program. One of the most valuable cost savings is the dedication of over ten volunteers that stay overnight to secure the recently stocked fish and the 20 volunteers that provide the technical support and man the educational stations during the event.

Sources of other support for project:

Currently, we are seeking additional sponsors, but continue to seek donations via mail to various sporting good stores and bait and tackle stores.

Program Name: Whittier Narrows "FISHING WITH SANTA" EVENT

Program Description:
The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation scheduled a day of fishing for the youth at Whittier Narrows Legg Lake on Saturday, December 1, 2012. Lake was stocked (courtesy of Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission) immediately prior to the event in order to assure a successful fishing event.

Activities included demonstrations and clinics to learn the basics of fishing, fly fishing and competitive fishing. Rod and reel loan was available,(courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Game Fishing in the City program) prizes were raffled throughout the day.

Standards of Service:

Two (2) Recreation Services Supervisor
Four (4) Recreation Services Leaders
One (1) Permanent Cashier
One (1) Recurrent Cashier
Two (2) Grounds Maintenance Worker I
One (1) Grounds Maintenance Worker II
One (1) Senior Grounds Maintenance

Expenditures

Whittier Narrows Park Staff	$ 2,233.00
Food	$ 1,100.00
Raffle prizes	$ 300.00
Total Expenses	$ 3,633.00

Current status of project:

Currently, a special recreation fund has been set up to assist in funding of recreational programming. However, funding is not sufficient enough to cover total expenses and additional donations, both in-kind and monetary are being sought.

Cash flow analysis of the expenditure of project funds:

This years budget is based on the total cost of expenses from last years "Fishing with Santa" event and projected increase based on registered participants over the years.

Proposed method of evaluating results:

The number of participants will be the major measurement of success. In addition, a registration form to be filled out by participants which will enable in monitoring number of participants, age group, first time participants and rod and reel borrowers. Dollar value of in-kind goods, materials and volunteers time will be an indicator form of money saved.

Plans for funding on-going project (if applicable):

Whittier Narrows staff continues to seek sponsorship from major sporting good stores, department stores and youth oriented organizations are all being approached to support the "Fishing with Santa" event.

Please Attach the Following Supporting Documents, if applicable:

- Copy of the Latest IRS Determination Letter of Tax Exempt Status under Section 501(c) (3)
- Organization's Most Recent Audited Financial Statement
- Organization Most Recent IRS Form 990