

# OJAI VALLEY DEFENSE FUND

## Grant Application Form

As our mission statement declares, the OVDF “provides financial support to groups undertaking legal action to protect and sustain the environmental quality of the Ojai Valley for the public benefit.” We have formed primarily to confront the truly massive challenges this Valley will face in the future, as it has in the past. While historically these “macro-threats” have been mounted by interests from outside the Valley, this is not to say that we would not consider issues that do not precisely match this example. Essentially, we are interested in:

- Challenges that threaten the well-being of all, a great majority, or at the least a substantial plurality of the people of the greater Ojai Valley (Koenigstein Road to Casitas Springs);
- Issues around which a public consensus has formed within the Valley;
- Supporting front-line organizations that have exhausted all means other than those involving court or administrative remedy under the law;
- Supporting such groups only after they have exhausted their own financial resources;
- Ensuring that an issue is legally ripe, and that the front-line group has legal standing;
- And finally, backing groups that have established a credible strategy and that likewise have a credible leadership and support base.

Please complete the following so that we may consider your application for funding.

**Name of your organization (full name and acronym, if any):** *insert here*

**Contact person and title or role:** *insert here*

**Address:** *insert here*

**Phone:** *insert here*

**Fax:** *insert here*

**Email:** *insert here*

**Mission and purpose of organization (include formal mission statement if any):**

*insert here*

**Date organization was established:** *insert here* **EIN:** *insert here*

**Are you an exempt organization under 501(c)(3)?** *insert here*

**If not exempt, have you filed an application for recognition of exemption?** *insert here*

**Provide the names, street addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of your board, executive committee, and/or other governing body (attach additional pages if needed):**

*insert here*

**What is your approximate number of active supporters (e.g., people who attend your general meetings, petition signers, etc.)? *insert here***

**Nature, importance, and background of controversy:**

In objective and precise terms, describe the nature and history (including the legal history) of the actual or foreseen threat that has degraded or will degrade the environmental quality of the Ojai Valley. In doing so, explain how a majority or substantial plurality of the Ojai Valley's residents have been or will be affected. Attach additional pages if needed (2,000 words max.):

*insert here*

**Provide any available evidence of a public consensus around the issue:**

*insert here*

**Outline your overall strategy for addressing the issue and specify your desired goals and outcome (500 words maximum):**

*insert here*

If court action is contemplated, attach a legal opinion affirming that your organization has the legal capacity and standing to appear in the matter, as well as a legal opinion that there is a substantial controversy of sufficient immediacy and reality to warrant the issuance of an administrative decision or a declaratory judgment (i.e., that the issue is ripe).

**Dollar amount requested: \$ *insert here* , for the period (date) to (date): *insert here***

**How much has your organization spent to date in confronting this issue?**

*insert here*

**What financial resources remain available to you (state in detail amounts of all types)?**

*insert here*

**What is your organization's annual budget?**

*insert here*

**What is your budget (if any) for staff?**

*insert here*

**Are any community or environmental organizations besides yours engaged with the issue?**

*insert here*

**Has an attorney been consulted concerning the issue for which this application is being submitted? If so, please provide name, address, telephone number and email:**

*insert here*

**Have all alternatives to legal action been examined and exhausted? (explain):**

*insert here*

**Authorization**

Name and title of applicant representing organization:

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments:** Please attach any documents, photographs, or other materials deemed relevant to this application. (OVDF may request additional information in considering your submittal.)