

NATURAL LANDS, LOCAL BEACHES, WATER CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Goals

Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Competitive Grant Program projects should improve and protect open space, watersheds, and water resources through planning, acquisition, development, improvement, and restoration, of multi-benefit park projects that promote, improve, or protect clean local water supplies, habitat improvements, park space, recreation, public access, watershed health, and open space, including improvements or restoration of areas that buffer our rivers, streams, and their tributaries along with the lakes and beaches throughout the County. Priority will be given to projects offering the greatest regional benefit, or serving the greatest regional need.

Thirty percent of these funds will be awarded to projects in High or Very High Need Study Areas, as defined by the most recent Countywide Parks Needs Assessment.

2018 Funding Amount

\$4,000,000

Project Types

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

Natural Lands/Open Spaces

- Parks
- New or improved access points to mountain, foothill, river, stream, and wetland areas
- Restoration of natural habitat
- Scenic vistas
- Wildlife corridors and habitats
- Habitat gardens
- Nature/Interpretive centers
- Preservation of natural lands
- Tree planting

Local Beaches

- Active recreation amenities
- New or improved fishing and boating facilities
- Pier/dock improvements
- Replacement of sand
- Restrooms/shower facilities
- Access facilities, including staging areas, roadways, parking lots, and trailheads.

Water Conservation and Protection

- Drainage basins
- Irrigation projects
- Permeable walkways and play surfaces
- Rainwater harvesting
- Revegetation of banks and waterways
- Stormwater capture and other water recycling
- Beach and coastal watershed clean up
- Drinking water improvements
- Lake or reservoir clean up
- Riparian corridor improvements
- River and stream clean-up
- River and stream parkway development

Project Requirements

Project Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following Project Eligibility requirements in order to apply for a grant award:

- 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 is a permanent capital project.
- The project is consistent with the Study Area's long-range park planning documents.
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- Applicant owns the land in question;
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- Applicant has a detailed schedule from grant receipt to project completion that reflects the level of planning, design, permitting and community involvement that will be necessary for the project.

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

Community Engagement

The project must meet the minimum community engagement requirements described in Section X.

Award Size

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements. Grant applications will be categorized into different thresholds of award size brackets depending on the requested size of the grant award. Grant applications within the same award size bracket will be evaluated against each other and at least one grant will be awarded in each bracket that receives completed applications. Total funds available and award bracket limits may be adjusted prior to each grant round, and will be publicized in the grant announcement materials.

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Evaluation Criteria

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

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| Evaluation Criteria | Points |
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| Level of Need | 10 |
| Regional Benefits | 10 |
| Community Involvement Beyond Minimum Requirements | 10 |
| Social Multi-Benefits | 10 |
| Community Health Multi-Benefits | 10 |
| Environmental Multi-Benefits | 40 |
| Leveraging of Funds | 5 |
| Connectivity and Accessibility | 15 |
| Timeliness and Urgency | 20 |
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| <p><i>(C) Project includes elements that support the language needs of people who live in High or Very High Need Study Areas, including multilingual wayfinding, informational signage, interpretive programs, and educational materials.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |

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| <p>REGIONAL BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE REGIONAL BENEFITS OR SERVE REGIONAL NEED WILL RECEIVE POINTS¹.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Project provides regional benefits by rehabilitating, adding, or improving a unique facility, amenity, or natural resource within the region it serves.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project meets regional need by adding, rehabilitating or improving any facility, amenity, or natural resource for which regional demand/use is high.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Project accommodates regional access by providing trail connectivity, transit connections beyond the local vicinity, trailhead and/or parking improvements, or ADA improvements.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
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| <p><i>(E) Project involves the collaboration of multiple, agencies, or organizations.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(F) Project increases community value (natural or built) by filling a gap in regional facilities, amenities, or natural resources.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |

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| <p>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BEYOND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE POINTS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF PAST AND/OR PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY (SEE SECTION 3.X) THAT GOES BEYOND THE MINIMUM ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.</p> <p>Points will be awarded based on the evaluators' assessment of the submitted community involvement documentation and/or community involvement plan describing proposed community involvement. All proposed community involvement will be tracked as part of the grant administration process; grantees not completing proposed community involvement will lose good standing on the grant.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Applicant engaged and/or will engage the community at a point in the project when community input could influence the outcome of the plan.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project utilized and/or will utilize multiple inclusive outreach methods that targeted broad representation of residents and stakeholders. Applicants utilizing more than three methods may receive more points.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Applicant actively sought and/or will seek to remove barriers to accessing engagement meetings/events such as scheduling meetings in the evenings and/or weekends, providing childcare, providing transportation, and providing refreshments. Applicants removing more barriers will receive more points.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Applicant established or leveraged, or will establish or leverage, community partnerships with local community-based organizations, citizen advisory groups, and/or school districts to gain support for the project.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Applicant provided or will provide language access services beyond minimum requirements.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(F) Project reflects or will reflect community input received during the engagement process.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |

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| <p>SOCIAL MULTI-BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE OTHER BENEFITS BESIDES RECREATION THAT RELATE TO SOCIAL ISSUES.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Community Safety, Gang Activity Reduction, and Violence Prevention</i> <i>Project includes features that improve safety conditions and visibility through the provision of safe equipment and facilities, and thereby reduce or prevent of gang activity, violence, and crime. Best practices include using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies, such as increasing natural surveillance, reducing isolated spaces, increasing sight lines, and providing adequate lighting. Projects located in areas of high gang activity and violence and incorporate safe design, and/or engage former and current gang members or gang reduction community groups to ensure park safety.</i></p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Anti-displacement Mitigation</i> <i>Project includes advance displacement avoidance strategies to prevent displacement if a potential unintended consequence associated with the project creates a significant increase in the cost of housing. More points will be scored based on how realistic and proactive the strategies are.</i></p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Cultural and Language Sensitivity</i> <i>Project incorporates elements that accommodate the cultural and language needs of the served populations, such as multilingual wayfinding and other signage and informational signs or public art related to the surrounding history and culture of the project and area. More points will be scored on the quantity and quality of the proposed cultural and language elements.</i></p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Interpretive Programs and Education</i> <i>Project incorporates elements that provide interpretation and education to foster user connection and awareness of the environment, the outdoors, and/or recreation, such as incorporating informative signage explaining the project’s location, landscape, wildlife, plants, background, and history. More points will be scored on the appropriateness of the proposed interpretive programs and education elements.</i></p> | <p>0-3</p> |

