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Young cyclists enjoying Walk n’ Rollers bicycle festival on the Ballona Creek Trail in Culver City, CA.

Cover photos: Cincinnati’s Queen City Bike Earn-A-Bike participants celebrate at the end of their four-week bicycle safety course (top); Guadalupe River Park Conservancy’s Trail Ambassadors complete a service project on the Guadalupe River Trail in San Jose (bottom left); Earn-a-Bike participants learn safe riding skills in Columbus, OH (bottom right).
Metropolitan Grants Program (MGP)
A Partnership between The Coca-Cola Foundation,
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and Trail Building Communities across the Country

Program Description
In September 2008, The Coca-Cola Foundation provided a generous $300,000 two-year grant to Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) to create the Metropolitan Grants Program (MGP), a pass-through grant program that supports exemplary trail organizations and initiatives in select metropolitan areas across the country. Coca-Cola continued to support this work and awarded RTC four one-year $150,000 grants in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 to continue growing the program. The grants facilitated through RTC are assisting communities in their efforts to increase trail use and provide easy access for more than two million people living near these trails.

In 2014, RTC provided expertise and funding in the form of pass-through grants to 16 trail organizations, including: six project support grants for specific trail development, expansion and enhancement projects; four community support grants to enhance operations and programming of trail organizations; and six Earn-a-Bike/Community Bicycling grants for the implementation of youth bicycle safety and maintenance education programs in which participants were awarded bicycles and/or provided a fleet of bicycles for community use. This mix of grant opportunities allows RTC to support multiple organizations across the country and respond to the needs of local communities by investing in groups that can effectively apply funds to encourage healthy living through trail use and community stewardship.

During the last six years, the MGP has provided much needed funding to build and improve trails across the country and has supported dozens of local organizations that encourage trail use and stewardship. This funding helps make trails essential to the fabric of these diverse urban communities.

Below is a list of the innovative organizations and projects supported by the MGP. In some cases we have allocated the funding in a particular region to multiple groups and projects to leverage a wider range of support for local trail building efforts. Please see Appendices A, B and C for organization descriptions and project investment details.

Community Support Grants | Total: $18,500
These organizational capacity building grants were given to exemplary local trail building organizations working in select metropolitan areas. The MGP invested $18,500 total in the metropolitan regions of Los Angeles, Miami and San Jose. Below are the specifics for each grant made in each region:

Organization: Walk ’n Rollers -- $4,850
Location: Culver City, CA
Contact Name: Jim Shanman, Founder
Trail: Ballona Creek Trail

Organization: Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society -- $4,850
Location: Palos Verdes, CA
Contact Name: Marcos Trinidad, Audubon YES Coordinator
Trail: Los Angeles River Bike Path
Project Support Grants | Total: $41,500
Support for trail development projects that enhance infrastructure, amenities, and/or programs to benefit communities surrounding the trail. This year the Metropolitan Grants Program invested $41,500 total in the metropolitan regions of Boston, Miami, New York, Orlando and Putnam County, FL. Below are the specifics for each grant made in each region:

Organization: Urban Health Partnerships -- $5,000
Location: Miami, FL
Contact Name: Isabel Rovira
Trail: M-Path

Organization: Green Mobility Network -- $5,000
Location: Miami, FL
Contact Name: Anthony Garcia, Chairman of the Board
Trail: Ludlam Trail

Organization: Guadalupe River Park Conservancy -- $3,800
Location: San Jose, CA
Contact Name and Position: Leslee Hamilton, Executive Director
Local Trail: Guadalupe River Trail

Organization: Bike to the Sea -- $5,000
Location: Boston, MA
Contact Name: Steve Winslow
Trail: Northern Strand Trail

Organization: Green Mobility Network -- $5,000
Location: Miami, FL
Contact Name: Anthony Garcia, Chairman of the Board
Trail: Ludlam Trail

