



MEASURE A BASICS



Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District

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MEASURE A BASICS

This handbook provides a complete overview of Measure A and its funding programs. After reviewing this handbook, you will have a clear understanding of the history of parks funding in Los Angeles County, the purpose and intent of Measure A, all Measure A funding opportunities, and available technical assistance. This handbook also lists additional resources you can consult for additional information.

If you have any questions about Measure A, contact the Regional Park and Open Space District at 626.588.5060.





HISTORY OF LOCAL PARK FUNDING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County residents recognize the importance of the region's parks, beaches, open spaces, and natural areas and have repeatedly supported them by voting for local park funding.

Proposition A

In 1992 and 1996, LA County voters approved two local parks funding measures, both called Proposition A. The 1992 Proposition A created the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) and generated annual revenue of \$52 million until its expiration in 2015. The 1996 Proposition A generates \$28 million annually and expires in 2019.

Since 1992,

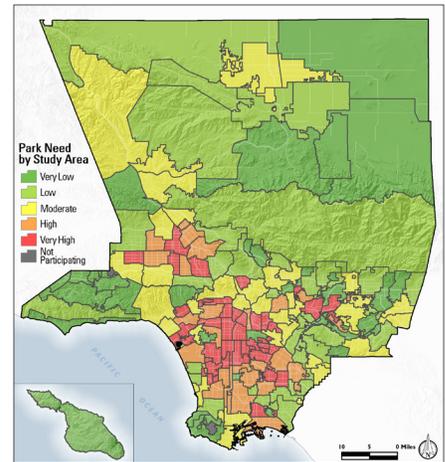
RPOSD has awarded grant funds for more than **1,500 projects** for parks, recreational, cultural, and community facilities as well as beaches and open space lands throughout the county.



Countywide Parks Needs Assessment

As Proposition A came to an end, Los Angeles County launched a Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (PNA) to determine park needs countywide. The PNA included a countywide inventory of parks, analysis of park need, and community engagement process. The PNA established the boundaries of 188 Study Areas in the county and determined the level of park need in each.

To learn more about park need levels, facility conditions, and community-based priorities in a particular Study Area, visit lacounty.parkneeds.org.



Park Need Map

MEASURE A

Measure A was drafted to meet current and future park need, and its content reflects the findings of the PNA. Generating more than \$90 million per year for the county's local parks, beaches, and open space areas, Measure A is an annual parcel tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of improved property, and includes both formula-based allocations to Study Areas and competitive grants that are open to public agencies, non-profit organizations, and schools. Unlike Proposition A, Measure A does not have an expiration date.

Measure A was approved by **74.9%**
of voters in November 2016.



Measure A Goals

- 1** To provide funds to benefit property and improve the quality of life throughout the Regional Park and Open Space District by preserving and protecting parks, safe places to play, community recreation facilities, beach, rivers, open spaces, water conservation, youth and veteran career development, and the urban tree canopy.
- 2** Fund projects consistent with or similar to those identified in the 2016 Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment.





MEASURE A POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

RPOSD worked with park agencies, community organizations, industry experts, and the general public to gain insights and recommendations for the effective implementation of Measure A.

As part of this work, RPOSD held fourteen Measure A Implementation Steering Committee meetings between April 2017 and June 2018. Members provided personal and professional insights and preferences based on their experience as members of the community and practitioners in their respective fields.

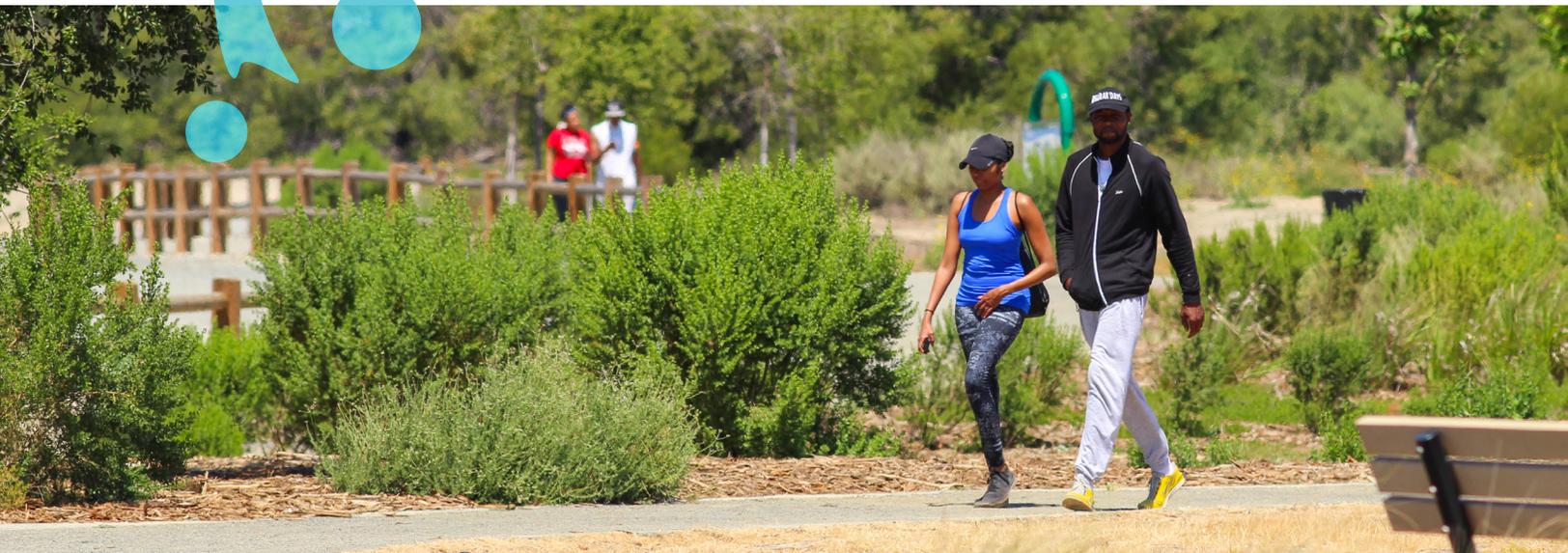
RPOSD also held a variety of small group and one-on-one meetings, telephone interviews, online surveys with the general public, public agencies, organizations, and individuals to gain insight into special circumstances and barriers that may arise during the grantmaking process.

RPOSD used the insights gained during these processes to develop the Grants Administration Manual for Measure A (GAM), which contains detailed policies and procedures for managing Measure A grants.

