



Proposal Approval Summary Form

This form must be completed, returned to the Grants Office, and reviewed by President's Cabinet before submitting a grant proposal. If you have any questions regarding this form or the proposal development process, please contact the Grants Office at grants@mtsac.edu.

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Funding Opportunity Details

Opportunity Name	Environmental Justice for California's Environment and Communities Fund		
Sponsoring Agency	Rose Foundation		
Pass-through Entity (if applicable)			
Sponsor Type	☐ Local ☐ State ☐ Federal ☒ Private		
Proposal Type	☒ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Resubmission ☐ Amendment		
Submission Deadline	June 18, 2026		

Funding Amount	\$50,000	Project Duration	1 year
Proposed Start Date	10/1/2026	Proposed End Date	9/30/2027

Does the opportunity require 501(c)(3) status?	☒ Yes ☐ No	If yes, the project team must coordinate the submission with the Mt. SAC Foundation.
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Are indirect costs allowed? (check appropriate box)	☐ Yes ☒ No	Indirect Cost Rate (if applicable)	
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Is match required? (check appropriate box)	☐ Yes ☒ No	Match Amount (if applicable)	
If match is required, how do you intend to satisfy this requirement?			

Project Summary

Use the following prompts to provide an overview of the proposed project. If desired, attach additional information to this form.

Project Description What need will the project address? What activities will be implemented?	The Mt. SAC Wildlife Sanctuary is a strong candidate for the Rose Foundation environmental grant, integrating pollution prevention, restoration, habitat protection, education, fire prevention, and community stewardship in a visible campus setting. The project addresses four key areas: 1) pollution prevention by raising awareness of downstream pollutants through water testing and a community flyer illustrating water sources, pollutant pathways, and stewardship actions; 2) restoration and protection through native and pollinator plantings, a desert teaching ecosystem, bee boxes, Traditional Ecological Knowledge partnerships, and wildlife monitoring to support Bee Campus goals; 3) environmental compliance by educating campus and community audiences on watershed impacts and reinforcing stewardship and fire-safe practices through tours, materials, and signage; and 4) education and emergency preparedness by expanding hands-on learning and partnering with the Mt. SAC Fire Academy to replace invasive species with native plants, reducing fire risk and strengthening long-term resilience.
Expected Outcomes What are the project's expected benefits/outcomes?	The project is expected to increase community awareness of how stormwater, trash, and pollutants enter the Wildlife Sanctuary through downstream flows. Water testing will be conducted by students so that they can analyze water quality before and after measures are implemented. A community flyer will help explain these pollution pathways and encourage actions that reduce pollution before it reaches the Sanctuary. The project will also improve habitat by removing invasive plants, adding native and pollinator-friendly plantings, creating a desert ecosystem, and installing bee boxes to support native bees. These efforts will benefit pollinators, birds, and wildlife while creating hands-on learning opportunities for students and visitors. By conducting these activities, the project will also help reduce fire risk by pairing invasive plant removal with native habitat restoration.
Partners If applicable, list partners and their roles in the project. Will Mt. SAC issue sub-awards?	The project will not issue sub-awards. Mt. SAC Wildlife Sanctuary Co-coordinators will oversee the project's implementation and coordination and lead community outreach efforts and Bee Campus certification alignment. Additionally, Wildlife Sanctuary co-Coordination will convene and collaborate with college students, faculty, and departments, including Mt. SAC Sustainability P4 Committee, Mt. SAC Fire Academy, and the First Peoples Native Center. Externally, partnerships include the Gabrielino-Shoshone Tribal Partnership for technical guidance on Traditional Ecological Knowledge, native plant relationships, pollinator habitat, and culturally grounded stewardship practices and community members and local partners for engagement through outreach, education, volunteer activities, and pollution prevention awareness.
Budgetary Needs Describe the project's budgetary needs. For personnel, specify type(s). For faculty reassignment/overload requests, specify the names and planned allocation of time.	The project's budget includes \$50,000 to support personnel (student assistants/interns), supplies and materials, contracted services with the Gabrielino-Shoshone for Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), and other operating expenses necessary to carry out project activities and achieve the intended outcomes. Please refer to the attached budget for more detail.
Sustainability Plan What is the plan for continuing grant activities beyond the project period?	Beyond the grant period, Mt. SAC will maintain and enhance restored areas through ongoing Sanctuary stewardship, student engagement, faculty-led learning, and campus sustainability programming. Native plantings, pollinator habitat, and bee boxes will be monitored as part of Bee Campus certification efforts. The People, Planet, Prosperity Partnership (P4) will pursue additional funding and partnerships with agencies, environmental organizations, Tribal and Indigenous partners, and community groups to sustain restoration, education, and outreach.

Assurances

- ☒ As the Project Lead, I acknowledge the responsibility associated with this role and will conduct the proposed project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the sponsoring agency and the policies of the College.
- ☒ If the proposal described herein is funded and accepted by the College, I will be responsible for meeting the requirements of the award, including, but not limited to, providing the proper stewardship of sponsored funds and submitting all required progress reports and deliverables on a timely basis.
- ☒ If sponsored funds are used for personnel, I understand that the College makes no ongoing commitment beyond the project period.
- ☐ Where funds are requested for lecture hour equivalents, I have reviewed this request with my Educational Administrator, and they support the reassignment/overload request.

 Signature of Project Lead	Tyler Flisik 2026.06.11 08:46:47 -07'00' Date	6/11/2026 Date	Professor, Biology Title
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Approval

Approvals represent general approval of details outlined in the project summary, but they do not represent specific approval of personnel titles, classifications, salary rates, or other issues governed by College policy and collective bargaining agreements.

Denise Bailey Signature of Responsible Administrator	Digitally signed by Denise Bailey Date: 2026.06.11 10:36:26 -07'00' Date	6/11/26 Date	Dean, Natural Sciences Division Title
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Kelly Fowler, Ph.D. Signature of Responsible Vice President	Digitally signed by Kelly Fowler, Ph.D. Date: 2026.06.11 12:20:33 -07'00' Date	6/11/26 Date	Vice President, Instruction Title
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Review by President's Cabinet

Date of Review	☐ Approved ☐ Conditionally Approved ☐ Denied
Comments	

DRAFT - Rose Foundation Environmental Justice Budget Request

Personnel	
Student assistants/interns to assist with project activities: 750 hours x \$19.50/hour plus workers' compensation (1.38%)	\$ 14,825
<i>Total Personnel</i>	<i>\$ 14,825</i>

Supplies and Materials	
Soil amendments and mulch	\$ 1,000
Native plants and seed mix	\$ 5,000
Pollution prevention community flyer	\$ 500
Habitat installation supplies	\$ 2,000
Materials for the desert ecosystem demonstration area	\$ 6,500
Bee boxes and native bee habitat materials	\$ 1,675
Supplies for water testing	\$ 4,000
<i>Total Supplies and Materials</i>	<i>\$ 20,675</i>

Contractual	
Contracted services with Gabrielino-Shoshone to provide technical guidance on Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)	\$ 5,000
<i>Total Contractual</i>	<i>\$ 5,000</i>

Other Operating Expenses	
Bee Campus USA designation fee	\$ 500
Educational signage	\$ 2,500
Wildlife Corridor pilot research	\$ 500
Invasive plant removal and fire prevention support	\$ 6,000
<i>Total Other Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 9,500</i>

Total Costs	\$ 50,000