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The City of Rancho Cordova forms partnership with Sierra Service Project this fall.

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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA – Local nonprofit Sierra Service Project (SSP) has been selected by the City of Rancho Cordova to provide home repair and improvement projects to local residents in the fall of 2015. The city is providing SSP with a \$41,310 grant and is helping to coordinate volunteers for SSP's first non-summer long-term project. Normally SSP's volunteers pay a fee, but because of the grant, volunteers will not need to pay to be involved in the program, allowing SSP to be more accessible for people wanting to volunteer than ever before.

This effort is supported in part by the Community Enhancement Fund from the City of Rancho Cordova. The Community Enhancement Fund is funded by Measure H, a ½ cent local sales tax measure that was approved by Rancho Cordova citizens in 2014. The Fund encompasses over 60 approved projects for Fiscal Year 2015-16, and it is anticipated to raise about \$7 million annually in revenues for the City's general fund. While Sierra Service Project has been based in Sacramento for the past 15 years, the majority of their volunteers participate during the summer months outside of the area. This year, with the help of the City of Rancho Cordova, SSP is expanding its year-round services in the region the organization calls home.

The Rancho Cordova Neighborhood Beautification Program aims to start hosting volunteers on September 21st and continue working through October 30th. The effort will be concentrated primarily on the Lincoln Village neighborhood. Some of the goals for this project are to enhance the quality of life of the city's residents, beautify neighborhoods, and increase community pride. This opportunity will also increase community involvement by having volunteers from businesses, civic organizations, churches, schools, and the general public working together.

If you would like to volunteer with this program, or request work in the Rancho Cordova area, please contact Evan Griffiths at (916) 488-6441 or evan.griffiths@sierraserviceproject.org.

About Sierra Service Project

The Sierra Service Project (SSP) is a local nonprofit with headquarters in North Sacramento celebrating its 40th year of building faith and strengthening communities through service to others. Typical projects include building wheelchair ramps, stairs, fences, decks, painting, yard clean-ups, and more. While most of our volunteer work is done with faith-based groups, we also provide volunteers experiences for secular groups, such as groups from corporations and universities.

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