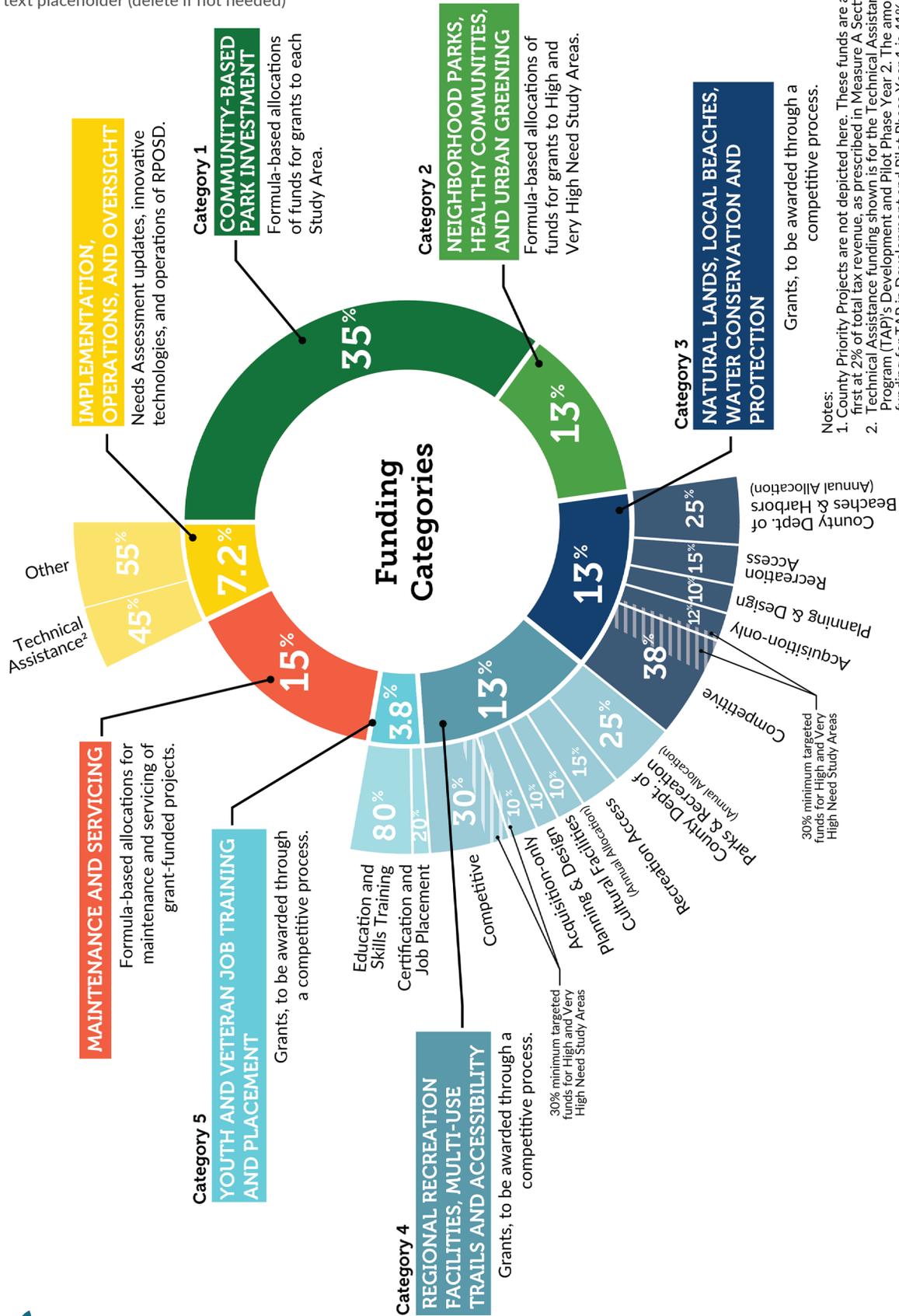
MEASURE A GRANT PROGRAMS

Measure A is funded by property taxes and the amount of funds available each year is determined after all taxes are collected for the year. Measure A provides funds through annual allocations, competitive grants, and other programs. Each of Measure A's grant programs is detailed on the following pages.

For information about applying for Measure A grants, refer to the *Measure A Grantwriting Handbook*. Refer to the *Grants Administration Guide for Measure A* for detailed policies and procedures for all grant programs.



Measure A Expenditure Plan
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Notes:
 1. County Priority Projects are not depicted here. These funds are allocated first at 2% of total tax revenue, as prescribed in Measure A Section d(i).
 2. Technical Assistance funding shown is for the Technical Assistance Program (TAP)'s Development and Pilot Phase Year 2. The amount of funding for TAP in Development and Pilot Phase Year 1 is 41% of Implementation, Operations, & Oversight funds.





ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS

Annual Allocation grant programs use a formula to provide funds to identified public agencies on an annual basis. Measure A includes six annual allocation programs:

Annual Allocation Programs:



Community-Based
Park Investment



Neighborhood Parks,
Healthy Communities,
& Urban Greening



Department of
Parks & Recreation



County Cultural
Facilities



County Priority
Projects



Department of
Beaches & Harbors

Annual allocations:

- Are available to eligible agencies on an ongoing basis
- Can be spent in the year they're available, or saved for a defined number of years
- May be shared with other agencies or organizations if all requirements are met

An overview of each allocation program follows.



COMMUNITY-BASED PARK INVESTMENT PROGRAM



Annual Allocation:	35% of Measure A Expenditure Plan.
Grant Cycle:	Annual
Recipients:	Agency of Record overseeing parks in one or more of the 188 Study Areas in Los Angeles County
Study Area Allocation Amount:	Calculated by Study Area using the Per Capita Improvements formula as described in Measure A. The dollar amount of funds available to each Study Area will be updated annually based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

This non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under the Community-based Park Investment Program is intended to assist you in understanding the types of projects these funds can be expended on, not to limit or direct the projects you choose to complete with these funds.

These funds can be used for matching and leveraging other funding opportunities.

- Community and local parks, including pocket parks, playgrounds, playground equipment, dog parks, and picnic areas, especially those that connect and restore underutilized spaces
- Community and senior recreational centers
- Park safety, graffiti removal, facility safety lighting, safe routes to schools, and other safety improvements
- Greenspace and greenway development
- Gardens
- Urban canopy development to reduce the heat island effect, especially in heavily urbanized, tree-poor areas of the county
- Refurbishment or expansion of current parks and park amenities
- Planning and design of eligible projects

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant:





- The project is in the Study Area or meets the requirements for shared funds.
- The project is a capital project.
- The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool.

Project Feasibility

The project must meet *at least one* requirement in each topic area in order to apply for a grant:

Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Proof of lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

- Design documents are at least 30 percent; or
- Sketch-level plans for project design and a timeline for completion; or
- Permitting and CEQA Compliance; or
- Project is exempt from regulatory permits and CEQA requirements; or
- Any necessary permitting and CEQA documents are completed and certified; or
- Agency has concrete plans to complete permitting and CEQA requirements.

Adverse Site Conditions

- There are no site conditions adverse to project completion; or
- Adverse site conditions have been characterized and the agency has concrete plans for addressing them; or
- There are adverse site conditions but there are concrete plans to address them with appropriate budget contingencies in the project budget.

Project Budget and Funding

- Agency has a detailed budget for completed planning and design, project implementation costs, and contingencies.

Project Schedule

- Agency has a detailed timeline from project planning and design, permitting and community involvement, grant award to project completion.

Operations and Maintenance

- The agency has a detailed financial plan for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Community Engagement

The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirements.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, & URBAN GREENING PROGRAM



Annual Allocation:	13% of Measure A Expenditure Plan
Grant Cycle:	Annual
Recipients:	High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas as identified in the most current PNA or UPNA

Study Area Allocation Amount: Calculated by Study Area using Per Capita Improvements formula. The dollar amount of funds available to each Study Area will be updated annually based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

This is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under the Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program is intended to assist you in understanding the types of projects these funds can be expended on, not to limit or direct the projects you choose to complete with these funds.

