

2. Policies: Part II

2.1 OVERSIGHT AND INNOVATION POLICY

Measure A allows up to 7.2% of revenue to be designated for strategic planning, updates to the 2016 Countywide Parks Needs Assessment, and District operations including, but not limited to, management, technical assistance, outreach, and oversight, including personnel, to administer programs pursuant to the Measure. Consistent with the requirement that RPOSD operations be cost-neutral to the County, these funds shall be designated and spent as follows:

1. The percent of annual revenue dedicated to Oversight and Innovation shall be set at 7.2%.
2. These funds shall be expendable on strategic planning, updates to the Countywide Parks Needs Assessment, and District operations including, but not limited to, management, technical assistance, outreach, and oversight, including personnel, to administer all Measure A programs.

2.2 NONPROFIT M&S ALLOCATION

Measure A allocates 4.5% of available maintenance and servicing funds for eligible nonprofit organizations that own, operate, or both, parklands consistent with the measure. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

1. Eligible nonprofit organizations that own and/or operate parklands consistent with the measure may apply for Maintenance and Servicing funds annually, following the established procedures and requirements for Maintenance and Servicing Funds, including any subsequent updates.
2. Funds shall be distributed proportionally, subject to District approval, based on the amount of funding available for distribution, the funding amount requested, and the number of applicants who meet the eligibility and submission requirements.
3. Applicants may or may not receive the full amount requested.

2.3 ADDITIONAL POLICIES

2.3.1 CATEGORY 2 POLICY

Reducing park need levels from High or Very High to Moderate or better is one of the key desired outcomes of Measure A. It is anticipated that this process will take a significant amount of time and that in many cases High and Very High need Study Areas will depend on Category 2 funds to reduce park need level, as the challenges facing High and Very High need Study Areas as they work to reduce park need are many and complex.

In order to best support Study Areas receiving Category 2 allocations as they work to meet park need, the following policies are recommended:

1. Any High or Very High Need Study Area that successfully reduces park need and is determined to have Moderate need or better shall continue to receive Category 2 funds for a minimum of five years after the need level has changed, or when the PNA is updated, whichever is later. This is intended to promote stability and sustainability of the Study Area's parks and amenities.
2. The exception to this policy is that any Study Area that bonds Category 2 funds for a project that results in its need level improving to Moderate or better will continue to have its Category 2 allocations directed to debt service until the bond matures.
3. Study Areas that improve to Moderate or better will no longer be eligible for targeted funds in General Category 3 and General Category 4 competitive grants, as these are targeted to High and Very High Need Study Areas only

These policies will help ensure that Study Areas are able to forward their annual allocation for a period of up to 5 years, remove any immediate financial penalty resulting from reducing park need, and ensure that these Study Areas are able to continue reducing park need level.