

BANNING’S LANDING EDUCATION PROGRAM

PROJECT APPLICANT: Friends of Banning’s Landing

CONTACT: Friends of Banning Landing: Mary Werk, Board President or designee
RFK Institute Community Health Program: Dominga Pardo, Executive Director and
Dr. Peter Rivera, Program Director

SUBMITTED UNDER THE CATEGORY: Educational, Arts, and Athletic Facilities

PROPOSED PROJECT: The Friends of Banning’s Landing formed partnerships with the Department of Cultural Affairs, Mariachi Music Program, Los Angeles Harbor College Connectivity Program, Folklorico Classes, and Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Institute Community Health Program to propose a 5-year programming plan for Banning’s Landing. Only the RFK Institute Community Health Program is being recommended for funding due to State Lands staff review of the proposal.

The RFK Institute Community Health Program has operated in the harbor community since 1992 by facilitating access to free or low-cost health and social/human services in a culturally competent, accessible, and professional manner. In 2007, the RFK Institute provided health, social, educational, and human services to more than 3,700 low-income and underserved individuals. Outreach services reached 11,370 people. Through this funding, the RFK Institute will unveil the LA Port Public Health Project, which will focus on positively impacting public health as it related to the ports. The RFK Institute proposes 40 health workshops annually, along with a health fair.

The RFK Institute will organize a city health conference, a county health conference, and state health conference. The RFK Institute will provide experts in pulmonary, circulatory, coronary, and environmental health to deliver the public health workshops and health summits.

PROJECT LOCATION: Banning’s Landing, Wilmington

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$3,647,472

PCAC RECOMMENDED AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

STATE LANDS COMMISSION POSITION: Under the following conditions, the Community Health program is generally consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine and statutes. The Community Health project component of the Friends of Banning’s Landing proposal will focus on impacting public health as it relates to the region’s waterways. The five year project anticipates offsetting health disparities occurring in the communities that surround the Port. The attendance of the workshops and health fairs must be expanded to include a statewide audience. The Harbor Department may fund health education as it relates to impacts from port operations.

STAFF ASSESSMENT: The RFK Institute Community Health Program at Banning’s Landing is a project that staff believes is appropriate to be funded under the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation program because it is consistent with the requirements of projects identified in section VIII.B.3 of the Amended Stipulated Judgment and has demonstrated support from the State Lands Commission. The goal of the project is to mitigate health effects as they relate to the Port. The RFK Institute is a non-profit organization already operating within the community and has demonstrated the ability to facilitate health programs within the community.

L.A. HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT

APPLICANT: Cabrillo Beach Boosters

CONTACT: Gary G. Dwight

SUBMITTED UNDER THE CATEGORY: Landscaping and Beautification

PROPOSED PROJECT: The Los Angeles Harbor Lighthouse also known as the Angel's Gate Lighthouse has been in the Port since 1913 and was listed on the Register of National Historic Places' inventory in 1980. The lighthouse is operated and maintained by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) whose funding only ensures that the navigation light and the foghorn remain operative and in compliance with Federal navigation rules. In addition to being an operating lighthouse, Angel's Gate is an icon of Los Angeles and the harbor area. In September 2008, the lighthouse structure was evaluated by the USCG's lighthouse engineering section. The renovation cost was determined to be \$1.8M to \$2.2M.

The Cabrillo Beach Boosters is a non-profit organization established in June of 1992. The Boosters, working in collaboration with the LA Harbor Yacht Club, the Friends of the Angel's Gate Lighthouse, and other area citizens, will manage the project. The Boosters will enter into a licensing agreement in conjunction with the USCG's Eleventh District to conduct the structural and aesthetic restoration of the lighthouse. The Cabrillo Beach Boosters is also committed to using materials and labor from the harbor area as feasible.

PROJECT LOCATION: End of the federal breakwater at Cabrillo Beach (aerial view attached).

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$1,800,000 to \$2,200,000

PCAC RECOMMENDED AMOUNT: \$1,800,000

STATE LANDS COMMISSION POSITION: Staff finds that the project is generally consistent with uses authorized under the Public Trust Doctrine. Although the lighthouse is not located on Port property, staff finds that by use and connection with the Port and Port operations it is appropriate for trust funds to be utilized for the structural and aesthetic restoration of the lighthouse.

STAFF ASSESSMENT: The renovation of the Los Angeles Harbor Lighthouse is a project that staff believes is appropriate to be funded under the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation program because it is consistent with the requirements of projects identified in section VIII.B.3 of the Amended Stipulated Judgment and has demonstrated support from the State Lands Commission. The Cabrillo Beach Boosters have demonstrated the ability to raise funds and manage projects such as the annual Fourth of July celebration at Cabrillo Beach and have successfully rallied the community behind projects like the Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse.