These funds can be used for matching and leveraging other funding opportunities.

- Community and local parks, including pocket parks, playgrounds, dog parks, and picnic areas, especially those that connect and restore underutilized spaces
- Community and senior recreational centers
- Park safety, graffiti removal, facility safety lighting, safe routes to schools, and other safety improvements
- Greenspace and greenway development
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- Planning and design of eligible projects

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed as follows.





Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets *all* the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project is in the Study Area or meets the requirements for shared funds
- The project is a capital project
- The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets at least one requirement in each topic area to apply for a grant award:

Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Agency has entered into a lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Agency has concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

- Design documents are at least 30 percent; or
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Operations and Maintenance

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Community Engagement

The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirement.



ALLOCATION TO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Annual Allocation:	25% of Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility funds
Grant Cycle:	Annual
Recipient:	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Amount:	The dollar amount of funds available is updated annually based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

Following is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds.

Regional Recreational Facilities

Regional facilities are those with unique, countywide significance that are publicly-owned, consist of at least 100 contiguous acres and have three or more active recreational amenities:

- Aquatic facilities
- Development of new regional park facilities
- Equestrian staging areas
- Improvements to existing regional park facilities
- Golf course facilities
- Multi-use sports facilities
- Gardens and arboreta facilities

Multi-use Trails

- Addition of amenities along trail corridor
- Development of new multi-use trails
- Trail maintenance
- Trailhead amenities and improvements

Accessibility

- ADA restroom upgrades
- ADA walkway/sidewalk improvements
- ADA-compliant amenities





- Bike storage facilities at parks, trails, recreation centers, and beaches
- Connections from Class I bike paths to recreation facilities
- General trail and walkway repairs or improvements
- Interactive wayfinding
- Parking facilities serving parks and recreational facilities
- Pathways and trails connecting transit stops to park and recreation facilities, open space, natural lands, or beaches
- Projects that utilize publicly owned rights-of-way and vacant spaces
- Safety improvements such as crosswalks and pedestrian signals that provide safer access (must be adjacent to facility)
- Trailhead improvements

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project plans for, acquires, develops, improves, or restores a multi-benefit park project.
- The project promotes, improves, or protects clean local water supplies, habitat improvements, park space, recreation, public access, watershed health, or open space.
- The project is a permanent capital project.

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets at least one requirement in each topic area in order to apply for a grant award:

Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Proof of lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

- Design documents of 30 percent; or
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- Permitting and CEQA Compliance; or
- Project is exempt from regulatory permits and CEQA; or
- Any necessary permitting and CEQA documents are completed and certified; or
- Agency has concrete plans as to complete permitting and CEQA requirements.



Adverse Site Conditions

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Project Budget and Funding

- Agency has a detailed budget for completed planning and design, project implementation costs and contingencies.

Project Schedule

- Agency has a detailed timeline from project planning and design, permitting and community involvement grant award to project completion.

Operations and Maintenance

- The agency has a detailed financial plan for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Community Engagement

The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirement.





ALLOCATION TO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS

Annual Allocation:	25% of Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection funds
Grant Cycle:	Annual
Recipient:	Department of Beaches and Harbors
Amount:	The amount of funds available is updated each year and the funding amount is based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds.

Open Spaces

Open space, foothill, mountain trail, river, wetlands and stream projects include preservation of natural lands, scenic vistas and wildlife habitat, wildlife corridors, development and restoration of mountains and other open space hiking, biking, walking and equestrian trails, especially those maintained by the Department of Public Works and Park and Recreation Departments, restoration of natural vegetation and habitat, habitat and recreation facilities in and adjacent to riparian and flood control channels, and the provision of recreational opportunities and public access in mountain, foothill, river, stream and wetland areas:

- Parks
- Fire prevention
- Lawn/turf repair
- New or improved access points to mountain, foothill, river, stream, and wetland areas
- Restoration of natural habitat
- Scenic vistas
- Wildlife Corridors and Habitats

Natural Lands

Natural lands are defined as an area of relatively undeveloped land which has substantially retained its characteristics as provided by nature or has been substantially restored, or which can be feasibly restored to

a near-natural condition and which derives outstanding value from its wildlife, scenic, open space, parkland or recreational characteristics, or any combination thereof:

- Habitat gardens
- Land stewardship
- Nature centers
- Preservation of natural lands
- Revegetation of drought tolerant plants
- Tree planting

Water Conservation

- Drainage basins
- Irrigation projects
- Permeable walkways and play surfaces
- Rainwater harvesting
- Revegetation of banks and waterways
- Stormwater capture and other water recycling

Watershed Protection

- Beach and coastal watershed clean up
- Community trash clean up
- Drinking water improvements
- Lake or reservoir clean up
- Riparian corridor improvements
- River and stream clean up
- River and stream parkway development

Beaches

- Active recreation amenities
- New or improved fishing and boating facilities
- Pier/dock improvements
- Replacement of sand
- Restrooms/shower facilities
- Access roads, parking lots, and associated facilities
- Pathways and trails connecting transit stops to park and recreation facilities, open space, natural lands, or beaches
- Projects that utilize publicly owned rights-of-way and vacant spaces
- Safety improvements such as ADA improvements, crosswalks, and pedestrian signals that provide safer access (must be adjacent to facility)
- Trailhead improvements





PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project is in the Study Area or meets the requirements for shared funds.
- The project is a capital project.
- The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool.

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets at least one requirement in each topic area to apply for a grant award:

Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Agency has entered into a lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Agency has concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

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Project Budget and Funding

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Project Schedule

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Operations and Maintenance

- The agency has a detailed financial plan for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Community Engagement

The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement.





COUNTY CULTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM

- Annual Allocation:** 10% of Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility funds
- Grant Cycle:** Annual
- Recipients:** A County project and a grantee identified by one of the five supervisory districts of the Board of Supervisors
- Amount:** The amount of funds available is updated each year and the funding amount is based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

A County Cultural Facility is a building owned and/or operated by the County of Los Angeles that is used for the programming, production, presentation, and/or exhibition of natural history and any of the arts and/or cultural disciplines. These disciplines include music, dance, theatre, creative writing, literature, architecture, painting, sculpture, folk arts, photography, crafts, media arts, and visual arts.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for County Cultural Facilities grant funds:

- Development of new facilities
- Expansion of existing facilities
- Improvement or refurbishment of permanently installed exhibits
- Projects that provide increased access to cultural facilities
- Repairs or improvements to existing facilities

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project improves, refurbishes, enhances an existing County-owned cultural facility; creates a new County-owned cultural facility; or the project is developed on County-owned land and the owner is an agency of which the County is a partner.
- The project is a capital project.

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets at least one requirement in each topic area in order to apply for a grant award:

Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Proof of lease or other user agreement for the land in question; or
- Concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

- Design documents are at least 30 percent; or
- Sketch-level plans for project design and a timeline for completion; or
- Permitting and CEQA Compliance; or
- Project is exempt from regulatory permits and CEQA requirements; or
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Adverse Site Conditions

- There are no site conditions adverse to project completion; or
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Project Budget and Funding

- Applicant has a detailed budget for completed planning and design, permitting, and community involvement, grant award to project completion.