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| <p>COMMUNITY HEALTH MULTI-BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE OTHER BENEFITS BESIDES RECREATION THAT RELATE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH ISSUES.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Physical Activity</i> <i>Project provides infrastructure and equipment that encourages physical activity. Examples include a combination of playground equipment, exercise equipment, walking and biking paths, and/or trails.</i></p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Universal Design and Accessibility</i> <i>Project provides infrastructure and equipment that cater to the physical activity of people of all abilities, especially to people with special needs. Examples include access ramps, accessible restrooms, and inclusive recreation options.</i></p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Safe and Active Transportation</i> <i>Project includes connections to transportation infrastructure to increase the ability of users to travel to and from the project by active forms of transportation such as walking, biking, skateboarding, scootering, etc. Examples include sidewalks, multi-use paths, bikeways, and Safe Routes to School.</i></p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Social Interaction</i> <i>Project includes elements that promote social interaction, such as safe, attractive, and interactive gathering areas; interpretive and wayfinding signage; public art; and infrastructure for play.</i></p> | <p>0-3</p> |

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| <p>ENVIRONMENTAL MULTI-BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE OTHER BENEFITS BESIDES RECREATION THAT RELATE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 40 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>40 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Stormwater Capture and Conservation</i> <i>Project includes features to capture stormwater and attenuate potential flood conditions which go beyond those required by State and local codes. Examples include swales, rain gardens, retention basins, pervious pavement, use of drought-tolerant plants, use of drip irrigation, etc.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Water and Air Quality Improvements</i> <i>Project includes features to improve water quality which go beyond those required by State and local codes and features to reduce existing criterion air pollutant emissions that go beyond those required by current regulations. Examples include bioswales, use of recycled water, low allergen plant palette selection, sustainable irrigation practices, and reducing runoff.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reductions, including Carbon Sequestration</i> <i>Project includes features to reduce existing GHG emissions that go beyond those required by current regulations and features to sequester carbon that go beyond typical plantings found in park and open space projects. Examples include tree planting, active transportation options, and sustainable maintenance of amenities.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Heat-Island Reductions</i> <i>Project includes features to reduce heat-island effects, in ways that go beyond typical plantings found in park and open space projects. Examples include use of light colored and/or reflective surfaces, planting trees, providing shade, and reducing hardscape.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Habitat Protection and Biodiversity</i> <i>Project includes features to create and preserve important habitat areas and biodiversity. Examples include preserving critical habitat areas, using native plants that attract pollinators, and creating a diversity of spaces that can be used as habitat for a diversity of animals.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |

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| <p>LEVERAGING OF FUNDS</p> <p>MEASURE A ENCOURAGES PROJECTS THAT LEVERAGE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDING FROM SEVERAL SPECIFIC TYPES OF BENEFIT PROGRAMS. PLEASE SUBMIT A BUDGET INDICATING SECURED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS THAT WILL BE LEVERAGED FOR THE PROJECT. RELEVANT FUNDING SOURCES SPECIFICALLY CALLED OUT IN MEASURE A ARE THOSE THAT ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WATER CONSERVATION AND SUPPLY; WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS; FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT; • AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS; CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION OR ADAPTATION; CARBON SEQUESTRATION; HEAT-ISLAND REDUCTION; HABITAT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY; • PUBLIC HEALTH; ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 5 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>5 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Project leverages a percentage of the project's cost. Only one of the following subcriteria may apply to each project. More points will be awarded to projects that use a higher percentage of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>4 max.</p> |
| <p><i>(A1) Project uses more than 80% of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p><i>(A2) Project uses 60%-80% of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p><i>(A3) Project uses 40%-59% of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p><i>(A4) Project uses 20%-39% of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project leverages funds in one or more of the following methods: (1) uses awarded Measure A competitive funds as a source of leveraged funding for other grant programs; (2) uses awarded Measure A competitive funds to complete funding for a project that is currently funded by other grant programs; and/or (3) uses Measure A Category 1 or 2 funds as a source of leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>4</p> |

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| <p>CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY, CONNECTING RIVER, MOUNTAIN, AND URBAN AREAS, ESPECIALLY TO COUNTY PARKS, STATE PARKS, THE NATIONAL FOREST, THE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA(S), AND THE NATIONAL MONUMENT(S), AND THAT LINK OTHER CANYONS AND REGIONAL AND LOCAL PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.</p> <p>Only one of the following subcriteria will apply to each project, for a maximum of 15 points.</p> | <p>15 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Project provides <u>new</u> physical connections, such as multi-use trails, access points, staging areas, and other accessibility options, that connect river, mountain, and urban areas, especially to County Parks, State Parks, the National Forest, the National Recreation Area(s), and the National Monument(s), and that link other canyons and regional and local parks throughout the County. More points will be awarded according to the quality of the physical connection such as including wayfinding, and landscaping, and the scale of the connection.</i></p> | <p>0-15</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project provides <u>improvements</u> to existing physical connections, such as multi-use trails, access points, staging areas and other accessibility strategies that connect river, mountain, and urban areas especially to County Parks, State Parks, National Forests, National Recreation Areas, National Monuments, and that link canyons and regional and local parks throughout the County. More points will be awarded according to the quality of the physical connection such as including wayfinding, landscaping, and the scale of the connection.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |

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| <p>TIMELINESS AND URGENCY THE INITIATION AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IS NEEDED AND TIMELY IN THAT IT BUILDS ON, COMPLEMENTS, OR MOVES TOWARD IMPLEMENTING HIGH PRIORITY ACQUISITIONS, CONNECTIONS, AND/OR HABITAT PROTECTION PLANS WATER CONSERVATION OR PROTECTION .</p> <p>Only one of the following subcriteria will apply to each project, for a maximum of 20 points.</p> | <p>20 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) The completion of the project is timely and urgent and will result in additional acquisition, connections, habitat protection, water conservation or improvements, and/or there is an existing threat of imminent development on the project site.</i></p> | <p>11-20</p> |
| <p><i>(B) The completion of the project is timely, but not urgent, and/or will not necessarily advance other high priority acquisitions, connections, habitat protection plans, water conservation or protection improvements.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |

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REGIONAL RECREATION, MULTI-USE TRAILS, AND ACCESSIBILITY COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Goals

Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails, and Accessibility Competitive Grant Program projects should improve and protect regional recreational facilities, trails and accessibility projects. Greater priority will be given to trail and accessibility projects that connect river, mountain, and urban areas, especially to County Parks, State Parks, the National Forest, the National Recreation Area(s), and the National Monument(s), and that link other canyons and regional and local parks throughout the County.