Organization: Friends of the Monmouth County Park System -- $9,000
Location: Monmouth County, NJ (New York metro)
Contact Name: Maria Wojciechowski, Liaison
Trail: Henry Hudson Trail

Organization: Friends of Norwalk River Valley Trail
Location: Georgetown, CT (New York metro)
Contact Name: Pat Sesto, President
Trail: Norwalk River Valley Trail

Organization: City of Kissimmee, FL -- $5,000
Location: Kissimmee, FL (Orlando metro)
Contact Name: Randy Schrader, Senior Planner
Trail: Shingle Creek Trail

Organization: Putnam County, FL -- $5,000
Location: Palatka (Putnam County, FL)
Contact Name: Rick Leary, County Administrator
Trail: Lake City to St. Augustine Rail-Trail
Earn-a-Bike/Community Bicycling Grants | Total: $43,500

MGP invested in Baltimore, Cincinnati, Columbus, Houston, Indianapolis, and Richmond, CA to directly support youth programs that provide bicycle safety and maintenance education on trails and/or to provide bicycle fleets for free community use. More than 150 youth participants were served through this program, and hundreds of community members will now have free access to bicycle fleets on trails in Baltimore and Richmond. Below are the specifics for each grant made in each region:

**Organization: Baltimore City Department of Parks and Recreation -- $4,500**
Location: Baltimore, MD
Contact: Molly Gallant, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator
Trail: Herring Run Trail

**Organization: Queen City Bike -- $7,500**
Location: Cincinnati, OH
Contact: Nern Ostendorf, Executive Director
Trail: Mill Creek Greenway Trail

**Organization: Yay! Bikes -- $7,500**
Location: Columbus, OH
Contact: Meredith Joy, Program Director
Trail: Olentangy Trail

**Organization: Workshop Houston-- $10,000**
Location: Houston, TX
Contact: Katy Goodman, Co-Director
Local Trail: Columbia Tap Rail-Trail

**Organization: Freewheelin’ Community Bikes -- $7,500**
Location: Indianapolis, IN
Contact: Jillian Lain, Executive Director
Trail: Monon Trail

**Organization: Pogo Park -- $6,500**
Location: Richmond, CA
Contact Name: Toody Maher, Executive Director
Local Trail: Richmond Greenway
Total MGP Investment by Metropolitan Area

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The full amount ($103,500) directed to re-granting has been distributed as of September 29, 2014. Refer to the Appendices for detailed project reports.

**Organizational Support | Total $50,000**

RTC is using organizational support funding to meet the following objectives:

- Grants management for the MGP,
- Focused technical assistance in trail building communities, and
- Support of our Mapping Initiative.

**Status Update: Grants Management of MGP**

RTC staff in all five offices (national headquarters and four regional field offices) worked with local partners to develop projects and programs that would maximize the investment and, in some cases, leverage additional dollars to support trail development and programs. This year for example, MGP funding helped leverage $65,000 from the Florida Recreational Trails Program for additional signs and amenities by serving as the required matching funds to improve trail facilities in the Orlando Area. Additionally MGP funding was used to raise $12,500 in matching funds from Kaiser Community Benefits to support bicycle safety and trail access work in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Status Update: Trail Building Technical Assistance**

RTC staff continues to provide in-depth technical assistance by engaging with local partners to identify and implement improvements that will enhance access and foster community ownership of existing trails. This work expands upon RTC’s traditional programmatic focus on trail building by encouraging trail use and ownership through a variety of programs and amenities in urban communities.

**Status Update: Mapping Initiative**

In 2004 RTC began the monumental task of mapping every mile of rail-trail in the nation. This initiative began as a service to trail users who needed better information about trail locations in order to access...
them. In 2010, Google approached RTC to integrate our trails data with Google Maps because more Americans wanted to explore the benefits of bicycling and walking for transportation – and naturally, they wanted to know the safest route. Because of this partnership, rail-trails and other multi-use trails now appear on Google Maps and are integrated with walking and bicycling directions options, allowing more people to access trails for everyday use.