TALL SHIP RESTORATION FOR YOUTH PROGRAM EXPANSION

APPLICANT: Los Angeles Maritime Institute

CONTACT: Jim Gladson or Ed Steiner

SUBMITTED UNDER THE CATEGORY: Educational, Arts, and Athletic.

PROPOSED PROJECT: Funds are requested to complete the restoration of the *Swift of Ipswich* a seventy-year-old wooden Square Topsail Schooner owned by the Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI) and used in the Topsail Youth Program since 1992. It was taken out of service to repair. The restoration is 40% completed and work will continue as funding is available. Due to a matching grant which was awarded to LAMI in 2008, the first \$560,000 of these funds will be matched (doubled). The combined amount will allow LAMI to re-launch the vessel. The remainder of funds will be applied to the cost of vessel re-commissioning and re-certification by the U.S. Coast Guard and to fund the first two years of TopSail Youth Program and dockside program for the youth of Wilmington. LAMI will manage the restoration of the *Swift* and be responsible for its future operation and maintenance. The *Swift* is expected to be returned to service in the first half of 2010.

PROJECT LOCATION: Restoration work will be accomplished in Long Beach at the Gambol Industry yard and, once completed, the vessel will return to the Port of Los Angeles, Berth 86, with dockside programs at Banning's Landing.

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$771,000

PCAC RECOMMENDED AMOUNT: \$771,000

STATE LANDS COMMISSION POSITION: In order for the Port to fund this proposal, the LAMI program must not only be made available to the regional or statewide public, but must be promoted or advertised at a statewide, or at least, regional level. For Port funds to be used to restore the vessel there can be no general education curriculum taught on the vessel and programs must be advertised to a wider audience.

STAFF ASSESSMENT: The restoration of the *Swift of Ipswich* and expansion of the TopSail dockside program is a project that staff believes is appropriate to be funded under the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation program because it is consistent with the requirements of projects identified in section VIII.B.3 of the Amended Stipulated Judgment. There will be no general curriculum taught on the vessel and the program is already advertised statewide and serves a statewide audience. LAMI is an institution with a long history of serving youth through their successful TopSail Program. LAMI will be responsible for the completion of the restoration and implementation of the program. They have the ability to carry out the work as proposed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends award of \$771,000 to LAMI to complete the project with LAMI to provide a detailed accounting of expenditures.



SWIFT OF IPSWICH

WILMINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN

APPLICANT: Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: Dan Hoffman, Executive Director

SUBMITTED UNDER THE CATEGORY: Landscaping and Beautification.

PROPOSED PROJECT: Funds are requested to purchase and install an electronic message board which will be owned and maintained by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. The board will be used to promote public events such as meetings, fairs, festivals, grand openings, and other public advisory notices. The Chamber will announce Port events as requested by port staff. In addition to the sign, the Chamber will take steps to

PROJECT LOCATION: The sign will be located at the southeast corner of Anaheim Street and Avalon Boulevard.

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$50,000

PCAC RECOMMENDED AMOUNT: \$50,000

STATE LANDS COMMISSION POSITION: State Lands Commission staff determined that, as described in the proposal, the project fails to demonstrate how the how the sign will serve a statewide benefit and is inconsistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

STAFF ASSESSMENT: The proposal failed to demonstrate how the Harbor Department would use the sign to promote the Port of Los Angeles; however, the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to allow the Harbor Department to use the sign to promote activities in the Port. Keeping in mind that all revenue generated by the Harbor Department must be expended for purposes that promote the Public Trust or are consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine, staff feels that this sign will be an asset to the Harbor Department and expending the money to purchase it is an appropriate use of the fund. The Harbor Department will promote events, such as the Lobster Festival, fountain events, waterfront grand openings, Winter Wonderland, ship arrivals and departures, and others. The sign could also be used to promote the Department's website and cable program. The new sign will also say "Port of Los Angeles" on it. The Chamber of Commerce will be responsible for the acquisition, installation, and maintenance of the sign.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends award of \$50,000 to the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce as requested.



Existing Sign located at the southeast corner of Anaheim Street and Avalon Blvd.

ELEMENTARY STORM DRAIN EDUCATION PROGRAM

APPLICANT: Kennedy Communications

CONTACT: Maria Elena Kennedy

SUBMITTED UNDER THE CATEGORY: Educational, Arts, and Athletic.