Project Schedule

- Applicant has a detailed timeline from project planning and design, permitting and community involvement, grant award to project completion.

Operations and Maintenance

- The agency has a detailed financial plan for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Community Engagement

The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirements.





COUNTY PRIORITY PROJECT PROGRAM

Annual Allocation:	2% of all revenue from Measure A
Grant Cycle:	Annual
Recipients:	A grantee identified by one of the members of the Board of Supervisors
Amount:	The amount of funds available is updated annually based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year. Each Supervisorial District will receive 1/5 of the total amount available

PROJECT TYPES

Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under the County Priority Projects Program. This list is intended to assist the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in understanding the types of projects County Priority Projects Program funds can be expended on, not to limit or direct projects chosen for completion.

- Community and local parks, including pocket parks, playgrounds, playground equipment, dog parks, and picnic areas, especially those that connect and restore underutilized spaces
- Community and senior recreational centers
- Park safety, graffiti removal, facility safety lighting, safe routes to schools, and other safety improvements
- Greenspace and greenway development
- Gardens
- Urban canopy development to reduce the heat island effect, especially in heavily urbanized, tree-poor areas of the County
- Refurbishment, updating, expansion of current parks and park amenities
- Planning and design related projects

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project is a capital project.
- The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool.

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets at least one requirement in each topic area to apply for a grant award:

Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Proof of lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

- Design documents are at least 30 percent; or
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- Any necessary permitting and CEQA documents are completed and certified; or
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Adverse Site Conditions

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Project Schedule

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Operations and Maintenance

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Community Engagement

The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirements.





COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Measure A provides funding for five competitive grant programs, which are divided into two groups: Capital Projects and Program Projects. Capital Projects are those that include built elements, while Program Projects provide specific types of programs.

Competitive Grants, Capital Projects:



Natural Lands,
Local Beaches,
Water Conservation
& Protection



Neighborhood Parks,
Healthy Communities,
& Urban Greening



Acquisition-Only

Competitive Grants, Program Projects:



Recreation Access



Youth & Veteran
Job Training
& Placement

Competitive grants:

- Are open to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and schools that meet the grant's requirements
- Are available on a cycle ranging from annual to once every four years
- Target at least 30% of funds to projects located in High Need and Very High Need Study Areas (capital projects only)

Competitive grants will first be available in the year following the resolution of current litigation. After the first year, competitive grants will be available as shown on the calendar on page 25.

An overview of each competitive grant program follows.

Competitive
Grants Calendar

Competitive Grants Calendar

OPEN TO ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SPECIAL DISTRICTS,
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITIES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND SCHOOLS

PROGRAM	FREQUENCY	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
 Natural Lands, Local Beaches, and Water	4 years	Q3				Q3
 Regional Recreation and Multi-use Trails	4 years	Q3				Q3
 Acquisition-only	1 year	Q3	Q3	Q3	Q3	Q3
 Recreation Access	2 years	Q1		Q1		Q1
 Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement	3 years	Q2			Q2	

ONGOING

Q = Fiscal year quarter when grant application is due

- Q1: July-September
- Q2: October-December
- Q3: January-March
- Q4: April-June

Note: Fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30





NATURAL LANDS, LOCAL BEACHES, WATER CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM

Annual Allocation:	38% of Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection funds
Grant Cycle:	Four years
Recipients:	At least 30% for projects strictly located in High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas
Amount:	The amount of funds available is updated each year and the funding amount is based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

The non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under the Natural Land, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Program is intended to assist you in understanding the types of projects these funds can be expended on, not to limit, or direct the projects you choose to complete with these funds.

- Restoration or improved access points to mountain, foothill, river, stream, and wetland areas, and preservation of natural areas
- Improve and or develop active recreation facilities
- Managing and conserving riparian corridors, rivers and streams, lakes and reservoirs; includes revegetation along waterways
- Beach and coastal watershed cleanup
- Stormwater capture practices and other methods of water recycling

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project is in the Study Area's park-planning documents and assessments.
- The project is a capital project.

- The project plans for, acquires, develops, improves, or restores a multi-benefit park project that promotes, improves, or protects clean local water supplies, habitat improvements, park space, recreation, public access, watershed health, or open space.
- The project's requested grant award size is a minimum of \$50,000 and maximum of \$3,700,000.

Project Feasibility

Your project must at least one requirement in each topic area in order to apply for a grant award:

- Land Access/Tenure; or
- Proof of ownership; or
- Proof lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

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Adverse Site Conditions

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Project Schedule

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Operations and Maintenance

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Community Engagement

The project must meet measure A's minimum community engagement requirement.

AWARD SIZE

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements:

- Minimum: \$50,000
- Maximum: \$3,700,000

Grant applications will be categorized into award size brackets as shown in the table below.

NATURAL LANDS, LOCAL BEACHES, WATER CONSERVATION & PROTECTION PROGRAM AWARD SIZE BRACKETS		
Award Size Bracket	Minimum Award Size	Maximum Award Size
Small	\$50,000	\$499,999
Medium	\$500,000	\$999,999
Large	\$1,000,000	\$1,999,000
Jumbo	\$2,000,000	\$3,700,000

Grant applications within each bracket will be evaluated and ranked to determine projects to be awarded grant. Any change to these award bracket limits will be made in future grant announcements.

Projects that require funding beyond these Measure A limits may seek to leverage supplemental funding from other sources.

Project Specific Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be scored using the following criteria.

- Level of Need
- Community Involvement Beyond Minimum Requirements
- Social Multi-benefits
- Community Health Multi-benefits
- Environmental Multi-Benefits
- Leveraging of Funds
- Connectivity and Accessibility

REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES, MULTI-USE TRAILS AND ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM



Annual Allocation:	30% of the Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility funds
Grant Cycle:	Four years
Recipients:	At least 30% for projects strictly located in High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas
Amount:	The amount of funds available is updated each year and the funding amount is based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds. The non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under the Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails, and Accessibility Program is intended to assist you in understanding the types of projects these funds can be expended on, not to limit, or direct the projects you choose to complete with these funds.

- Regional recreational facilities including park facilities (existing park facilities), new regional park facilities, multi-use facilities, aquatic facilities, golf-course facilities and equestrian staging areas
- Develop new and existing multi-use trails and adding amenities along trails
- Increase and enhance accessibility of amenities with ADA-compliance codes, improve the accessibility of general trails, parking and recreational facilities, pathways and trails connecting transit stops to park and recreation facilities, open space, natural lands, or beaches
- Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed as follows.





Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project is in the Study Area or meets the requirements for shared funds.
- The project is a capital project.
- The project acquires, develops, improves, and/or rehabilitates land for regional recreational facilities, multi-use trails, and/or accessibility.
- The project's requested grant award size is a minimum of \$50,000 and maximum of \$3,100,000.