As of September 2014, RTC has mapped 26,200 miles of trail across the United States and is adding more each day. Users can freely access RTC’s map data, read descriptions of each trail, and upload their own photographs and reviews to share their experiences with other users on our trail finder website, www.traillink.com. This year alone, TrailLink.com saw more than 5.5 million unique visitors – an increase of almost 5 million users compared to last year. It continues to be one of the most popular sources for free trail information on the web. We’re also excited to announce the launch of the TrailLink iPhone and Android mobile apps in 2014.

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Participants of Queen City Bike’s Earn-a-Bike program enjoy a ride on the Mill Creek Greenway in Cincinnati, OH.
A. Community Support Grants – Detailed Organization Descriptions

Organization: Walk ‘n Rollers -- $4,850
Location: Culver City, CA
Contact Name: Jim Shanman, Founder
Trail: Ballona Creek Trail
www.walknrollers.org

Walk n’ Rollers utilized MGP support to expand programming and community access to the Ballona Creek Trail in Culver City (Los Angeles County). Activities included two bicycle festivals and three community rides, led by League Certified Instructors and attended by more than 100 students and families. The bike festivals provided bicycle maintenance and safety instruction and trail rides helped demonstrate how the Ballona Creek Trail connects students to and from school, home, and other community destinations. Walk ‘n Rollers also partnered with Ballona Creek Renaissance to provide docents at each of the events to speak with the students about the ecological value of Ballona Creek.

Organization: Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society -- $4,850
Location: Palos Verdes, CA
Contact Name: Marcos Trinidad, Audubon YES Coordinator
Trail: Los Angeles River Bike Path
www.pvsb-audubon.org

The Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society’s Youth Environmental Stewards (YES) program provides opportunities for high school students to engage in environmental projects and activities. MGP Community Support Grant contributed to YES program’s work at the Los Angeles Rivers School, allowing the group to “adopt” sections of the Los Angeles River Bike Path. Through this effort, students help restore natural plants to the Los Angeles River corridor and beautify the area along the path, a part of a growing effort to revitalize the Los Angeles River as habitat and a corridor for recreation and active transportation. More than 120 volunteers and seven part-time interns participated in ten events and workdays on the Bike Path, removing more than two cubic yards of invasive nonnative plants and planting more than 150 native plants. MGP funds also allowed YES to foster a new partnership with Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority and develop a Memorandum of Understanding to co-facilitate an “adopt-a-pocket-park” program and continue improvement programs along the LA River Bike Path.
Organization: Urban Health Partnerships -- $5,000
Location: Miami, FL
Contact Name: Isabel Rovira
Trail: M-Path
http://friendsofmpath.org/

The M-Path is one of the most underutilized bicycle/pedestrian facilities in Miami and South Florida. A Community Support grant was directed to Urban Health Partnerships to enhance community organizing efforts and promotion of the trail by increasing capacity of Friends of the M-Path. Funds supported community events and public outreach to raise awareness about the trail and facilitate productive dialogue between trail users and government agencies responsible for maintenance. A calendar of events and activities is maintained on their website and promoted through social media.

Organization: Guadalupe River Park Conservancy -- $3,800
Location: San Jose, CA
Contact Name and Position: Leslee Hamilton, Executive Director
Local Trail: Guadalupe River Trail
www.grpc.org

The Guadalupe River Conservancy promotes and protects the Guadalupe River Park, cultivating stewardship of the park’s resources, which features over 2.5 miles of the Guadalupe River Trail. The Conservancy used the MGP Community Support Grant to grow its volunteer program and capacity for stewardship programming, implementing more volunteer work days through the creation of a Trail Ambassador program. Ambassadors are trained to report issues on the trail and provide regular trail patrols. In this first year, the Conservancy recruited and trained 14 Trail Ambassadors and expects to grow the program in years to come.
B. Project Support Grants – Detailed Project Descriptions

