

District Grant Application

Rotary Club of: Huntington Beach	Date: 6/15/20
Project Name/Title: Bolsa Chica Wetlands Conservancy	
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

Project beneficiaries: Bolsa Chica Conservancy

The Bolsa Chica Rabbit Island Habitat Restoration and Education Initiative will work to protect and restore coastal wetland ecosystems by maintaining a diverse salt marsh and dune habitat structure conducive to supporting an array of native plants and wildlife. This will be achieved through the removal of non-native and invasive plants, especially highway iceplant (*Carpobrotus edulis*), the installation of CA cordgrass (*Spartina foliosa*), and creation of five nesting rafts for Ridgway's rails (*Rallus obsoletus*). Due to man's activities in the past and resulting take of habitat, certain plant and animal species have become quite rare; estuary seablite (*Suaeda esteroa*), coast woolly-heads (*Nemacaulis denudata* var. *denudata*), both 1B.2 plants, the state listed Belding's savannah sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi*), and the state and federally listed California Ridgway's rail (*Rallus obsoletus obsoletus*). A specific need fulfilled by this project is to grow out rare habitats that will in turn attract and support other rare species.

2. Indicate the project start and end dates: *(The project may not begin prior to the district receiving approval from TRF. Reimbursements for earlier expenses are not eligible. Projects must have an end date no later than the end of the Rotary year.)*

Project start date:	7/15/20
Project end date:	6/1/21

3. Project location (select one): **Community** **Mexico**
(If the project is in Mexico, will there be a Rotary club from Mexico involved in the project? If so, indicate the name of the Rotary club and explain the members' involvement.)

4. List the project funding amounts *(Club contribution must be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the district):*

Club contribution:	\$	2500.00
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	2500.00
Other participating clubs - list club name(s) and contribution amount(s) below:	\$	
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	5000.00



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5. **Indicate whether there is other involvement and financial support** *(If non-Rotary organizations will be involved in your club project, please describe the involvement and any financial support you are receiving for the project – for example, in-kind contributions, discounts, cash donations):*

None

6. **Describe the participation of club members** *(Your club members must be actively involved in this project. Please indicate how many members of your club will participate in this project and describe their activities):*

This is a large project that will require most of our members to participate. We will also invite family members, Interactors (we have 2 clubs) and Rotaractors. This project will take place on multiple dates with multiple opportunities for participation.

7. **Describe how funds will be safeguarded and tracked** *(If funds are to be distributed to a partner in Mexico who will be responsible for the funds? How will transfers of funds to Mexico be handled?):*

We will obtain receipts for all supplies, equipment and plants purchased. This organization, Bolsa Chica Conservancy, has a long history of grant money management and working with other non-profits to assure proper safeguards. We track every dollar spent.

8. **Describe how your club will use the project funds (list the types of expenses / items to be purchased):**

Ridgway's Rail nesting raft construction materials for 5 rafts (Wood, PVC, palm fronds, rope, screws/nails, auger anchor, etc.) - \$2,500
Mudder Boots (5 pairs) - \$630
Field Supplies (Clipboards, waterproof paper, heavy duty measuring tape, trash bags, quadrants, and rust resistant shovels, work gloves, rubber boots, waders, herbicide, binoculars, wood for bridge etc.) - \$1,120
Cordgrass for habitat restoration - 750.00