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**Mojave Desert Land Trust Receives Grant Award:
*Funds Targeted for Education/Outreach Program***

Joshua Tree, CA – The Mojave Desert Land Trust is pleased to announce that it has received a grant award that will provide essential funds to further its mission to protect the Mojave Desert ecosystem and its scenic and cultural resource values.

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. awarded Mojave Desert Land Trust \$5,000 to be applied to education and outreach to residents of the Morongo Basin. The Land Trust will develop and distribute an informational brochure that demonstrates the importance of maintaining wildlife corridors and connectivity between Joshua Tree National Park, the 29 Palms Marine Base and the San Bernardino National Forest. The brochure will be widely distributed throughout the Morongo Basin to show residents where critical wildlife corridors currently exist and how to help protect wildlife movement should they reside within one of these areas.

Nancy Karl, Executive Director of Mojave Desert Land Trust said, “We appreciate the commitment of Toyota Motor Sales has made to education. Their support will help to ensure that desert residents and future generations experience the same quality of life and wild spaces that we enjoy today.”

Bob Maling, a desert resident and representative for Toyota Motor Sales, agrees : "Toyota has a long history of supporting the local communities' efforts in preserving as well as enhancing the environment and looks forward to the continued success of the Mojave Desert Land Trust and the local residents in that important effort."

You can learn more about the Mojave Desert Land Trust and how you can support its efforts at www.mojavedesertlandtrust.org.

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