Organization: Bike to the Sea -- $5,000
Location: Boston, MA
Contact Name: Steve Winslow
Trail: Northern Strand Trail
http://www.biketothesea.com/

When complete, the Northern Strand Community Trail will connect north Boston neighborhoods to beaches in Revere, Lynn and Nahant. Project Support funds allowed Bike to the Sea to install amenities at key access points. Three benches and two large map kiosks will be installed by November 2014, creating welcoming trailhead areas that will better connect and educate trail users and neighborhood residents about the trail and its continued expansion.

Organization: Green Mobility Network (for Friends of the Ludlam Trail) -- $5,000
Location: Miami, FL
Contact Name: Anthony Garcia, Chairman of the Board
Trail: Ludlam Trail
http://ludlamtrail.org/

The Friends of the Ludlam Trail represents the thousands of Miami-Dade County residents who want to see the Ludlam Trail become an asset for the community as a running, biking, and walking trail. Community Support grant funds allowed the organization to build major grassroots support for the implementation of the trail, including the development of a website expenses, creation of promotional and educational materials to raise community awareness about the trail and to advocate for safe, accessible trail development.
Organization: Friends of the Monmouth County Park System -- $9,000
Location: Monmouth County, NJ (New York metro)
Contact Name: Maria Wojciechowski, Liaison
Trail: Henry Hudson Trail

Several sections of the Henry Hudson Trail were devastated by Super Storm Sandy, and Monmouth County Parks has been working with local organizations like the Friends of Monmouth County Park System to repair the damage and make improvements to enhance trail user experience and access. The project support grant allowed the County to replace and add several benches at key viewing areas along the scenic trail, including overlooks of Sandy Hook, the Raritan Bay and the Manhattan Skyline. A total of 20 benches will be installed on the trail by Spring 2015, from Popamora Point to Keyport. The grant also supported several native plantings along the trail.

Organization: Friends of Norwalk River Valley Trail -- $9,000
Location: Georgetown, CT (New York metro)
Contact name: Patricia Sesto, President
Trail: Norwalk River Valley Trail
http://www.nrvt-trail.com/

The Norwalk River Valley Trail (NRVT) project aims to build 38 miles of multi-purpose trail connecting Norwalk and Danbury, CT. In addition to creating recreational opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists, the NRVT will offer a green and healthy transportation alternative to reach rail stations, schools, offices, and businesses. In 2013, a 0.5-mile trail “demonstration project” was developed and widely celebrated. The Project Support grant helped fund construction of the next 0.5-mile segment, including a 30-foot bridge through wetlands. The bridge is a vital connection to maintain consistent trail access and is ADA compliant. Trail surfacing was complete in July and the bridge will be completely installed by October 15th, 2014.
Organization: City of Kissimmee, FL -- $5,000
Location: Kissimmee, FL (Orlando metro)
Contact Name: Randy Schrader, Senior Planner
Trail: Shingle Creek Regional Trail

The City of Kissimmee utilized the Project Support grant to enhance the John Young Parkway Pedestrian Bridge on the Shingle Creek Trail by adding signage to be attached to the bridge structure as directional, informational, promotional (special events, City Holidays, etc.) and for safety/emergency purposes. The signs include Digital/LED Banner Displays providing visualization from both North and South bound travelers coming into and leaving the City as well as East/West access ramp and directional signs. Final installation is set for Spring 2015.

