



OPENING THE OUTDOORS 2016 GRANTEES



OUTDOOR OUTREACH

Outdoors Voices Youth Leadership Initiative – \$58,757



The project will teach diverse young adults to become outdoor instructors, role models and advocates for increased outdoor access in underserved San Diego communities. In partnership with Center on Policy Initiatives,

the organization will host after-school and weekend skill-building programs for more than 1,000 low-income youth. The project will also include ten pilot environmental programs that partner with schools, social service agencies and healthcare providers to specifically target and support at-risk youth.

ENDANGERED HABITATS CONSERVANCY

Crestridge Ecological Reserve / Conserved Open Space Engagement and Expansion – \$50,957



Through a partnership with Earth Discovery Institute, the project will engage with more than 330 students in environmental education, habitat restoration and open space interpretive activities. Endangered Habitats Conservancy will

also focus on new land preservation and policy initiatives that enhance local conservation and outdoor access.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COALITION

Expanding Outdoor Opportunities in National City and Barrio Logan – \$54,000



The project will increase outdoor recreational and educational opportunities for youth by informing expansion of two National City parks, Paradise Creek and Pepper Park, and advancing plans for a new park in Barrio Logan. Working with Paradise

Creek Education Park Inc. and Barrio Logan College Institute, the organization will engage with residents throughout the park development process to prioritize community involvement and safety.

4WALLS INTERNATIONAL

Imperial Beach People's Parks Project – \$50,000



In partnership with Wild Willow Farm and Border Education Program, the project will transform a blighted urban lot in Imperial Beach into accessible gathering places through youth activation, community engagement and

public programming. During the process, the project will engage more than 100 youth, 80 volunteers and 150 residents through community meetings and build workshops.

SAN DIEGO CANYONLANDS

Chollas Creek Trails & Restoration Project - \$47,951



The project will restore the habitat around Chollas Creek to create safe, sustainable access for community members. By teaching at-risk youth the techniques of conservation and restoration, San Diego Canyonlands, in

partnership with Urban Corps and San Diego Mountain Biking Association, will inspire youth and help shape their career paths in environmental stewardship.

CASA FAMILIAR

Opening the Outdoors to Border Youth and Families - \$43,061



The project will connect border youth and families to open spaces and engage them with nature through physical and educational activities. In collaboration with San Diego Girl Scouts and the Sierra Club, the organization will offer

bilingual classes and family outings, ten beginner-level weekend park outings for residents, and one five-day camp for 100 students.

SAN DIEGO ZOO

Backyard Biodiversity Hotspot - \$35,577



In collaboration with The Escondido Creek Conservancy and Escondido Union School District, the project will create a three-part program for 800 underserved students. The program will include one

environmental education classroom session, a trip to the Outdoor Learning Lab, and a field trip to the Elfin Forest Reserve for hands-on experience. Students will learn environmental techniques such as water testing, data collection, and plant and animal identification. The partnership will also develop a new online curriculum available to all teachers online.

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY CONSERVANCY

San Dieguito Watershed Explorers Program - \$25,000



The project will expand nature education programs to the San Dieguito watershed by taking students to different areas along the 55-mile stretch from Volcan Mountain to the coast. Instructors will help students

recognize the role they play in keeping the natural community a thriving ecosystem, and new training resources for volunteers and docents will enhance the quality of the outdoor experiences. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy will work closely with the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority, San Diego Archaeological Center and Volcan Mountain Foundation.

BACK COUNTRY LAND TRUST

Living Classroom Program - \$20,000



The project will provide 500 elementary and middle school students in East County with knowledge and understanding of nature through environmental education curriculum and hands-on service learning projects. Back Country

Land Trust will partner with Alpine Education Foundation to host field trips and in-classroom visits.

OCEAN CONNECTORS

Ocean Connectors Education Program - \$15,000



Through a partnership with Living Coast Discovery Center, the project will educate, inspire and connect every child in grades 4-6 in National City with ocean science and conservation using migratory marine life. Students will plant

650 native plants and clear local outdoor space of invasive vegetation and litter to improve habitats for wildlife.

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