



## MEMORANDUM

DATE May 18, 2017  
TO Measure A Steering Committee  
FROM Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District  
SUBJECT Mtg. 2, Agenda Item 5b: Sharing Funds Among Study Areas

This agenda item considers the potential sharing of Category 1 and 2 funds between study areas or jurisdictions, and of Maintenance and Servicing Funds among cities.

### Category 1 and 2 Funds

Under Measure A, Categories 1 and 2 represent relatively fixed funding allocations that are to flow to and be expended within specific study areas.

Staff and consultants believe that there may be cases in which cities or the County will want to share funds among their study areas, or even with study areas in adjacent jurisdictions. An example would be if several cities wanted to build a single swim center to serve their combined residents, or if a city (such as Los Angeles) wanted to build a large facility that would serve residents from several of its study areas.

Staff and consultants believe that there are solid reasons to allow for sharing of Category 1 and 2 funds among study areas and cities, provided that a clear benefit can be shown to accrue to the residents of the study area or jurisdiction that is transferring its funds. With that in mind, staff and consultants recommend the following policy:

**RECOMMENDATION:** A city or the County may elect to use Category 1 or Category 2 funds that are associated with one study area for use in another study area, or to transfer funds from itself to an adjacent jurisdiction, provided that:

1. The “receiving” study area is adjacent to the “sending” study area, and
2. The Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) finds, through the grant making process, that the intended use of the funds will benefit the residents of the “sending” study area.

### Maintenance and Servicing Funds

Maintenance and Servicing (M&S) funds represent relatively fixed allocations for expenditure by specific recipients for the purposes of offsetting the increased costs of maintaining projects in perpetuity.

As with Category 1 and 2 funds, staff and consultants believe that there may be cases in which designated recipients will want to share M&S funds with adjacent jurisdictions. For example, there are some cities that do not have completed RPOSD grant-funded projects that will qualify for M&S funds, and/or that may elect to share their M&S funds with other eligible recipients who have current and/or future projects funded by RPOSD grants.

Therefore, staff and consultants believe that there are solid reasons to allow for sharing of M&S funds among eligible recipients, provided that a clear benefit can be shown to accrue to the residents of the jurisdiction that is transferring its funds. With that in mind, staff and consultants recommend the following policy:

**RECOMMENDATION:** A designated recipient may elect to transfer its M&S funds to another eligible recipient, provided that:

1. The “receiving” entity operates completed RPOSD-funded projects whose grant(s) are closed, and
2. The Regional Park and Open Space District finds, through the administrative review process, that the intended use of the funds will benefit the residents of the “sending” entity.