



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

February 27, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

55 February 27, 2024

JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS AND TO THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FOR THE ATLANTIC AVENUE ACQUISITION AND PLANNING PROJECT (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4 & 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting adoption of a resolution to authorize the submission of three grant applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Outdoor Equity Grants Program for the Healthy Mind, Body and Environment Programs and adoption of a resolution to authorize the submission of a grant application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Atlantic Avenue Acquisition and Planning Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.
2. Adopt a resolution necessary to complete the submission process for three competitive grant applications for the Healthy Mind, Body and Environment Program at Ruben F. Salazar Park, Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area, and Stephen Sorensen Park from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Outdoor Equity Grants Program. The requested grant funding is \$698,242 for each park.
3. Adopt a resolution necessary to complete the submission process for a grant application for the Atlantic Avenue Acquisition and Planning Project in the amount of

\$2,300,000 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 - Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 – Lower Los Angeles River Grant Program.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to act as the agent of the County, to accept grant funds, conduct all negotiations, and execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the above grants.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed projects exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and complete the grant submission process, as required by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (State) Outdoor Equity Grants Program (OEP) and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Proposition 1 - Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Prop 1) – Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Grant Program.

State OEP Grant Program: Healthy Mind, Body and Environment Program at Stephen Sorensen Park, Earvin “Magic” Johnson Recreation Area, and Ruben F. Salazar Park

The Healthy Mind, Body and Environment Program (Program) proposes to improve the health and wellness of youth and families living in underserved communities and urban populations by expanding their access to parks and the natural world. Through special events that encourage connection to local nature, workshops, paid internships and educational opportunities to expose youth to careers in natural resources, and field trips to introduce youth and families to LA County’s biodiversity, the Program will provide a gateway to greater environmental awareness and stewardship of the natural world.

RMC PROP 1 Grant Program: Atlantic Avenue Acquisition and Planning Project

The proposed project will acquire a 1.16-acre parcel located at 6975 Atlantic Avenue (Property) in the City of Long Beach which will also include planning with community outreach environmental review and cost estimating. The Property is in a prime location that connects directly to the Lower Los Angeles River and to the 3-acre 72nd Street Equestrian Park, a special use facility operated by DPR. Acquisition of the Property will allow the Department to expand access to recreation and programming opportunities in an environmentally burdened community identified as a priority area for environmental restoration in the 2022 LA County Park Needs Assessment Plus and help catalyze the vision of the newly adopted 2022 LA River Master Plan.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals,

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals: Make Investments that Transform Lives (Goal I), Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Goal II), and Support the Wellness of the Community (Goal II) by improving and enhancing recreational opportunities to benefit Los Angeles County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on net County Cost.

Operating Budget Impact

If the State OEP grants are awarded, the Department does not anticipate operating costs as a result of the Programs.

If the RMC Prop 1 LLAR grant is awarded, the Department anticipates one-time and ongoing costs for operation and maintenance upon completion of the acquisition. The Department will submit a funding request to the Chief Executive Office through the budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State and RMC grant guidelines require adoption of a resolution by the grantee's governing body to establish the governing board's intent to accept the grant provisions and guidelines. Adoption of the attached resolutions will complete the application process.

The State resolution will authorize the submission of three grant applications for competitive funds under the State's OEP Grant Program, enacted in 2019 when Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 209 – Chapter 675 Chapter 675, located in Public Resources Code §5090.75(c)(1.26), to leverage both public and private funds for outdoor access programs for underserved populations, with an emphasis on at-risk youth.

To comply with State OEP criteria, three separate grant submissions are required for each park.

The RMC resolution will authorize submission of a grant application under the LLAR Grant Program funded by the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), which authorized general obligation bonds to fund ecosystems and watershed protection and restoration and water supply infrastructure projects.

On June 11, 2019, the Board delegated authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to accept grants up to \$2 million. The grant from RMC exceeds \$2 million.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached resolutions as to form.

Mr. Timothy Pescatello
March 26, 2020
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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions to apply for and accept grant funds, conduct negotiations, and execute grant agreements are organizational or administrative activities of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

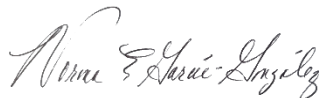
Approval of these actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy to the Chief Executive Office and one adopted copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Bellew at (626) 588-5240 or abellew@parks.lacounty.gov or Johanna Hernandez at (626) 588-5370 or jhernandez6@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Attachments

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Outdoor Equity Grants Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

- I. APPROVES THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. HEALTHY MIND, BODY AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AT RUBEN F. SALAZAR PARK;
 - B. HEALTHY MIND, BODY AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AT EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON RECREATION AREA;
 - C. HEALTHY MIND, BODY AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AT STEPHEN SORENSEN PARK; AND
- II. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the program(s) included in the application, the sufficient funds to complete the program(s); and
- III. Certifies that if the grant is awarded, the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate the program(s) as described in the Grant Selection Criteria response, and
- IV. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
- V. Delegates the authority to the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designees, (Chief Deputy Director; Administrative Deputy; Deputy Director, Planning and Development), to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to

applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the Grant Scope; and

- VI. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Approved and adopted the 27th day of February, 2024.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 79506 was duly adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

Ayes: Supervisors Solis, Mitchell, Hahn, Barger and Horvath

Noes: 0

Absent: 0



JEFF LEVINSON, Interim Executive
Officer- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By *Maxine Oberdorfer*
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By *Romy Lo Allen*

Senior Deputy County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
THROUGH THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014 (PROPOSITION 1) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
ATLANTIC AVENUE ACQUISITION AND PLANNING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Atlantic Avenue Acquisition and Planning Project (Project);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

Approves the filing an application for local assistance funds from the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program for the Project, located at 6975 Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach, under the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1); and

1. Certifies that the Project is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the goals of Proposition 1 including multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and
3. Certifies that the Application has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines; and
5. Delegates the authority to the Director of County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, or authorized representatives, (Chief Deputy Director; Administrative

Deputy; Deputy Director, Planning and Development), as agents of the County of Los Angeles, to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Grant; and

6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 79507 was duly adopted on the 27th day of February 2024, by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

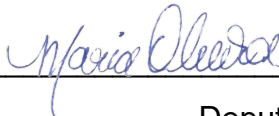
Ayes: Supervisors Solis, Mitchell, Hahn, Barger and Horvath

Noes: 0

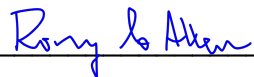
Absent: 0



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