



July 17, 2018

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P July 17, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE FOR
SPECIFIED FUNDS FROM THE 1996 PROPOSITION AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT
TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 in Specified Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 for a grant to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles for the Housing Authority Facilities Improvement Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Approve an Alternative Plan for Expenditure to reallocate an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 in Specified Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles for the Housing Authority Facilities Improvement Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Assessment Fund account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 in Specified Funds, available pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for the Housing Authority Facilities Improvement Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves facility improvements at three locations: Pueblo del Rio Social Hall; Imperial Courts Recreation Center, and William Mead Homes Youth Job Center. The proposed Project is located at three sites that are within high or very high need study areas as identified in the 2016 Countywide Park Needs Assessment. The total estimated project cost is \$2,300,000 and will be fully funded by the recommended grant. Proposed improvements consist of the following:

Pueblo del Rio Social Hall – \$750,000

Rehabilitation of existing buildings for community and youth education, work source and recreation programs, including

- Renovation of the main building's classrooms, bathrooms and kitchen;
- Design, purchase, and installation of electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems;
- Relocation of the computer learning center to the front of the building; and
- Improvements to the gymnasium including purchase and installation of high efficiency electrical fixtures and flooring.

Imperial Courts Recreation Center – \$1,000,000

Rehabilitation of the existing gym and main recreation building, including

- Renovation of the main building's classrooms, bathrooms and kitchen;
- Rehabilitation of electrical and low voltage systems for the computer learning center and Public Address (PA) systems; and
- Improvements to the gymnasium including the purchase and installation of flooring and high efficiency electrical fixtures.

William Mead Homes Youth Job Center – \$550,000

Rehabilitation of part of the Administrative Building housing the Youth Job Center, including

- Rehabilitation of the space to accommodate a separate Computer Learning Center for children;
- Rehabilitation of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system; and
- Rehabilitation of the kitchen.

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award grants to the identified grantees when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable, and to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations broadly support the County's three goals: 1) Make Investments that Transform Lives; 2) Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities; 3) Realize Tomorrow's Government Today by allocating and awarding grant funds for recreational facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Assessment Project Fund, HB4.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Alternative Plan for Expenditure (Alternative Plan) is the mechanism under the 1996 Proposition by which the Board may reallocate residual Specified Funds. The funds recommended for reallocation herein are \$2,300,000 allocated to HACLA under Section 3(c)(2)(FF)(viii) for the development, improvement, and/or rehabilitation of Housing Authority recreation facilities throughout the City of Los Angeles, including the San Fernando Valley. The \$2,300,000 was previously awarded to HACLA's Rancho San Pedro Community Center project, originally proposed in 2001 and recently cancelled due to the City of Los Angeles' planned redevelopment of the Rancho San Pedro area.

If the Board does not approve the recommended actions, HACLA may request the Board's approval to fund a different project(s) with the funds or relinquish its claim to the funds.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for its project. HACLA is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended Project will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the First and Second Supervisorial Districts.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JOHN WICKER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors