



October 02, 2018

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
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

3-P October 2, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
AN AMENDMENT TO LEGACY LA'S EXISTING GRANT FOR
THE HAZARD PARK ARMORY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for award of a grant amendment to Legacy LA for the Hazard Park Armory Improvements 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 cited herein.
2. Allocate Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to Legacy LA for an amendment to the existing Hazard Park Armory Improvements Project grant.
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 amendment 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, Per Parcel, and Excess

Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to Legacy LA (LLA) for an amendment to the existing Hazard Park Armory Improvements Project (Project) grant.

The proposed Project is located at Hazard Park, 2230 Norfolk St. in the City of Los Angeles, and involves general improvements to the existing Hazard Park armory campus, including rehabilitation and improvements to existing structures and utilities, development of accessory structures such as benches, picnic table, and an outdoor amphitheater, development of walking paths, and new landscaping to accommodate LLA's recreational programming. A \$200,000 grant amendment is recommended, in addition to an existing \$950,000 allocation, for a total \$1,150,000 grant to LLA for the proposed Project.

On October 14, 2014, the Board of Supervisors (Board) allocated and awarded \$950,000 to LLA for the proposed Project. Due to unforeseen conditions, LLA has been unable to fully fund the Project due to matching funds being reallocated and not restored in a timely manner.

LLA has since become eligible to receive matching funding from public and private sources to complete the proposed Project. The proposed Project's total estimated cost is \$4,035,000. The recommended \$200,000 grant amendment and the existing \$950,000 grant will be supplemented by \$1,500,000 from the City of Vernon, \$850,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds from the City of Los Angeles, a \$75,000 grant from the California Endowment, and \$460,000 of private loans.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award a grant amendment when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the proposed Project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant amendment under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal to Support the Wellness of Our Communities (Goal II.2) and of Pursuing Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability (Goal III.3) by allocating and awarding grant funds to complete a project that will facilitate safe and healthy recreational opportunities in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 is budgeted in RPOSD's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. LLA meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvements projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

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 amendment as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

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 the project. RPOSD is the lead agency for the Project.

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 continuing administrative activities of government grants.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement Amendment will be executed 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 Amendment 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 proposed Project will promote healthy and safe recreational activities in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

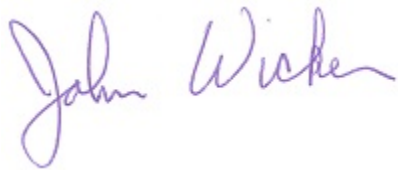
Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

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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, looped initial "J".

JOHN WICKER

Director

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