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets at least one requirement in each topic area in order to apply for a grant award:

Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Proof of lease or other user agreement for the land in question; or
- Concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

- Design documents of 30 percent; or
- Sketch-level plans for project design and a timeline for completion; or
- Project is exempt from regulatory permits and CEQA; or
- Any necessary permitting and CEQA documents are completed and certified; or
- Applicant has concrete plans to complete permitting and CEQA requirements.

Adverse Site Conditions

- There are no site conditions adverse to project completion; or
- Adverse site conditions have been characterized and the applicant has concrete plans for addressing them; or
- There are adverse site conditions but there are concrete plans to address them with appropriate budget contingencies in the project budget.

Project Budget and Funding

- Applicant has a detailed budget for completed planning and design, project implementation costs, and contingencies.

Project Schedule

- Applicant has a detailed timeline from project planning and design, permitting, and community involvement, grant award to project completion.



Operations and Maintenance

- The applicant has detailed financial plan for operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Community Engagement

- The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirements.

AWARD SIZE

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements.

- Minimum: \$50,000
- Maximum: \$3,100,000

Grant applications will be categorized into award size brackets as shown in the table below.

REGIONAL RECREATION, MULTI-USE TRAILS, AND ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM AWARD SIZE BRACKETS		
Award Size Bracket	Minimum Award Size	Maximum Award Size
Small	\$50,000	\$499,999
Medium	\$500,000	\$999,999
Large	\$1,000,000	\$1,999,000
Jumbo	\$2,000,000	\$3,100,000

Grant applications within each bracket will be evaluated and ranked to determine projects to be awarded a grant. Any change to these award bracket limits will be made in future grant announcements.

Projects that require funding beyond these Measure A limits may seek to leverage supplemental funding from other sources.

Project Specific Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be scored using the following criteria:

- Level of Need
- Regional Benefits
- Community Involvement Beyond Required Minimum
- Social Multi-benefits
- Community Health Multi-benefits
- Environmental Multi-Benefits
- Leveraging of Funds
- Connectivity and Accessibility
- Timeliness and Urgency





ACQUISITION-ONLY GRANT PROGRAM

Annual Allocation:	12% of Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Competitive Grants Program and 10% of Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility funds
Grant Cycle:	Annual
Recipients:	At least 30% for projects strictly located in High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas
Amount:	The amount of funds available is updated each year and the funding amount is based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

All projects are for the acquisition of land for project types included in the Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Program or the Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails and Accessibility Program.

The following project types are included in the Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Program:

- Restoration or improved access points to mountain, foothill, river, stream, and wetland areas, and preservation of natural areas
- Improve and or develop active recreation facilities
- Managing and conserving riparian corridors, rivers and streams, lakes and reservoirs; includes revegetation along waterways
- Beach and coastal watershed cleanup
- Stormwater capture practices and other methods of water recycling

The following project types are included in the Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails and Accessibility Program:

- Regional recreational facilities including park facilities (existing park facilities), new regional park facilities, multi-use facilities, aquatic facilities, golf-course facilities and equestrian staging areas
- Develop new and existing multi-use trails and adding amenities along trails
- Increase and enhance accessibility of amenities with ADA-compliance codes, improve the accessibility of general trails, parking and recreational facilities, pathways and trails connecting transit stops to park and recreation facilities, open space, natural lands, or beaches

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all of the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project only includes land acquisition.
- There is a willing seller.
- The acquired land will be used for a purpose covered in the Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Competitive Grants Program OR the Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails and Accessibility Competitive Grants Program.
- The project's requested grant award size is a minimum of \$50,000 and maximum of \$1,000,000.

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets at least one requirement in each topic area in order to apply for a grant award:

Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Proof of lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged; or
- Permitting and CEQA Compliance; or
- Project is exempt from regulatory permits and CEQA; or
- Any necessary permitting and CEQA documents are completed and certified; or
- Applicant has concrete plans to complete permitting and CEQA requirements.

Adverse Site Conditions

- There are no site conditions adverse to project completion; or
- Adverse site conditions have been characterized and the applicant has concrete plans for addressing them; or
- There are adverse site conditions but there are concrete plans to address them with appropriate budget contingencies in the project budget.

Project Budget and Funding

- Applicant has a detailed budget for completed planning and design, project implementation costs, and contingencies.





Project Schedule

- Applicant has a detailed timeline from project planning and design, permitting and community involvement, grant award to project completion.

Operations and Maintenance

- The project has a detailed financial plan for operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Community Engagement

The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirements.

AWARD SIZE

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements.

- Minimum: \$50,000
- Maximum: \$1,000,000

Projects that require funding beyond these Measure A limits may seek to leverage supplemental funding from other sources.

Project Specific Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be scored using the following criteria.

- Level of Need
- Regional Benefits
- Social Multi-benefits
- Environmental Multi-Benefits
- Leveraging of Funds
- Connectivity and Accessibility
- Timeliness and Urgency



RECREATION ACCESS PROGRAM



Annual Allocation: 15% of the Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Program and 15% of the Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility Program

Grant Cycle: Two years

Amount: The dollar amount of funds available is updated each year and the funding amount is based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROGRAM EXAMPLES

Below is a non-exhaustive list of programs that may be eligible for Recreation Access grant funds:

- Educational and Interpretive programs that promote park use
- Programs that provide or fund transportation that includes an interpretive or educational; opportunity from areas of High-Need or Very-High-Need to beaches, regional parks, cultural facilities, recreational events, or natural parks

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the Recreation and Access program meets the eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Program Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the program meets all the following eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The program increases the ability for county citizens to access public lands, park facilities, park amenities, and recreational opportunities.
- The program meets or will meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act of 1990.
- The program must provide an annual program evaluation.

Program Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the program meets at least one requirement below in order to apply for a grant award:





- The program has already been established; or
- The program provider has a track record of running similar types of programs at other locations in Los Angeles County; or
- The program provider has not run programs similar to the one proposed, but is either well-established in the service area or has established a partnership with an agency or community-based organization that is well-established in the service area.

Community Engagement

The project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirements.

AWARD SIZE

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements.

- Minimum: \$50,000
- Maximum: \$1,850,000

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements.

Grant applications will be categorized into award size brackets as shown in the table below.

RECREATION ACCESS PROGRAM AWARD SIZE BRACKETS		
Award Size Bracket	Minimum Award Size	Maximum Award Size
Small	\$50,000	\$499,999
Medium	\$500,000	\$999,999
Large	\$1,000,000	\$1,850,000

Grant applications within each bracket will be evaluated and ranked to determine projects to be awarded a grant.

Projects that require funding beyond these Measure A limits may seek to leverage supplemental funding from other sources.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be scored using the following criteria.

- Level of Need
- Community Involvement Beyond Required Minimum
- Program Benefits



YOUTH AND VETERAN JOB TRAINING PLACEMENT PROGRAM



Annual Allocation:	3.8% of Measure A Expenditure Plan with 80% dedicated to Education and Skills Training Program and 20% dedicated to Certification and Job Placement Program
Grant Cycle:	Three years
Amount:	The amount of funds available is updated each year and the funding amount is based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROGRAM EXAMPLES

Below is a non-exhaustive list of programs that may be eligible for this grant funds under the *Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement Program* and is intended to assist you in understanding the types of programs these funds can be expended on, not to limit or direct the programs you choose to complete using these funds.

- Educational seminars
- Internship/entry level job placement
- Job skills classes that focus on education and training needed to meet the job requirements at Parks and Recreation agencies
- Trade schools that focus on skills needed to meet the job requirements at Parks and Recreation agencies
- Tuition grants/stipends
- Arborist training and certification for tree planting and maintenance in parks
- Interpretive training and certification for Natural and Cultural History Interpretation, planning and programming
- Park and Recreation Professional Organization's Certification programs (e.g., National Association of Interpretation, National Recreation and Park Association, California Park and Recreation Society, Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation, Epply Institute, etc.)
- Playground Safety and Athletic Field Management Certification
- Camp Counselor Training and Certifications
- California Aquatics Management School Certification and aquatics facility Operator Certification





PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the program meets the eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Program Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the programmatic project meets all of the following eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The program provider is an eligible organization which meets the following:
 - » Has an office within Los Angeles County; and
 - » Serves young adults (aged 18 to 25) or veterans within Los Angeles County.
- The program provider must either provides education, skills training, and career pathway development to implement park projects; or provide certifications and placement services, or apprenticeship opportunities for jobs and careers in the Parks and Recreation field.
- The program provider's requested grant award size for the program is a minimum of \$50,000 and maximum of \$1,400,000.

Program Feasibility

The proposed program must meet at least one of the following feasibility requirements:

- The program has already been established; or
- The program provider has a track record of running similar types of programs in other locations; or
- The program provider has not run programs similar to the one proposed but is either well-established in the geographic service area or has established a partnership with an agency or organization that has experience running similar types of job training and placement programs.

Community Engagement

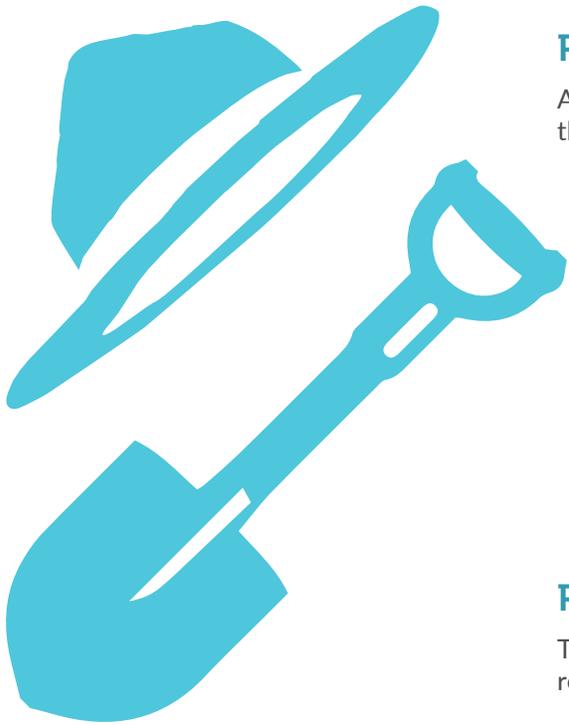
The programmatic project must meet Measure A's minimum community engagement requirements.

AWARD SIZE

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements.

- Minimum: \$50,000
- Maximum: \$1,400,000

Grant applications will be categorized into award size brackets as shown in the following table.



YOUTH AND VETERAN JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM AWARD SIZE BRACKETS		
Award Size Bracket	Minimum Award Size	Maximum Award Size
Small	\$50,000	\$249,999
Medium	\$250,000	\$549,999
Large	\$550,000	\$1,400,000

Grant applications within each bracket will be evaluated and ranked to determine projects to be awarded a grant.

Projects that require funding beyond these Measure A limits may seek to leverage supplemental funding from other sources.

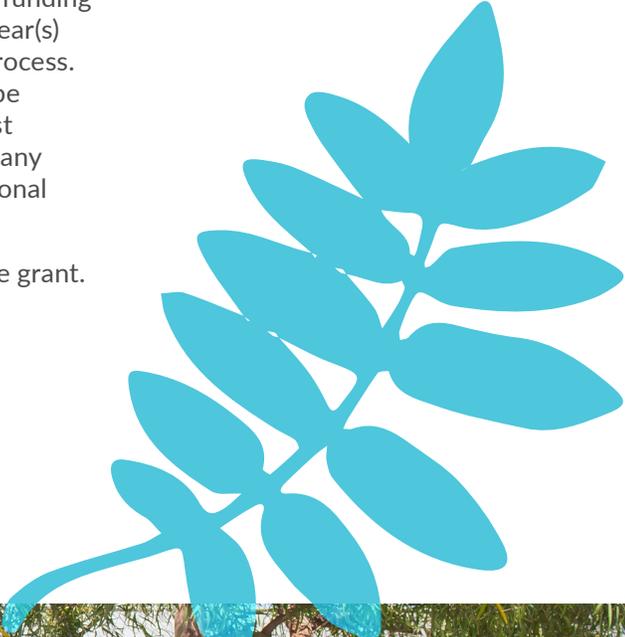
Organizations may submit grant applications to fund multi-year program(s) not to exceed three years. For awarded multi-year programs, grant funding will only be guaranteed for the first year. Funding for subsequent year(s) is contingent to approval by RPOSD and a third-party evaluation process. The program evaluation must have multiple evaluation points and be inclusive of the full grant timeline. The awarded grant program must receive a satisfactory evaluation from a third party and work to fix any deficiencies found through the evaluation process to receive additional funding for the following years.

The third-party evaluation process costs can be funded through the grant.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Level of Need
- Community Partnerships
- Program Benefits





OTHER PROGRAMS

Measure A includes funds for maintenance and servicing of RPOSD-funded projects, technical assistance, and planning and design.

Other Programs:



Maintenance
& Servicing



Technical Assistance
Program



Planning
& Design



Innovation
Grants

An overview of each of these programs follows.

MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING



Maintenance and Servicing (M&S) funds can be used to offset increased maintenance costs resulting from RPOSD-funded projects.

- Annual Allocation:** 15% of Measure A Expenditure Plan
- Funding Cycle:** Annual
- Recipients:** Public agencies and nonprofits identified in Measure A
- Amount:** The dollar amount of funds available to each recipient is updated each year and the funding amount is based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

M&S funds:

- Are available annually to identified public agencies and nonprofit organizations
- Can only be used to maintain and service projects that received funding from RPOSD's Proposition A or Measure A
- Can only be used to supplement or enhance existing service levels; cannot be used to fund existing levels of service

Maintenance and Servicing Funds Recipients	Annual Allocation
88 Cities	50.85%
Department of Beaches and Harbors	10.50%
Department of Parks and Recreation	13.50%
Department of Public Works	3.00%
Baldwin Hills Regional and Conservation Authority	1.00%
Los Cerritos Wetland Authority	0.50%
Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority	8.00%
Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority	2.00%
Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority	1.00%
Watershed Conservation Authority	5.15%
Other: Eligible Nonprofit	4.50%
TOTAL	100.00%





TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Just as park need varies throughout Los Angeles County, so does:

- Understanding the value of parks to the community
- Knowledge of the resources that Measure A provides
- Commitment to work with and engage the community
- Access to additional funding to leverage Measure A funds
- Familiarity with the RPOSD Grant Application process
- Appreciation of the complexity of well-designed parks
- Ability to successfully manage projects to completion
- Ability to successfully operate and maintain completed projects

RPOSD's Technical Assistance Program (TAP) recognizes these variations and offers information, tools, resources, and strategies to help applicants through all stages of a project, from conceptualization, through grant initiation, grantmaking, and project completion.