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Regional Recreational Facilities

- Aquatic facilities
- New regional park facilities
- Equestrian staging areas
- Improvements to existing regional park facilities
- Golf course facilities
- Multi-use sports facilities

Multi-use Trails

- Addition of amenities along trail corridor
- Development of new multi-use trails
- Upgrades to existing multi-use trails
- Trail refurbishment
- Trailhead amenities and improvements

Accessibility

- ADA restroom upgrades, 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
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- Trailhead improvements

Project Requirements

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| <p>REGIONAL BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE REGIONAL BENEFITS OR SERVE REGIONAL NEED WILL RECEIVE POINTS².</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 30 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>30 MAX.</p> |
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| <p><i>(F) Project increases community value (natural or built) by filling a gap in regional facilities, amenities, or open space.</i></p> | <p>0-6</p> |

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| <p><i>(A) Applicant engaged and/or will engage the community at a point in the project when community input could influence the outcome of the plan.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project utilized and/or will utilize multiple inclusive outreach methods that targeted broad representation of residents and stakeholders. Applicants utilizing more than three methods may receive more points.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Applicant actively sought and/or will seek to remove barriers to accessing engagement meetings/events such as scheduling meetings/events in the evenings and/or weekends, providing childcare, providing transportation, and providing refreshments. Applicants removing more barriers will receive more points.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Applicant established or leveraged, or will establish or leverage, community partnerships with local community-based organizations, citizen advisory groups, and/or school districts to gain support for the project.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Applicant provided or will provide language access services beyond minimum requirements.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(F) Project reflects or will reflect community input received during the engagement process.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |

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| <p>SOCIAL MULTI-BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE OTHER BENEFITS BESIDES RECREATION THAT RELATE TO SOCIAL ISSUES.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Community Safety, Gang Activity Reduction, and Violence Prevention</i> Project includes features that improve safety conditions and visibility through the provision of safe equipment and facilities, and thereby reduce or prevent gang activity, violence, and crime. Best practices include using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies, such as increasing natural surveillance, reducing isolated spaces, increasing sight lines, and providing adequate lighting. Projects located in areas of high gang activity and violence and incorporate safe design, and/or engage former and current gang members or gang reduction community groups to ensure park safety.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Anti-displacement Mitigation</i> Project includes advance displacement avoidance strategies to prevent displacement if a potential unintended consequence associated with the project creates a significant increase in the cost of housing. More points will be scored based on how realistic and proactive the strategies are.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Cultural and Language Sensitivity</i> Project incorporates elements that accommodate the cultural and language needs of the served populations, such as multilingual wayfinding and other signage and informational signs or public art related to the surrounding history and culture of the project and area. More points will be scored on the quantity and quality of the proposed cultural and language elements.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Interpretive Programs and Education</i> Project incorporates elements that provide interpretation and education to foster user connection and awareness of the environment, the outdoors, and/or recreation, such as incorporating informative signage explaining the project's location and cultural and natural history. More points will be scored on the appropriateness of the proposed interpretive programs and education elements.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |

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| <p>COMMUNITY HEALTH MULTI-BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE OTHER BENEFITS BESIDES RECREATION THAT RELATE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH ISSUES.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Physical Activity</i> Project provides infrastructure and equipment that encourages physical activity. Examples include a combination of playground equipment, exercise equipment, walking and biking paths/trails, etc. More points will be scored for the quantity and variety of infrastructure and equipment.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Universal Design and Accessibility</i> Project provides infrastructure and equipment that cater to the physical activity of people of all abilities, especially to people with special needs. Examples include access ramps, accessible restrooms, and inclusive recreation options.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Safe and Active Transportation</i> Project includes transportation infrastructure to increase the ability of users to travel to and from the project by active forms of transportation such as walking, biking, skateboarding, scootering, etc. Examples include sidewalks, multi-use paths, bikeways, and Safe Routes to School.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Healthy Food Access</i> Project provides access to healthy food growing and/or healthy food options, such as healthy street vending, community gardens, and healthy grocers. Examples include community gardens, areas for farmers' markets, clean drinking water, incorporation of healthy food vending or provision on the project site, and/or providing transportation infrastructure that allows access to these types of healthy food uses.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Social Interaction</i> Project includes elements that promote social interaction, such as safe, attractive, and interactive gathering areas; public art; and infrastructure for play.</p> | <p>0-3</p> |

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| <p>ENVIRONMENTAL MULTI-BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE OTHER BENEFITS BESIDES RECREATION THAT RELATE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 20 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>20 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Stormwater Capture and Conservation</i> <i>Project includes features to capture stormwater and attenuate potential flood conditions which go beyond those required by State and local codes. Examples include swales, rain gardens, retention basins, pervious pavement, use of drought-tolerant plants, use of drip irrigation, etc.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Water and Air Quality Improvements</i> <i>Project includes features to improve water quality which go beyond those required by State and local codes and features to reduce existing criterion air pollutant emissions that go beyond those required by current regulations. Examples include bioswales, use of recycled water, low allergen plant palette selection, sustainable irrigation practices, and reducing runoff.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reductions, including Carbon Sequestration</i> <i>Project includes features to reduce existing GHG emissions that go beyond those required by current regulations and features to sequester carbon that go beyond typical plantings found in park and open space projects. Examples include tree planting, active transportation options, and sustainable maintenance of amenities.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Heat-Island Reductions</i> <i>Project includes features to reduce heat-island effects, in ways that go beyond typical plantings found in park and open space projects. Examples include use of light colored and/or reflective surfaces, planting trees, providing shade, and reducing hardscape.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Habitat Protection and Biodiversity</i> <i>Project includes features to create and preserve important habitat areas and biodiversity. Examples include preserving critical habitat areas, using native plants that attract pollinators, and creating a diversity of spaces that can be used as habitat for a diversity of animals.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |

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| <p>LEVERAGING OF FUNDS</p> <p>MEASURE A ENCOURAGES PROJECTS THAT LEVERAGE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDING FROM SEVERAL SPECIFIC TYPES OF BENEFIT PROGRAMS. PLEASE SUBMIT A BUDGET INDICATING SECURED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS THAT WILL BE LEVERAGED FOR THE PROJECT. RELEVANT FUNDING SOURCES SPECIFICALLY CALLED OUT IN MEASURE A ARE THOSE THAT ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WATER CONSERVATION AND SUPPLY; WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS; FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT; • AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS; CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION OR ADAPTATION; CARBON SEQUESTRATION; HEAT-ISLAND REDUCTION; HABITAT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY; • PUBLIC HEALTH; ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 5 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>5 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Project leverages a percentage of the project’s cost. Only one of the following subcriteria may apply to each project. More points will be awarded to projects that use a higher percentage of the project’s cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p><i>4 max.</i></p> |
| <p><i>(A1) Project uses more than 80% of the project’s cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p><i>4</i></p> |
| <p><i>(A2) Project uses 60%-80% of the project’s cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p><i>3</i></p> |
| <p><i>(A3) Project uses 40%-59% of the project’s cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p><i>2</i></p> |
| <p><i>(A4) Project uses 20%-39% of the project’s cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p><i>1</i></p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project leverages funds in one or more of the following methods: (1) uses awarded Measure A competitive funds as a source of leveraged funding for other grant programs; (2) uses awarded Measure A competitive funds to complete funding for a project that is currently funded by other grant programs; and/or (3) uses Measure A Category 1 or 2 funds as a source of leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p><i>4</i></p> |

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| <p>CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY, CONNECTING RIVER, MOUNTAIN, AND URBAN AREAS, ESPECIALLY TO COUNTY PARKS, STATE PARKS, THE NATIONAL FOREST, THE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA(S), AND THE NATIONAL MONUMENT(S), AND THAT LINK OTHER CANYONS AND REGIONAL AND LOCAL PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.</p> <p>Only one of the following subcriteria will apply to each project, for a maximum of 15 points.</p> | <p>15 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Project provides <u>new</u> physical connections, such as multi-use trails, access points, staging areas, and other accessibility options, that connect river, mountain, and urban areas, especially to County Parks, State Parks, the National Forest, the National Recreation Area(s), and the National Monument(s), and that link other canyons and regional and local parks throughout the County. More points will be awarded according to the quality of the physical connection such as including lighting, wayfinding, paving, and landscaping, and the scale of the connection.</i></p> | <p>0-15</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project provides <u>improvements</u> to existing physical connections, such as multi-use trails, access points, staging areas, and other accessibility options, that connect river, mountain, and urban areas, especially to County Parks, State Parks, National Forests, National Recreation Areas, National Monuments, and that link canyons and regional and local parks throughout the County. More points will be awarded according to the quality of the physical connection such as including lighting, wayfinding, paving, and landscaping, and the scale of the connection.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |

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| <p>TIMELINESS AND URGENCY THE INITIATION AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IS NEEDED AND TIMELY IN THAT IT BUILDS ON, COMPLEMENTS, OR MOVES TOWARD IMPLEMENTING HIGH PRIORITY acquisitions, CONNECTIONS, AND/OR HABITAT PROTECTION PLANS WATER CONSERVATION OR PROTECTION .</p> <p>Only one of the following subcriteria will apply to each project, for a maximum of 20 points.</p> | <p>20 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) The completion of the project is timely and urgent and will result in additional acquisition, connections, habitat protection, water conservation or improvements, and/or there is an existing threat of imminent development on the project site.</i></p> | <p>11-20</p> |
| <p><i>(B) The completion of the project is timely, but not urgent, and/or will not necessarily advance other high priority acquisitions, connections, habitat protection plans, water conservation or protection improvements.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |

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ACQUISITION-ONLY GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Goals

Acquisition-only grant projects should meet the goals of the Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Program or the Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails, and Accessibility Program. Urgent acquisitions in High or Very High Need Study Areas and for trails connections and access, wildlife corridors, and critical habitat will be prioritized.

Thirty percent of these funds will be awarded to projects in High or Very High Need Study Areas, as defined by the most recent Countywide Parks Needs Assessment.

2018 Funding Amount

\$2,400,000

Project Types

All projects should acquire 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. Refer to those programs for additional information.

Project Requirements

Project Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following Project Eligibility requirements in order 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

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

Land Access/Tenure

- Applicant has entered into a preliminary offer or purchase agreement, or negotiations with the willing seller; or
- Applicant has concrete plans for entering into negotiations with the willing seller.

Permitting and CEQA Compliance

- Project is exempt from regulatory permits and CEQA;
- Any necessary permitting and CEQA documents are completed and certified; or
- Applicant has concrete plans as to how and when permitting and CEQA will be completed.

Adverse Site Conditions (e.g., overhead or underground utilities, toxic contamination, etc.)

- There are no adverse site conditions that would affect future project implementation;
- Adverse site conditions have been characterized and the applicant has plans for addressing them during future project implementation; or
- 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.

Project Cost and Funding

- Applicant has a detailed budget as well as a plan for funding to cover the budgeted acquisition costs related to the acquisition of the property, with appropriate contingencies where needed.

Project Schedule

- Applicant has a detailed schedule that reflects the anticipated timeline for acquisition.

Operations and Maintenance

- The project has an appropriately detailed financial plan for operation, including future project development if applicable, and maintenance of the acquired land project.

Award Size

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements. Grant applications will be categorized into different thresholds of award size brackets depending on the requested size of the grant award. Grant applications within the same award size bracket will be evaluated against each other and at least one grant will be awarded in each bracket that receives completed applications. Total funds available and award bracket limits may be adjusted prior to each grant round, and will be publicized in the grant announcement materials.

Minimum: \$50,000

Maximum: \$1,000,000

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be scored using the following criteria:

- Level of Need
- Regional Benefits
- Environmental Multi-benefits
- Social Multi-Benefits
- Leveraging Measure A Funds
- Timeliness and Urgency

Each evaluation criterion is described below, along with a breakdown of points by subcriteria (where applicable).

ACQUISITION-ONLY GRANT SCORING RUBRIC

| Evaluation Criteria | Points |
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| Level of Need | 10 |
| Regional Benefits | 20 |
| Social Multi-Benefits | 10 |
| Environmental Multi-Benefits | 10 |
| Leveraging of Funds | 5 |
| Timeliness and Urgency | 30 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 85 |

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| <p>LEVEL OF NEED LEVEL OF NEED IS BASED ON THE CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PNA DETERMINATION. PROJECTS SERVING OR BENEFITTING STUDY AREAS WITH HIGH OR VERY HIGH NEED WILL RECEIVE MORE POINTS THAN PROJECTS THAT DO NOT.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Project attracts visitors who live in High or Very High Need Study Areas. More points will be awarded to projects that can provide statistical information that a high number of residents from High or Very High Need Study Areas visit/use the project.</i></p> | <p>0-6</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project demonstrates access from High or Very High Need Study Areas to the project site. Access can include connections by existing or planned trails, bikeways, pathways, transit routes, or shuttle service to and from High or Very High Need Study Areas. Best practices include convenience in access, frequency in service, visibility, safety, and /or provision of the most effective and/or efficient means of transportation between the project site and High or Very High Need Study Area. Other best practices include providing signage, using social media, and other marketing on how to navigate to the project.</i></p> | <p>0-4</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Project includes elements that support the language needs of people who live in High or Very High Need Study Areas, including multilingual wayfinding, information signage, interpretive programs, and educational materials.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |

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| <p>REGIONAL BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE REGIONAL BENEFITS OR SERVE REGIONAL NEED WILL RECEIVE POINTS³.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 20 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>20 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Project provides regional benefits by adding acreage to a park, acreage for a new park, or natural resource within the region it serves.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project meets regional need by adding park acreage for which regional demand is high.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Project accommodates regional access by providing trail connectivity, transit connections beyond the local vicinity, trailhead and parking improvements, or ADA improvements.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Project involves the collaboration of multiple Study Areas, agencies, or nonprofit organizations.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Project increases community value (natural or built) by filling a gap in regional facilities, amenities, or open space.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |

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| <p>SOCIAL MULTI-BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE OTHER BENEFITS BESIDES RECREATION THAT RELATE TO SOCIAL ISSUES.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Community Safety, Gang Activity Reduction, and Violence Prevention</i> Project acquisition results in improved safety conditions and visibility. . Best practices include using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies, such as increasing natural surveillance, reducing isolated spaces, increasing sight lines, and providing adequate lighting. Projects located in areas of high gang activity and violence and incorporate safe design, and/or engage former and current gang members or gang reduction community groups to ensure park safety.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Anti-displacement Mitigation</i> Project includes advance displacement avoidance strategies to prevent displacement if a potential unintended consequence associated with the project creates a significant increase in the cost of housing. More points will be scored based on how realistic and proactive the strategies are.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p>ENVIRONMENTAL MULTI-BENEFITS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE OTHER BENEFITS BESIDES RECREATION THAT RELATE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 10 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Heat-Island Reductions</i> Project includes features to reduce heat-island effects, in ways that go beyond typical plantings found in park and open space projects. Examples include use of light colored and/or reflective surfaces, planting trees, providing shade, and reducing hardscape.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Habitat Protection and Biodiversity</i> Project acreage includes important habitat areas and biodiversity. Examples include preserving critical habitat areas, using native plants that attract pollinators, and creating a diversity of spaces that can be used as habitat for a diversity of animals.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |

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| <p><i>(A) Project leverages a percentage of the project's cost. Only one of the following subcriteria may apply to each project. More points will be awarded to projects that use a higher percentage of the project's cost as leveraged funds. (OBJECTIVE)</i></p> | <p>4 max.</p> |
| <p><i>(A1) Project uses more than 80% of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p><i>(A2) Project uses 60%-80% of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p><i>(A3) Project uses 40%-59% of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p><i>(A4) Project uses 20%-39% of the project's cost as leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Project leverages funds in one or more of the following methods: (1) uses awarded Measure A competitive funds as a source of leveraged funding for other grant programs; (2) uses awarded Measure A competitive funds to complete funding for a project that is currently funded by other grant programs; and/or (3) uses Measure A Category 1 or 2 funds as a source of leveraged funds.</i></p> | <p>4</p> |

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| <p>TIMELINESS AND URGENCY THE INITIATION AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IS NEEDED AND TIMELY IN THAT IT BUILDS ON, COMPLEMENTS, OR MOVES TOWARD IMPLEMENTING HIGH PRIORITY COMMUNITY PARK OR GREENING INITIATIVES THAT COULD RESULT IN THE COMPLETION OF A MEASURE A-FUNDED IMPROVEMENT OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND/OR THERE IS AN EXISTING THREAT OF IMMINENT DEVELOPMENT ON THE PROJECT SITE.</p> <p>Only one of the following subcriteria will apply to each project, for a maximum of 30 points.</p> | <p>30 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) The completion of the project is timely and urgent and will result in being more competitive for Measure A funds to advance high priority park or greening initiatives that could result in the completion of a Measure A-funded improvement or development project, and/or there is an existing threat of imminent development on the project site.</i></p> | <p>16-30</p> |
| <p><i>(B) The completion of the project is timely, but not urgent, and/or will not necessarily advance other high priority park or greening community initiatives that could result in the completion of a Measure A-funded improvement or development project.</i></p> | <p>0-15</p> |

RECREATION ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Goals

Measure A allows for up to 15 percent (15%) of Category 3 and 4 funds to be awarded to recreation access programs. These programs shall increase the ability of residents to access public lands, park facilities, and park amenities, including education, interpretive services, safety information, transportation, and other activities that increase the accessibility for County residents, especially those in high-need and very high-need areas.

2018 Funding Amount

\$3,600,000

Program Types

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
- Resource interpretive programs and nature education
- Pop-up recreational or interpretive programs
- Programs that provide or fund transportation from areas of High and Very High need to beaches, regional parks, cultural facilities, recreational events, or natural parks

Program Requirements

Program Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following Program Eligibility requirements in order 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 the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act of 1990.
- The program must provide an annual program evaluation report.

Program Feasibility

The program must meet at least one of the following Program Feasibility requirements:

- The program has already been established.
- The program provider has a track record of running similar types of programs at other locations.
- 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 (CBO) that is well-established in the service area.

Award Size

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements. Grant applications will be categorized into different thresholds of award size brackets depending on the requested size of the grant award. Grant applications within the same award size bracket will be evaluated against each other and at least one grant will be awarded in each bracket that receives completed applications. Total funds available and award bracket limits may be adjusted prior to each grant round, and will be publicized in the grant announcement materials.

Minimum: \$50,000

Maximum: \$1,850,000

Brackets

Small: \$50,000- \$499,999

Medium: \$500,000 - \$999,999

Large: \$1,000,000 - \$1,850,000

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be scored using the following criteria:

- Level of Need
- Community Involvement
- Program Benefits

Each evaluation criterion is described below, along with a breakdown of points by subcriteria (where applicable).