Organization: Putnam County, FL -- $5,000
Location: Palatka (Putnam County, FL)
Contact Name: Rick Leary, County Administrator
Trail: Lake City to St. Augustine Rail-Trail
http://www.floridastateparks.org/palatkastaugustine/

The Project Support grant was used to acquire a critical 200 yard gap that connects the Palatka Urban Trail segment, which is a portion of the 101 mile Lake City to St. Augustine Rail Trail, to US Highway 17. This is a vital trail connection that will allow users access to neighborhood sidewalks and a future trail extension. This westerly connection, when completed will extend the trail 52 miles.
C. Earn-a-Bike and Community Bicycling Grants – Detailed Program Descriptions

**Organization: Baltimore City Department of Parks and Recreation -- $4,500**  
Location: Baltimore, MD  
Contact: Molly Gallant, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator  
Trail: Herring Run Trail

Through support of MGP, the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks re-launched the popular *Ride-Around Program*, in which a fleet of bicycles is made available for public use along Baltimore’s Herring Run Trail, Jones Falls Trail, and Gwynns Falls Trail. The MGP grant was leveraged to secure a matching grant from M & T Bank, enabling the program to provide 80 bicycles to community members, available at four locations around city parks on evenings and weekends. The ride around program serves more than 200 people a week during the spring, summer and fall seasons. The program is hugely popular with a wide range of communities but most specifically with those that may not have access to bikes and safe places to ride them. The September kickoff event included a press conference and bike ride with RTC staff, the Mayor of Baltimore, members of the City Council, and leaders of community organizations.

**Organization: Queen City Bike -- $7,500**  
Location: Cincinnati, OH  
Contact: Nern Ostendorf, Executive Director  
Trail: Mill Creek Greenway Trail

Queen City Bike, in collaboration with Mobo Bicycle Cooperative, organized and implemented its first Earn-a-Bike program with support from MGP. Eleven youth from across the city of Cincinnati participated in two four-week courses, participated in a service project on the Mill Creek Greenway and were awarded a bicycle, helmet, lock, and bike lights. Participants learned bicycle repair and maintenance, including brake repair and adjustments, fixing a flat, and drive train maintenance. Staff from Groundwork Cincinnati/Mill Creek provided instruction on invasive plant identification and removal and trail
maintenance. The group learned about and worked on an area of bike trail that featured storm water runoff retention techniques including a man-made wetland with a solar-powered reservoir pump. Participants refurbished used bicycles, providing a program savings that will allow for another Earn-a-Bike program in Spring 2015.

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**Organization: Yay! Bikes -- $7,500**

**Location:** Columbus, OH  
**Contact:** Meredith Joy, Program Director  
**Trail:** Olentangy Trail  
**Investment:** 30 youth received training and bicycles

Yay!Bikes partnered with Franklinton Cycle Works (bike co-op) and Gladden Community House to offer a two-week Earn-a-Bike program for 30 youth participants. During the first week, students learned about bicycle mechanics and maintenance. This program was designed to empower students to maintain their own bicycles and handle basic fixes, and effectively communicate more complicated mechanics. Instruction in the second week focused on safety education and was designed to empower students to access key local destinations using trails and roads by riding their bicycles responsibly. As a service component, students hosted “Bike Olympics,” an event with bike races, relays and bicycle repair, and invited friends and neighbors to attend.
Organization: Workshop Houston-- $10,000
Location: Houston, TX
Contact: Katy Goodman, Co-Director Local
Trail: Columbia Tap Rail-Trail
http://www.workshophouston.org/shops/chopper-shop/

Workshop Houston’s Chopper Shop serves middle school students from Houston’s Third Ward. Participants have access to a fully equipped welding and metal fabrication studio, where they use metal working tools and techniques to design and build their own chopper bicycles. MGP funds helped support 60 middle school students to design and build their own bicycles. While learning mechanics, welding and machining to make their one-of-a-kind vehicles, students gain drafting, engineering and math skills. In addition, MGP funds supported the expansion of Workshop Houston’s campus, with direct access to the Columbia Tap Rail-Trail. The new campus will include gardens and teaching spaces that will increase Workshop Houston’s ability to provide youth with creative, technical and educational resources.