The primary goals of the TAP are to:

- Ensure that all eligible agencies, nonprofit organizations, and schools (and especially those with projects in High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas), are well informed about Measure A
- Maximize participation in Measure A from agencies, nonprofit organizations, and schools with projects in High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas by providing proactive and flexible assistance with conceptualizing projects, applying for funding, managing grants, and completing and maintaining projects
- Create and support relationships between agencies/organizations and professionals/mentors throughout the County
- Support organizational capacity-building among Measure A applicants to increase their ability to manage grants
- Place emphasis on delivering successfully completed projects to park users

TAP resources include resource toolkits, directories, training and education, ongoing support, professional services, and planning and design funds. Some TAP resources are available to all applicants; however, applicants with projects located in High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas have preferential access to TAP resources. For more information about accessing TAP resources, contact RPOSD at 626.588.5060.

A wide range of technical assistance is available as follows:

Types of Technical Assistance Available:



Planning and Design Funds

- Park master plans
- Feasibility studies
- Site plans or studies
- Environmental planning/compliance
- Park or trail design development and construction documents



Training and Education Workshops

- Intro to Measure A/Grant Applications
- Grant Writing
- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Project Management
- Grant Administration
- Park Planning 101



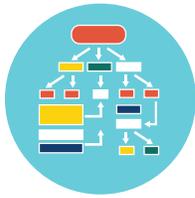
Ongoing Technical Support from RPOSD

- Enrollment guidance
- One-on-one assistance
- Outreach about Measure A
- Technical assistance need surveys
- TAP awareness
- TAP evaluation



Professional Services

- Grant writing
- Community outreach
- Meeting facilitation
- Multilingual translation/interpretation
- Graphic design
- Construction administration



Resource Toolkits

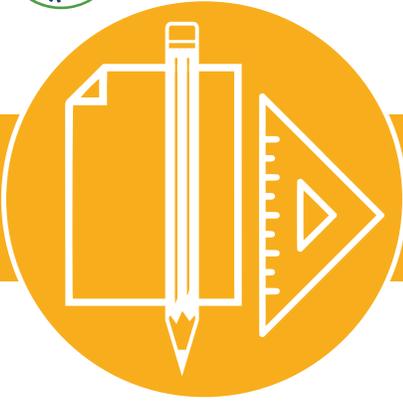
- Enrollment quick start guide
- Grant application quick start guide
- Grant writing handbook
- Meeting facilitation handbook
- Establishing joint-use agreements handbook
- Planning/design handbook
- Cost estimate catalog
- Park-related stock photos database
- Community engagement meeting collateral



Technical Assistance Directories

- Professional consultants
- Mentors
- Other funders





PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS

Beginning in Year 5 of the TAP, RPOSD will offer planning and design funds through the TAP. Planning and Design funds provide recipients with funds to perform work in planning and/or designing a park, trail, open space, or other recreation project.

Annual Allocation:	10% of the Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Program and 10% of the Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility Program
Grant Cycle:	The first cycle will occur no less than five years after the launch of the TAP; then annually thereafter
Recipients:	Projects that are located in High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas
Amount:	The dollar amount of funds available is updated annually based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year

PROJECT TYPES

Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for funds under the Planning and Design funds program:

- Park master plans
- Feasibility studies
- Site plans or studies
- Environmental planning/compliance
- Park or trail design development and construction documents
- Park system master plans
- Open Space and Recreation Element updates

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all of Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The applicant must be registered with RPOSD and determined by RPOSD to be eligible to apply for Planning and Design funds.
- The proposed project's schedule is a maximum of two years.
- The applicant must not have an open planning/design grant with RPOSD.

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets at least one requirement in each topic area to apply for a grant award:

Land Access/Tenure

- Applicant has a plan as to how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Permitting and CEQA Compliance

- Applicant has a general timeline and approach as to how and when permitting and CEQA will be completed; or
- If permitting and/or CEQA compliance are not applicable to the project, applicant has an explanation as to why not.

Adverse Site Conditions

- Adverse site conditions are known to exist but have not been characterized. Applicant has plans as to how and when these conditions will be addressed, with appropriate budget contingencies in the project budget; or
- The proposed project seeks to identify adverse site conditions on the project site.

Project Budget and Funding

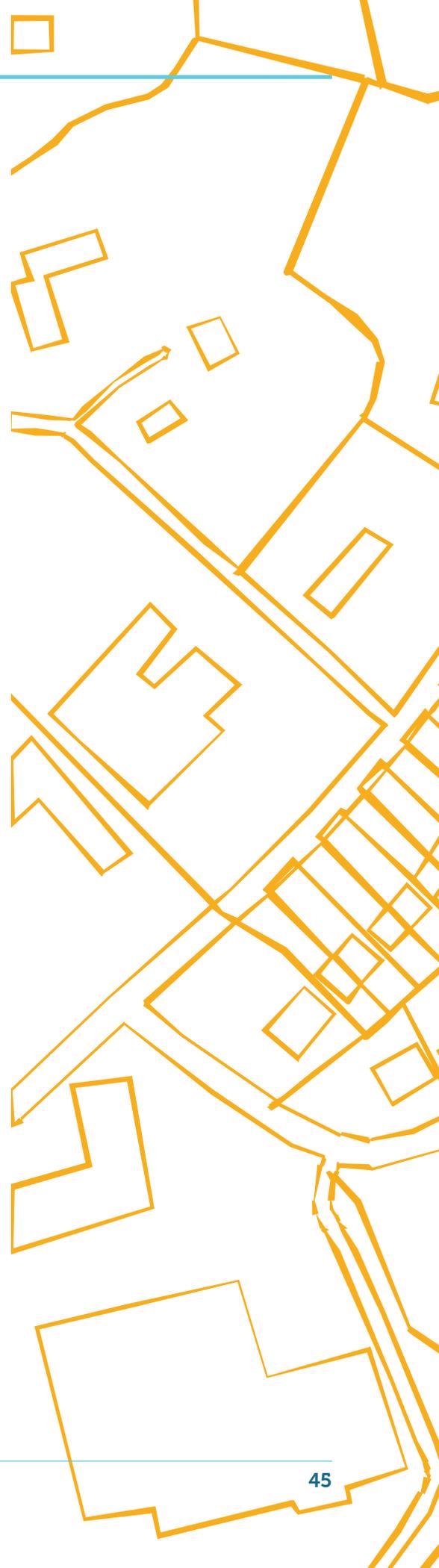
- Applicant has a budget consistent with the level of planning and design completed to date, as well as a plan for funding to cover the budgeted costs, with appropriate contingencies given the level of planning completed.

Project Schedule

- Applicant has a schedule from fund award to project completion that reflects the level of planning, design, permitting and community involvement that will be necessary for the planning/design project.