RECREATION ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM SCORING RUBRIC

| Evaluation Criteria | Points |
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| Level of Need | 25 |
| Community Involvement Beyond Minimum Requirements | 30 |
| Program Benefits | 30 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 85 |

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| <p>LEVEL OF NEED</p> <p>LEVEL OF NEED IS BASED ON THE CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PNA DETERMINATION. PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN OR SERVING OR BENEFITTING STUDY AREAS WITH HIGH OR VERY HIGH NEED WILL RECEIVE MORE POINTS THAN PROJECTS THAT DO NOT.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 25 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | 25 MAX. |
| <i>(A) Program is located in a High or Very High Need Study Area or 90% of program participants live in a High or Very High Need Study Area.</i> | 25 |
| <i>(B) Program is not located in a High or Very High Need Study Area, but directly serves or benefits the residents of a High or Very High Need Study Area by achieving one or more of the subcriteria below.</i> | 20 max. |
| <i>(B1) Program attracts participants who live in High or Very High Need Study Areas. More points will be awarded to projects that can provide statistical information that a high number of residents from High or Very High Need Study Areas will participate in the program.</i> | 0-10 |
| <i>(B2) Program demonstrates access from High or Very High Need Study Areas to the recreation site. Access can include connections by existing trails, bikeways, pathways, transit routes, or shuttle service to and from High or Very High Need Study Areas. Best practices include convenience in access, frequency in service, visibility, safety, and /or provision of the most effective and/or efficient means of transportation between the program site and High or Very High Need Study Area.</i> | 0-15 |
| <i>(B3) Program includes elements that support the language needs of the participants and/or people who live in High or Very High Need Study Areas, including multilingual wayfinding, information signage, interpretive programs, and educational materials.</i> | 0-10 |

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| <p>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BEYOND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE POINTS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF PAST AND/OR PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY (SEE SECTION 3.X) THAT GOES BEYOND THE MINIMUM ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.</p> <p>Points will be awarded based on the evaluators’ assessment of the submitted community involvement documentation and/or community involvement plan describing proposed community involvement. All proposed community involvement will be tracked as part of the grant administration process; grantees not completing proposed community involvement will lose good standing on the grant.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 30 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>30 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Applicant engaged the community while developing the program, to ensure that the program will meet the community’s needs.</i></p> | <p>0-8</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Applicant utilized and will continue to utilize multiple inclusive outreach methods that target broad representation of residents and stakeholders. Applicants utilizing more than three methods may receive more points.</i></p> | <p>0-8</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Applicant actively sought and/or will seek to remove barriers to accessing the program, such as scheduling meetings/events in the evenings and/or weekends, providing transportation, and providing refreshments. Applicants removing more barriers will receive more points.</i></p> | <p>0-8</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Applicant established or leveraged, or will establish or leverage, community partnerships with local community-based organizations, citizen advisory groups, and/or school districts to gain support for the program.</i></p> | <p>0-8</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Applicant provided or will provide language access services beyond minimum requirements.</i></p> | <p>0-8</p> |
| <p><i>(F) Program reflects or will reflect community input received during the engagement process.</i></p> | <p>0-8</p> |

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| <p>PROGRAM BENEFITS PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY, CONNECTIVITY, AND SAFETY, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION, INTERPRETIVE SERVICES, AND ACTIVE RECREATION.</p> <p>Programs may receive up to a maximum of 30 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>30 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Goals and Objectives</i> Agency or organization has clearly stated its goals and objectives (e.g., service or recruit a certain number of participants), and has provided a detailed description on how these goals and objectives will be met, and an evaluation program to show how the outcomes are met.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Accessibility</i> Program provides accessibility for many users, including hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, seniors, and persons with disabilities, especially in urban areas. More points will be awarded to programs that intentionally provide access to more types of users, and/or targets its services to urban areas.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Participant Recruitment</i> Agency or organization actively recruits and publicizes the program to a wide range of participants within the area served.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Connectivity</i> Program connects (or offers transportation to) river, mountain, and urban areas, especially to County Parks, State Parks, National Forests, National Recreation Area, and National Monument, and that link other canyons and regional and local parks throughout the County.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Interpretive Programs and Education</i> Program incorporates elements that provide interpretation and education to foster user connection and awareness of the environment, the outdoors, and/or recreation, such as programs that educate the public about the project’s location and natural and cultural history. More points will be scored on the quantity and quality of the proposed interpretive programs and education programs.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |
| <p><i>(F) Safe and Active Transportation</i> Program includes elements that promote the ability of users to travel to and from the project by active forms of transportation such as walking, biking, skateboarding, scootering, utilizing a Metro or City transportation system, etc. Examples include Safe Routes to School programs, safety education, and other programs that promote walking and biking.</p> | <p>0-5</p> |

YOUTH AND VETERAN JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Description

Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement grants provide funds for organizations that provide any of the following programs:

- **Education and Skills Training Program.** Organizations or program providers within the County, including certified conservation corps, are eligible for funds if they administer a program that provides education, skills training, and career pathway development to young adults, aged 18 to 25, or veterans, to implement park projects and programs.
- **Certification and Job Placement Program.** Organizations or program providers within the County, including conservation corps, are eligible for funds if they administer a program that provides certifications and placement services, or apprenticeship opportunities, for young adults, aged 18 to 25, or veterans, for jobs and careers in the Parks and Recreation field.

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 awarded grant program must receive a satisfactory evaluation from a third party and work to fix any deficiencies found through the evaluation process, in order to receive additional funding for the following years. The third-party evaluation process can be funded through the grant.

2018 Funding Amount

\$2,900,000. Of these funds, at a minimum \$2,884,028 (80%) must be allocated to education and skills training programs and at most \$700,000 (20%) must be allocated to certification and job placement programs.

Program Types

Below is a non-exhaustive list of programs that may be eligible for grant funds in this program. Eligible programs are required to provide education, skills, training, and career pathway development to implement park projects to young adults and/or veterans; or provide certifications, placement services or apprenticeship opportunities for jobs and careers in the Parks and Recreation field to young adults and/or veterans.

Careers in the Parks and Recreation field are wide ranging and include but are not limited to: Recreation Specialists and/or Leaders, Recreation Coordinators, Recreation Supervisors, Recreation Therapists, Cultural and/or Performing/Visual Art Coordinators, Aquatics Directors, Lifeguards, Park Assistants, Natural and Cultural History Interpreters, Environmental Educators, Landscape and Building Maintenance workers, and Building and Trade Craft positions such as Building Facilities Superintendents.

“Park projects” is defined as, but not limited to, pre-project assistance and feasibility, planning, acquisition, construction, development, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation, or any combination thereof, for any park or recreation project or improvement.

Education and Skills Training Program Examples:

- Apprenticeship programs
- Educational seminars
- Formal coursework
- 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

Certification and Job Placement Program Examples:

- Apprenticeship programs
- 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
- Aquatics Facility Operator Certification

Program Requirements

Program Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following Program Eligibility requirements in order to apply for a grant award:

- The program provider is an eligible organization (including certified conservation corps) which meets the following:
 - Has an office within Los Angeles County; and
 - Serves young adults (aged 18 to 25) or veterans; and either
 - Provides education, skills training, and career pathway development to implement park projects; OR,
 - Provides 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.
- The program provider must provide an annual third-party program evaluation report for the grant program.