Organization: Freewheelin’ Community Bikes -- $7,500
Location: Indianapolis, IN
Contact: Jillian Lain, Executive Director
Trail: Monon Trail
http://www.freewheelinbikes.org/

This summer, Freewheelin’ Community Bikes applied MGP funds to create an eight-week Earn-a-Bike program that served 75 youth in Indianapolis. Participants learned basic maintenance and repair skills, including how to change a flat tire, grease a chain, and adjust brakes. More than 40 students were awarded a bike through the program, which included bicycle safety instruction on the Monon Trail.
**Organization:** Pogo Park – $6,500  
**Location:** Richmond, CA  
**Contact Name:** Toody Maher, Executive Director  
**Local Trail:** Richmond Greenway  
**Investment:** 10 bikes, helmets and locks for community use  
[www.pogopark.org](http://www.pogopark.org)

Pogo Park develops playgrounds and parks in the Bay Area community of Richmond, including several facilities along the Richmond Greenway. MGP funds will be used to purchase a fleet of ten bicycles, helmets and locks for community use along the Greenway at the soon-to-be-open Harbor-8 Park. The bicycles will be available for Greenway tours and other activities based nearby, as well as tours for church groups, other community-based organizations and city staff. Pogo Park believes that the bicycles will offer park and Greenway users a fun experience while also showcasing the Greenway and continue to generate support for the work being done there. Bicycles will be available to Greenway users this fall, and Harbor-8 Park construction is slated for completion in November.
D. Sample Letters of Agreement

Walk n’ Rollers - Community Support Grant

Bike to the Sea – Project Support Grant

Baltimore City, Department of Recreation and Parks – Community Bicycling Grant
February 25, 2014

Jim Shanman
Founder
Walk 'n Rollers
8800 Venice Blvd., Suite 301
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Dear Jim,

This year, through a generous donation by Coca-Cola North America, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) created a national program to make grants available to local communities to catalyze trail development and encourage trail use. RTC is directing the Coca-Cola contribution to fund several trail infrastructure projects, trail programming and capacity-building grants for local organizations. We believe trail building is much like community building, and we recognize the importance of committed local organizations and public agencies in making trails happen. As importantly, we are dedicated to ensuring community use and access of neighborhood trails.

Congratulations! RTC is proud to recognize Walk 'n Rollers as a recipient of our Community Support Grant for $4,850. Your organization is one of 15 recipients who will receive funding as part of this program. Walk 'n Rollers was selected due to your commitment to empowering school age children and their parents through education and training to safely and responsibly bike, walk, skate and scoot to and from school.

You have indicated your organization's willingness and capacity to participate in this program. As discussed, the Community Support Grant will be used to fund activities focused on supporting bicycling and walking to school, emphasizing the use of the Ballona Creek Trail as a route to school. Specifically, funding from this grant will be used to organize two Walk 'n Roll Safety Festivals to teach children safety in preparation for Bike to School Day (May) and Walk to School Day (October), lead three group rides along the trail in the summer months, and conduct general outreach and encouragement activities to promote walking and biking to school to students attending schools in the vicinity of the trail. All events will also highlight the importance of the Creek's environmental value to the area and be coordinated with local law enforcement and other public agencies.
As a condition of your receipt of this grant, we ask that you agree to the conditions provided in Attachment A, which include partnering with RTC and Coca-Cola to promote the award through your local/regional media outlets.

RTC's representative for this project is Barry Bergman, Manager of Trail Development, Western Region. He can be reached at barry@railstotrails.org and 415-814-1102. RTC is committed to helping you facilitate this project as quickly and efficiently as possible, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

To learn more about our partnership with Coca-Cola please see RTC's Web site at www.railstotrails.org

Thank you for all your efforts to help promote the use of neighborhood trails and healthy lifestyles. RTC and Coca-Cola hope that this funding will have great results for increasing the use of the Ballona Creek Trail for bicycling and walking to school by Culver City students.

