

2. Policies

2.1 OVERVIEW

In consultation with the Measure A Implementation Steering Committee, RPOSD has developed a set of policies to guide administration of Measure A funds.

2.2 GRANTMAKING POLICY

RPOSD recognizes the importance of lowering barriers to accessing and administering Measure A funds in order to meet the park need of all residents of Los Angeles County. Measure A already includes formula-based funding allocation models, particularly in Categories 1 and 2, with Category 2 focused on high and very high need communities. This will help to ensure that a portion of funds are utilized in the areas with the highest need. RPOSD has the following grantmaking policies in place for accessing and administering Measure A Funds:

- **Targeting Funds** – A portion of competitive grant funds will be designated for projects in High or Very High Need Study Areas, or serving residents of High or Very High Need Study Areas. The portion of funds to be targeted is initially set at 30%. This percent will be evaluated periodically and may increase or decrease in future years. At a minimum, the following grant programs will have targeted funds:
 - Category 3 – General Grants
 - Category 4 – General Grants

Additional competitive grant programs may include targeted funds in future years.

- **Project Types** – Every competitive grant program will fund project types that are in and/or serve High and Very High Need Study Areas. Descriptions of each competitive grant program will provide examples of project types that could occur in and/or serve High and Very High Need communities.
- **Evaluation Criteria** – All competitive grant programs will include a “Level of Park Need” evaluation criteria. This criterion will consider whether or not a project is in a High or Very High Need Study Area, if it serves a High or Very High Need Study Area, and if it is located in a High or Very High Need sub-area.
- **Long-Range Planning**– Measure A funding will be consistent with each Study Area’s long-range park planning documents, such as Parks Master Plan, community plan or other adopted planning document.
- **Community Engagement** – RPOSD will require appropriate community involvement and engagement for all projects funded by Measure A.

- **Monitoring and Correction** – RPOSD will consistently monitor, track, and if necessary, adjust the administration of both competitive funding and annual allocations, to ensure that the goals of Measure A are being met.
- **Technical Assistance** – RPOSD will provide technical assistance to potential applicants and grantees throughout the stages of the grant process to ensure that barriers to applying for, receiving, and administering funding are reduced.

2.3 BONDING POLICY

TBD

2.4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNUAL DESIGNATED PARK PROJECT POLICY

TBD

2.5 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UPDATE POLICY

TBD

2.6 VARIABLE ALLOCATIONS POLICY

TBD

2.7 OVERSIGHT AND INNOVATION POLICY

TBD

2.8 MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION POLICY

TBD

2.9 COUNTYWIDE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT MAINTENANCE POLICY

TBD

2.10 ADDITIONAL POLICIES

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