Program Feasibility

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

- The program has already been established.
- The program provider has a track record of running similar types of programs in other locations.
- 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 programs.

Award Size

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements. Grant applications will be categorized into different thresholds of award size brackets depending on the requested size of the grant award. Grant applications within the same award size bracket will be evaluated against each other and at least one grant will be awarded in each bracket that receives completed applications. Total funds available and award bracket limits may be adjusted prior to each grant round, and will be publicized in the grant announcement materials.

Minimum: \$50,000

Maximum: \$1,400,000

Brackets

Small: \$50,000- \$249,999

Medium: \$250,000 - \$549,999

Large: \$550,000- \$1,400,000

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be scored using the following criteria:

- Level of Need
- Community Partnerships
- Program Benefits

Each evaluation criterion is described below, along with a breakdown of points by subcriteria (where applicable).

YOUTH AND VETERAN JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SCORING RUBRIC

| Evaluation Criteria | Points |
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| Level of Need | 15 |
| Community Partnerships | 20 |
| Program Benefits | 50 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 85 |

| LEVEL OF NEED THE PROGRAM PROVIDER PROVIDES SERVICES TO AND/OR RECRUITS A MAJORITY OF ITS PARTICIPANTS FROM HIGH OR VERY HIGH NEED STUDY AREAS. Program providers may receive up to a maximum of 15 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below. | 15 MAX. |
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| <i>(A) The program provider recruits a majority of its participants from High or Very High Need Study Areas, or has a concrete plan to do so (for new programs). More points will be awarded for higher recruitment rates from High or Very High Need Study Areas.</i> | 0-10 |
| <i>(B) The program provider's program(s) helps implement park projects and creates jobs and careers in the Parks and Recreation field within High or Very High Need Study Areas, or has a plan to do so (for new programs).</i> | 0-10 |

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| <p>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM PROVIDER HAS ESTABLISHED OR LEVERAGED LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, UNIVERSITIES, PRIVATE INDUSTRY, AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THESE PARTNERSHIPS LEAD TO INCLUSIVE RECRUITMENT, COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, AND INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.</p> <p>Program providers may receive up to a maximum of 20 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>20 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Program provider has established productive partnerships with organizations that result in inclusive recruitment, collaborative program development, and increased opportunities for program participants.</i></p> | <p>10-20</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Program provider has initiated partnerships with organizations that could result in inclusive recruitment, collaborative program development, and increased opportunities for program participants.</i></p> | <p>5-10</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Program provider has plans to initiate partnerships with organizations that could result in inclusive recruitment, collaborative program development, and increased opportunities for program participants.</i></p> | <p>0-5</p> |

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| <p>PROGRAM BENEFITS ORGANIZATION OR PROGRAM PROVIDER PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM(S) RELATED TO (1) EDUCATION, SKILLS TRAINING, AND CAREER PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT PARK PROJECTS, AND/OR (2) CERTIFICATIONS AND PLACEMENT SERVICES, OR APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOBS AND CAREERS IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION FIELD.</p> <p>Programs may receive full or partial credit in each subcriterion below, totaling up to a maximum of 50 points.</p> | <p>50 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Program Readiness</i> <i>Organization or program provider demonstrates a high level of capability and readiness to provide Youth and Veteran program-eligible programs, including having an efficient and effective organizational structure, being staffed by highly trained and qualified individuals, providing a wealth of useful resources, fostering invested mentorship relationships, etc.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Goals and Objectives</i> <i>Program provider has clearly stated its goals and objectives (e.g., service or recruit a certain number of participants), and has provided a detailed description on how these goals and objectives will be met and an evaluation program to show how the outcomes are met. Program provider's primary goal is to result in the implementation of park projects and/or development of career pathways within the Parks and Recreation field.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Participant Recruitment and Retention</i> <i>Program provider actively recruits and publicizes the program to a wide range of participants, including in High and Very High Need Study Areas, or has a concrete plan to do so (for new programs). For existing programs, program provider has a successful track record of retaining participants.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Follow-up Services</i> <i>Program provider effectively and efficiently tracks the status and outcomes of past program participants, or has a concrete plan to do so (for new programs).</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p><i>(E) History of Success and Outcomes</i> <i>Program provider has defined expectations of participants and developed evaluation tools, or has a concrete plan to do so (for new programs). For existing programs, program provider has a history of success helping participants find employment, earn a steady income and thrive in careers that promote parks and the environment.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |

PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Goals

Planning and Design funds are a part of the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) described in Chapter X. Planning and Design funds are intended to provide recipients with the financial resources to perform work in planning and/or designing a park, trail, open space, or other recreation project.

Planning

Planning funds provide resources to complete a range of planning efforts such as park master plans, feasibility studies, and other site studies required to effectively plan and design a park project. Park master planning includes planning assistance for Study Areas that lack current park master plans, whose plans are outdated, and/or have identified major demographic or physical changes that prove their current plans obsolete. While the 2016 PNA included the identification of priorities for park projects, further examination of community-wide park system and project needs could help agencies and groups refine and expand on the list of priority projects for both competitive grants and annual allocations. Site studies would inform acquisition and development of new parks, and/or additions to existing parks, and could evaluate elements such as physical context and site conditions, land use and zoning compatibility, traffic, safety, and utilities. Assistance related to necessary environmental compliance and permitting required for site acquisition and development may also be provided.

Design

Design funds provide resources to complete design services and could include a preliminary conceptual design, design development drawings, or construction documents. Services could also include specific tasks such as landscape design, materials selection, design of stormwater treatment elements, or incorporation of best management practices.

2018 Funding Amount

\$2,500,000

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

Project Requirements

Project Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following Project Eligibility requirements in order to apply for these funds:

- The applicant must be enrolled with RPOSD, and determined by RPOSD to be eligible to apply for Planning and Design funds. See Section X in Chapter 4, Technical Assistance Program, for additional details.
- 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

The project must meet at least one requirement in each topic area in order 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 (e.g., overhead or underground utilities, toxic contamination, etc.)

- 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 Cost 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 receipt to project completion that reflects the level of planning, design, permitting and community involvement that will be necessary for the planning/design project.

Award Size

Requested grant awards must meet the minimum and maximum grant award size requirements. Grant applications will be categorized into different thresholds of award size brackets depending on the requested size of the grant award. Grant applications within the same award size bracket will be evaluated against each other and at least one grant will be awarded in each bracket that receives completed applications. Total funds available and award bracket limits may be adjusted prior to each grant round, and will be publicized in the grant announcement materials.