Laura Cohen
Director, Western Regional Office
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Enclosures
Attachment A

The parties hereby agree as follows:

1. RTC and Coca-Cola North America will grant the identified recipient $4,850 for purposes of funding activities focused on supporting bicycling and walking to school, emphasizing the use of the Ballona Creek Trail as a route to school. The budget below outlines predetermined project expenses;

2. Funding from this grant will be used to organize two Walk N Roll Safety Festivals to teach children safety in preparation for Bike to School Day (May) and Walk to School Day (October), lead three group rides along the trail in the summer months, and conduct general outreach and encouragement activities to promote walking and biking to school to students attending schools in the vicinity of the trail. All events will also highlight the importance of the Creek's environmental value to the area and be coordinated with local law enforcement and other public agencies.

3. Walk 'n Rollers will reach out to the community and to engage neighborhood residents and groups.

4. Walk 'n Rollers will provide RTC with a final report by September 1, 2014 outlining the project's success and include a budget that confirms amount used for program personnel and materials.

5. All parties will promote the award through local and national media outlets, Web sites and other means. All electronic and printed materials will acknowledge the Coca-Cola Foundation and RTC as project sponsors. All communications regarding the Project Support Grant, or using RTC's name or trademarks, must be submitted for prior review and approval by RTC's representative.

If the terms and conditions set forth above accurately reflect our understanding, please signify your approval by signing in the appropriate space below and returning one fully executed copy to me for our files.
ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

BY: Laura Cohen, Director, Western Regional Office
    Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
    DATE: 2/25/14

BY: Jennifer Klausner, Executive Director
    Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition
    Fiscal Sponsor, Walk 'n Rollers
    DATE: 3/13/2014

BY: Jim Shanman, Founder
    Walk 'n Rollers
    DATE: 3/15/14

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Steve Winslow  
Bike to the Sea, Inc.  
83 Jacobs Street  
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Steve:

Congratulations! Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) is proud to recognize Bike to the Sea, Inc. as a recipient of Grant in the amount of $9,000 toward the purchase and installation of amenities along the newly opened segments of the Northern Strand Trail in Malden, Everett, Revere and Saugus from our Metropolitan Grants Program. Bike to the Sea was selected due to the organization’s efforts to create the Northern Strand Trail: a trail free of cars from the Malden/Everett area of Massachusetts to the beaches in Revere, Lynn and Nahant.

Through a generous donation by the Coca-Cola Foundation, RTC created this national program to provide grants to local communities to catalyze trail development and encourage trail use. RTC is directing the Coca-Cola Foundation’s contribution to fund several trail infrastructure projects, trail programming and capacity-building grants for local organizations. We believe trail building is much like community building, and we recognize the importance of committed local organizations and public agencies in making trails happen. As importantly, we are dedicated to ensuring community access and use of neighborhood trails.

You have indicated your organization’s willingness and capacity to participate in this program. As discussed, the grant will be used toward the purchase and installation of amenities along the Northern Strand Trail in Malden, Everett, Revere and Saugus.

To accept this grant, we ask that you agree to the conditions provided in Attachment A, which include partnering with RTC and the Coca-Cola Foundation to promote the award through your local/regional media outlets. Please visit RTC’s website (www.railstotrails.org/ourWork/promotingTrailUse/urbanpathways/mgp.html) to learn more about our partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation.

Thank you for your efforts to help promote the use of neighborhood trails and healthy lifestyles. RTC and the Coca-Cola Foundation hope that this funding will help us build a movement that supports sustainable trail development and provides more Massachusetts residents with a safe and pleasant place to walk, bike, run and skate.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Carl Knocm  
Manager of Trail Development
Attachment A

The parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) and the Coca-Cola Foundation will grant Bike to the Sea, Inc. $9,000 toward the purchase and installation of amenities along the Northern Strand Trail in Malden, Everett, Revere and Saugus, Massachusetts.