PROPOSED PROJECT: The proposed project is an education program where Kennedy Communications will go into local schools to teach students about Storm Drains and water pollution. The presentations will target grades 4 through 12. The curriculum will be presented by Tracy Quinn, an environmental engineer and Cornell graduate, experienced with working with at-risk youth. Collateral materials will be developed (in English and Spanish) and presented as “kits” to the schools for ongoing study. Curriculum will cover the following areas:

Watershed Education: The goal is to teach children about the relationship of the Dominguez Watershed and the Bay of San Pedro and emphasize why their actions can positively or negatively impact local water quality as well as the water quality in the harbor. Collateral materials would be developed in partnership with other water education groups (Heal the Bay, UC Irvine Water Research Institute, and Department of Public Works).

Non-point Source (NPS) Pollution: NPS pollution is from rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground, depositing debris and pollution in rivers, wetlands, coastal water, and underground drinking water sources. NPS and control measures that can be that be exercised by the general population will be discussed.

Environmental Justice: Students will explore topics in environmental justice such as whether or not the community has a voice in land use decision making which can affect their health and well being. Through role playing in hypothetical scenarios where students belong to a community which is deciding on the value of proposed projects. Students will explore concepts such as economic development vs. pollution.

Educational Resources: In partnership with school librarians, resources will be made available in English and Spanish which cover various environmental science topics.

In addition to classroom instruction, high-schoolers and local business owners will be given opportunities to participate in community clean-ups through the Adopt-a-Stormdrain organization.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project will take place at multiple schools in Wilmington (elementary and high schools). Specific list has not yet been provided.

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$75,000

PCAC RECOMMENDED AMOUNT: \$75,000

STATE LANDS COMMISSION POSITION: The Port may fund the education component of the program as it relates to water pollution associated with Port activities. Community clean-up activities may be funded by the Port if the clean-up occurs on lands under the jurisdiction of the Port. Clean up actions outside of the Port's jurisdiction must be funded by other sources.

STAFF ASSESSMENT: The Dominguez Watershed has direct impacts on the Port's water quality. An educational program that brings this information to the public and provides opportunities to participate in clean-ups could have positive impacts in the Port and community. The applicant plans to reach out to members of the community who are currently underserved. The Storm Drain education program is a project that staff believes is appropriate to be funded under the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation program because it is consistent with the requirements of projects identified in section VIII.B.3 of the Amended Stipulated Judgment and has demonstrated general support from the State Lands Commission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends award of \$75,000 to Kennedy Communications with Kennedy Communications to provide a plan and schedule of school presentations and organized cleanups as well as an accounting of expenditures.

WILMINGTON MARINA PARKWAYS

APPLICANT: Wilmington Boat Owners Association

CONTACT: Donna Ethington

SUBMITTED UNDER THE CATEGORY: Open Space and Parks

PROPOSED PROJECT: As proposed, the project entails moving an existing 30 foot berm 200 feet away from Shore Road and Anchorage Road to create a 9-acre public parkway and to increase an existing ¼-acre salt marsh to ½-acre. The parkway would consist of low maintenance, indigenous grass, 50 dense foliage trees, 50 indigenous trees (including 16-20 shade trees and 8-10 mixed variety flowering species), relocating existing hedges as individual bushes, replace existing sprinklers with a smart irrigation system, install sidewalk along Anchorage and Shore Roads, creating a parking lot along Shore road, creating a small plaza area along Anchorage Road, creating jogging trails spanning the entire parkway, installing benches and trash receptacles, and widening 50 feet of Anchorage Road.

PROJECT LOCATION:

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$2,000,000

PCAC RECOMMENDED AMOUNT: \$1,455,971

STATE LANDS COMMISSION POSITION: Staff finds that this project is generally consistent with uses authorized under the Public Trust Doctrine. It is important to emphasize that the facility welcome users from the entire state, as opposed to exclusively the local communities.

STAFF ASSESSMENT: As proposed, the applicant's estimate of the entire landscaping project is \$13,800,000. Only \$2,000,000 was requested from the aesthetic mitigation fund, because the fund is viewed as the public's money and by recommending this project for approval, the public is demonstrating their support for the project which will induce the Harbor Department to fund the remaining balance. At this time the Department will not be allocating additional funding to landscape the area because the future of the area is not yet determined. The Department intends to stop using the location for dredge material storage. Until plans are developed for the future reuse of the area, the implementation of this landscaping project may allow the marina community and others to have access to the landscaped area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that department staff work with the applicant to re-scope the project in consideration of fiscal constraints and design and construct the project with the PCAC recommended amount of \$1,455,971.



Marina Parkway Rendering.