

San Diego River Conservancy
Capital Outlay Proposals
2007-08

BCP-05 Federal Trust Fund Authority

The Conservancy requests Federal Trust Fund Authority in the amount of \$1,200,000.00.

The purpose of the Federal Trust Fund Authority is to allow the Conservancy to receive Federal funds resulting from appropriation requests and federal grant programs for which the Conservancy has already or will apply. To date the Conservancy has requested federal appropriations from the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Department of the Interior. Entities to which the Conservancy intends to make grant application include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (e.g., USEPA Wetland Protection and Development and numerous other grant programs); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Department of Commerce); the National Marine Fisheries Services; and other Federal entities.

I asked SDRC to provide data concerning actual federal grant awards, or federal appropriations for SDRC. The response only discusses a total amount of requests for \$1.2 tied to **possible future** grant awards. The state does not do prospective budgeting based on possible grant awards. Should SDRC, receive a grant award during the 07-08 fiscal year there are budgetary provisions that can be used that allow expenditures of new federal funds.

Based on the preceding analysis I cannot support the request.