2. Any remaining funds should be used for general organizational support, including outreach materials, programming, and other communication pieces that encourage use of the Northern Strand Trail.

3. Bike to the Sea, Inc. will provide RTC with a final report to include: a description of the project's success, a general breakdown of project expenses, and photographs. This final report is due no later than September 5, 2014.

4. All parties will promote the award through local and national media outlets, websites and other means. All electronic and printed materials will acknowledge the Coca-Cola Foundation and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy as project sponsors. All communications regarding the trail amenities grant, or using RTC's name or trademarks, must be submitted for prior review and approval by RTC's representative.

If the terms and conditions set forth above accurately reflect our understanding, please signify your approval by signing in the appropriate space below and returning one fully executed copy for our files.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

BY: _____________________________
DATE: _________________________

Bike to the Sea, Inc.

BY: _____________________________
DATE: 3-24-14
September 26, 2014

Francesca Spero
Division Chief – Park Programming and Events
Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks
3001 East Drive
Baltimore, MD 21217

Dear Fran:

Congratulations! Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) is proud to recognize Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks as a recipient of a Metropolitan Grants Program Grant for $4,500. The Department of Recreation and Parks was selected due to the organization's efforts to encourage safe bicycling and for promoting the use of Baltimore City's trails, greenways, and Reservoir Ride-Around Programs.

Through a generous donation by the Coca-Cola Foundation, RTC created this national program to provide grants to local communities to catalyze trail development and encourage trail use. RTC is directing the Coca-Cola Foundation's contribution to fund several trail infrastructure projects, trail programming and capacity-building grants for local organizations. We believe trail building is much like community building, and we recognize the importance of committed local organizations and public agencies in making trails happen. As importantly, we are dedicated to ensuring community access and use of neighborhood trails.

You have indicated your organization's willingness and capacity to participate in this program. As discussed, the grant will be used to re-launch the Ride-Around the Reservoir program through purchasing a new fleet of bicycles for the public to use at the Druid Hill Reservoir, Lake Montebello, and on the City's growing network of trails and greenways. We have agreed that the Baltimore City Foundation will accept the funds and that the Department of Recreation and Parks will administer the Ride-Around Programs.

To accept this grant, we ask that you agree to the conditions provided in Attachment A, which include partnering with RTC and the Coca-Cola Foundation to promote the award through your local/regional media outlets. Please visit RTC's website (www.railstotrails.org) to learn more about our partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation.

Thank you for your efforts to help promote the use of neighborhood trails and healthy lifestyles. RTC and the Coca-Cola Foundation hope that this funding will help us build a movement that supports sustainable trail development and provides more Baltimore residents with a safe and pleasant place to walk, bike, run and play.

Sincerely,

Jim Brown
Manager of Trail Development
Attachment A

The parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) and the Coca-Cola Foundation will grant The Baltimore City Foundation $4,500 to support Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks in purchasing bicycles for the Ride-Around Program. The Department of Recreation and Parks will manage the day to day operation of the program.

2. Any remaining funds should be used for general organizational support, including outreach materials, programming, and other communication pieces that encourage use of Baltimore City’s public park and trail system.

3. The Department of Recreation and Parks will provide RTC with a final report to include: a description of the project’s success, a general breakdown of project expenses, and photographs. This final report is due no later than September 30, 2014.

4. All parties will promote the award through local and national media outlets, websites and other means. All electronic and printed materials will acknowledge the Coca-Cola Foundation and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy as project sponsors. All communications regarding the Earn-a-Bike Grant, or using RTC’s name or trademarks, must be submitted for prior review and approval by RTC’s representative.

If the terms and conditions set forth above accurately reflect our understanding, please signify your approval by signing in the appropriate space below and returning one fully executed copy for our files.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

BY: ____________________________
DATE: ____________________________

Baltimore City Dept. of Recreation and Parks

BY: ____________________________
DATE: 9/3/14