Minimum: \$20,000

Maximum: \$250,000

Brackets

Small: \$20,000- \$99,999

Medium: \$100,000- \$174,999

Large: \$175,000- \$250,000

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be scored using the following criteria:

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

Each evaluation criterion is described below, along with a breakdown of points by subcriteria (where applicable).

The evaluation criterion of “Community Involvement Beyond Minimum Requirement” will not be applicable to those projects that are more exploratory and/or technical in nature such as adverse site condition assessments or development of construction documents. These types of projects will be scored out of a total of 70 points.

All projects will be scored and ranked based on a percentage of how many points are earned out of a respective total number of points, either 70 or 80 points. For example, a project that earns 56 out of a total of 70 points will be assigned a final percentage of 80 percent to be ranked against other projects within the same award size bracket.

PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE) SCORING RUBRIC

| Evaluation Criteria | Points |
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| Level of Need | 20 |
| Community Involvement Beyond Minimum Requirements ⁴ | 10 |
| Timeliness and Urgency | 20 |
| Existing Planning and Design Challenges | 30 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 80 |

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| <p>LEVEL OF NEED</p> <p>LEVEL OF NEED IS BASED ON THE CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PNA DETERMINATION. PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN OR SERVING OR BENEFITING STUDY AREAS WITH HIGH OR VERY HIGH NEED WILL RECEIVE MORE POINTS THAN PROJECTS THAT DO NOT.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 20 points by meeting one or more of the subcriteria below.</p> | 20 MAX. |
| <i>(A) Project to be planned or designed is located in a High or Very High Need Study Area.</i> | 20 |
| <i>(B) Project to be planned or designed is not located in a High or Very High Need Study Area, but will directly serve or benefit the residents of a High or Very High Need Study Area by achieving one or more of the subcriteria below.</i> | 10 max. |
| <i>(B1) The described planning or design process includes a plan for inclusion of participants/future park users who live in High or Very High Need Study Areas. More points will be awarded to projects that can provide statistical information that a high number of residents from High or Very High Need Study Areas currently visit nearby sites or will visit/use the proposed project.</i> | 0-6 |
| <i>(B2) The described planning or design process includes meeting the language needs of the participants in the process and/or the future park users who live in High or Very High Need Study Areas.</i> | 0-4 |

⁴ The evaluation criterion of “Community Involvement Beyond Minimum Requirements” will not be applicable to those projects that are more exploratory and/or technical in nature such as adverse site condition assessments or development of construction documents. These types of projects will be scored out of a total of 70 points.

All projects will be scored and ranked based on a percentage of how many points are earned out of a respective total number of points, either 70 or 80 points. For example, a project that earns 56 out of a total of 70 points will be assigned a final percentage of 80 percent to be ranked against other projects within the same award size bracket.

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| <p>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BEYOND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE POINTS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF PAST AND/OR PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY (SEE SECTION 3.X) THAT GOES BEYOND THE MINIMUM ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.</p> <p>Points will be awarded based on the evaluators' assessment of the submitted community involvement documentation and/or community involvement plan for the planning and/or design process.</p> <p>PROJECTS MAY RECEIVE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 10 POINTS BY MEETING ONE OR MORE FOR THE SUBCRITERIA BELOW.</p> | <p>10 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) Applicant engaged and/or will engage the community at a point in the planning and/or design process when community input could influence the outcome of the plan and/or design.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(B) Plan or design process has utilized or will utilize multiple inclusive outreach methods that target broad representation of residents and stakeholders. Applicants utilizing more than three methods may receive more points.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(C) Plan or design process has actively removed or will actively remove barriers to accessing engagement meetings/events such as scheduling meetings in the evenings and/or weekends, providing childcare, providing transportation, and providing refreshments. Applicants removing more barriers will receive more points.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(D) Plan or design process has established or will establish or leverage community partnerships with local community-based organizations, citizen advisory groups, and/or school districts to gain support for the project.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(E) Plan or design process has provided or will provide language access services beyond minimum requirements.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |
| <p><i>(F) Community input received during the engagement process or design process is reflected in or will be reflected in the plan and/or design of the project.</i></p> | <p>0-2</p> |

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| <p>TIMELINESS AND URGENCY THE INITIATION AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IS NEEDED AND TIMELY IN THAT IT BUILDS ON, COMPLEMENTS, OR MOVES TOWARD IMPLEMENTING HIGH PRIORITY COMMUNITY PARK OR GREENING INITIATIVES THAT COULD RESULT IN THE COMPLETION OF A MEASURE A-FUNDED PROJECT.</p> <p>Only one of the following subcriteria will apply to each project, for a maximum of 20 points.</p> | <p>20 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) The completion of the project is timely and urgent and will result in being more competitive for Measure A funds to advance high priority park or greening initiatives that could result in the completion of a Measure A-funded project.</i></p> | <p>12-20</p> |
| <p><i>(B) The completion of the project is timely, but not urgent, and/or will not necessarily advance other high priority park or greening community initiatives that could result in the completion of a Measure A-funded project.</i></p> | <p>0-10</p> |
| <p>EXISTING PLANNING AND DESIGN CHALLENGES THE PLANNING OR PROJECT AREA HAS A HISTORY OF PLANNING AND DESIGN CHALLENGES. RELEVANT PLANNING AND/OR DESIGN ARE/IS NEEDED TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FUTURE PARK, TRAIL, OPEN SPACE, OR OTHER RECREATION PROJECTS. EXISTING CHALLENGES INCLUDE HAVING NO PREVIOUS OR RELEVANT PARK OR RECREATION PLANNING OR DESIGN EFFORTS, AND HAVING NO AWARD OF PREVIOUS PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS.</p> <p>Projects may receive up to a maximum of 30 points by meeting one or more for the subcriteria below.</p> | <p>30 MAX.</p> |
| <p><i>(A) The planning or project area has a high level of existing planning and design challenges, including having no known records of any previous park or recreation planning or design efforts and having no award of previous Planning and Design funds.</i></p> | <p>24-30</p> |
| <p><i>(B) The planning or project area has a moderate level of existing planning and design challenges, including having no previous relevant planning or design efforts for at least ten years and having no award of previous Planning and Design funds.</i></p> | <p>12-24</p> |
| <p><i>(C) The planning or project area has a low level of existing planning and design challenges, including having no previous relevant planning or design efforts for at least five years.</i></p> | <p>0-9</p> |