Community Engagement

The program must meet the minimum community engagement requirements described in Section 3.3.





AWARD SIZE

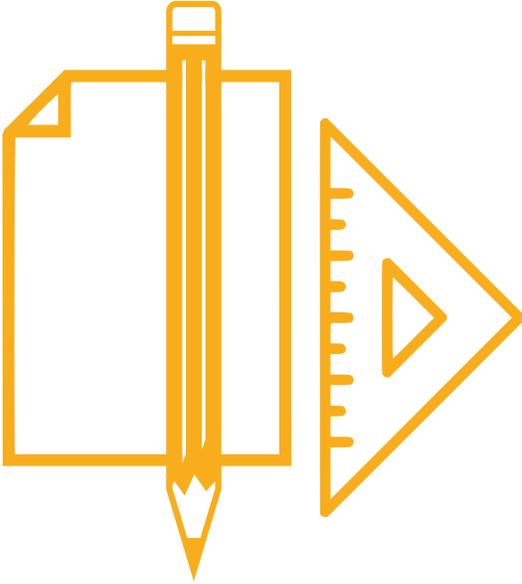
Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements.

- Minimum: \$20,000
- Maximum: \$250,000

Projects that require funding beyond these Measure A limits may seek to leverage supplemental funding from other sources.

Applications will be scored using the following criteria:

- Level of Need
- Community Involvement Beyond Minimum Requirements
- Timeliness and Urgency
- Existing Planning and Design Challenges



INNOVATION GRANTS PROGRAM



The Innovation Grant Program will fund projects that demonstrate innovation in park design or maintenance, park access, understanding of park users, or functioning of park agencies. The projects should incorporate sustainability, energy and water efficiency, stormwater capture, and/or state of the art technology into their scope of work. Projects funded by the Innovation Grant Program should be replicable in communities throughout the County and will serve as precedents that move parks forward in Los Angeles County.

Allocation:	Derived from Measure A's Implementation, Operations, and Oversight funds
Grant Cycle:	Innovation Grant funds will be distributed on a rolling basis as funds are available
Grant Award Amount:	Innovation Grants will be awarded for a minimum of \$50,000
Eligibility:	Public agencies, community-based organizations, and schools that oversee parks in one or more of the 188 Study Areas in Los Angeles County are eligible to apply

PROJECT TYPES

Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under the Innovation Grant Program. This list is intended to assist applicants in understanding the types of projects that Innovation Grant Program funds can be expended on, not to limit or direct the projects they choose to complete.

- Design elements that support innovative environmental sustainability and a decreased reliance on inefficient or outdated energy sources
- Innovative approaches to increasing park access and use by community members
- Innovative approaches to water quality improvement or conservation
- Innovative human-centered technology such as publicly accessible WiFi connectivity in parks, online or in-person engagement tools to educate and encourage park use, apps or programs designed to increase park user engagement or gather park user statistics
- Innovative systems for use by park agency or organization staff that result in increased efficiency, higher quality service, gathering of park user and maintenance statistics, or savings of resources





PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility and feasibility requirements listed below.

Project Eligibility

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project is in a park, or involves parks users
- The applicant is the Agency of Record for the Study Area in which the project will be located; or the Agency of Record for the Study Area is included as a partner in the project
- The project is an innovative approach to park design or maintenance, park access, understanding of park users, or functioning of park agencies
- The project incorporates sustainability, energy and/or water efficiency, stormwater capture, and/or state of the art technology
- The project has potential to be replicated throughout the County and scaled for small or large agencies

Project Feasibility

Applicants must provide a feasible timeline, budget, and project management plan.

Community Engagement

The applicant must share information about the project with the community.

APPLYING FOR INNOVATION GRANTS

Interested agencies/organizations must submit a Letter of Intent to their Grant Officer or to the Administrator of RPOSD to determine if their project is eligible for funding.

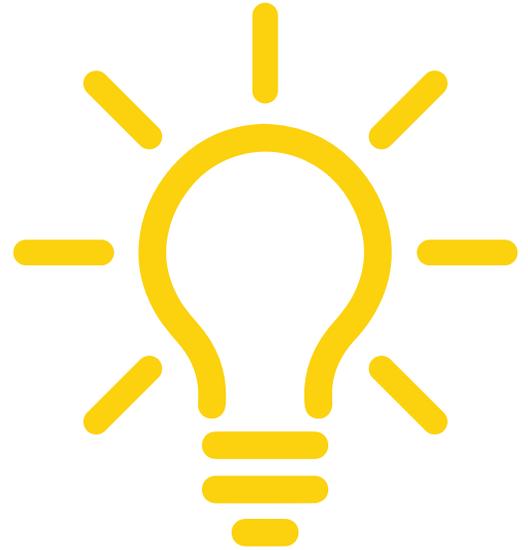
RPOSD's internal Innovation Team will review the Letter of Intent and invite the applicant for an in-person interview. Upon completion of the interview, RPOSD will determine if the project is eligible to apply for an Innovation Grant. Applicants with eligible projects will apply using the GMS.

The Letter of Intent is limited to two pages and must contain the following:

- Brief description of the project, including project location
- Brief description of the project's innovations in park design or maintenance, park access, understanding of park users, or functioning of park agencies
- Brief description of the proposed sustainability, energy and water efficiency, stormwater capture, and/or state of the art technology to be used in the project



- An Impact Statement that details the anticipated impact of the project, especially as it pertains to setting a precedent for innovative technology and practices. The impact statement should describe how the project's innovations will impact park users and the park agency and should consider park access; park usage, including frequency of use, diversity of parks users, and/or health of park users; consumption of natural resources, including water and electricity; and/or agency budget, schedule, or operations. It must also indicate the need for this type of innovative on a Countywide scale and the potential for the project to be replicated in other parks or by other jurisdictions



ADMINISTERING INNOVATION GRANTS

All Innovation Grant recipients are required to meet the Grant Administration and Project Delivery requirements detailed in Section 3.4.4 and 3.4.5 of the Grants Administration Guide for Measure A. In addition, the following items are required of Innovation Grant recipients:

1. **Biannual Measurement Report** must be filed every six months for the duration of the project, or the first two years of the project if the project has a duration of more than two years. This report shall be based on the items identified within the Impact Statement and the appropriate metrics identified by which to measure those impacts.
2. **Annual Measurement Report** must be filed annually for two years after the completion of the project. This report will provide a metric-driven analysis of the impacts of the implemented project. The impacts to be analyzed will be those identified in the Biannual Measurement Report, as well as any unanticipated impacts that resulted from implementation of the project. The Annual Measurement Report shall also provide a narrative on the outcomes and impacts of the project, including explanations for why the project is achieving the anticipating impacts, or why the impacts are not being achieved.

GRANT CLOSING AND POST CLOSING OBLIGATIONS

All Innovation Grant recipients are required to meet the Project Delivery requirements detailed in Section 3.4.5 of the Grants Administration Guide for Measure A. In addition, recipients are required to complete an Innovation Case Study detailing the innovation and the project impacts. The Case Study must include all information required to replicate the project at other sites/agencies, including technical information and specifications where appropriate. RPOSD will provide a Case Study template for use by the applicant in completing the Case Study.





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