

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

L.A. FOR KIDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 2025
AGENDA ITEM # 2
MEASURE A – RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT COMPETITIVE GRANT
APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
AND TO ACCEPT FUNDS IF AWARDED

DATE: November 13, 2025

TO: L.A. for Kids Steering Committee

FROM: Jimmy Kim, General Manager
Department of Recreation and Parks



SUBJECT: MEASURE A – RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT COMPETITIVE
GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN AND CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IF
AWARDED

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Retroactively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit six grant applications to County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) under the Measure A 2025 Competitive program for: Griffith Park (Tregnan Road), Hansen Dam Recreation Area, Cabrillo Beach Lifeguard Tower, Point Fermin Park (Sunken City), Wilders Addition Park Stairs, and Oakridge Estate (herein referred to as “Projects”);
2. Authorize the General Manager to accept the funds if awarded for the amount, scope, and the performance period outlined in this report, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council pursuant to Section 14.6 c of the Los Angeles Administrative Code;
3. Designate RAP's General Manager or designee as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all grant documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Measure A funding for the Projects;
4. Submit RAP's grant request to the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee in accordance with City Council instructions (Council File 18-0611) and to the Mayor and City Council for approval pursuant to Section 14.6(c) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code; and
5. Authorize RAP staff to make necessary technical adjustments to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

RAP seeks retroactive approval from the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee for the submission of six grant applications under the Measure A 2025 Competitive Grant Program. RAP further requests authorization to accept the funds, if awarded. Grant awards announcements are anticipated by March 2026. There is no matching fund requirement.

On October 16, 2025, the RAP Board of Commissioners approved staff recommendations to submit six Measure A grant projects (Attachment 1). Among the recommendations included authorizing RAP's General Manager to execute and submit all grant documents including applications and amendments which may be necessary to the acceptance and use of grant funding. On October 29-30, 2025, RAP staff submitted all six grant applications before RPOSD's grant application deadline of October 30, 2025. Three of the six submitted grant applications for Griffith Park, Hansen Dam, and Point Fermin (Sunken City) included some necessary updates to their scope of work and/or grant award amount. These updates resulted from pre-grant submission discussions between staff from RAP and Bureau of Engineering. An updated table of the six projects is provided below. The total amount of grant awards requested is \$11,945,500.

CD	Project Name	Proposed Project Scope	Measure A Grant Request
4	Griffith Park (Tregnan Golf Academy)	Replacement of retaining wall and road repair near Tregnan Golf Academy.	\$2,300,000
7	Hansen Dam Recreation Area	Design of trails and access improvements to enhance connectivity throughout the park and any related items as necessary.	\$4,000,000
12	Oakridge Estate Park	Develop design documents including programming, schematic design, and design development of building and site improvements that are consistent with the historical treatment plan for Oakridge Estate to convert it to a public museum and any related items as necessary.	\$500,000
15	Cabrillo Lifeguard Tower	Demolition and replacement of the existing lifeguard headquarters building and any related items as necessary.	\$4,000,000
15	Point Fermin Park (Sunken City)	Design and construction of fencing to provide public coastal access and any related items as necessary.	\$645,500
15	Wilders Additional Park Stairs	Develop plans to replace staircase with the purpose of restoring public coastal access and any related items as necessary.	\$500,000
TOTAL			\$11,945,500

ATTACHMENT:

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Attachment

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AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 25-183

DATE October 16, 2025

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MEASURE A – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IF AWARDED

B. Aguirre	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
B. Jones	_____	C. Santo Domingo	_____
C. Stoneham	_____	*N. Williams	<u>NDW</u>



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit grant applications for the projects as detailed in Attachment No. 1 to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) under the Measure A 2025 Competitive Grant Programs;
2. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept the funds, if awarded, for the amount, scope, and the performance period outlined in Attachment No. 1, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council pursuant to Section 14.6 c of the Los Angeles Administrative Code;
3. Direct RAP as the designated Grant Administrator for the Measure A Grant Program to submit these requests to the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee in accordance with City Council instructions (Council File 18-0611) and to the Mayor and City Council for approval;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager or designee as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all grant documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of grant funding; and
5. Authorize RAP staff to make necessary technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

On July 15, 2025, RPOSD launched the Measure A 2025 Competitive Grant Programs. The programs will distribute a total of \$58 million in Measure A funding to support planning and development efforts throughout Los Angeles County. The programs aim to promote park equity, expand access to parks and regional recreation spaces, and support environmental resilience.

The submission deadline for these competitive programs is October 30, 2025, and are described as follows.

1. Category 3 - Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection

Funds shovel-ready development projects that protect, restore, or enhance open space, natural lands, and water resources. Projects may improve water quality, restore habitats, expand park space, or enhance public access to rivers, beaches, lakes, and other natural systems.

Available Funding: \$24 million

2. Category 4 - Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility

Funds shovel-ready development projects that expand or improve regional recreation, multi-use trail systems, and public accessibility to parks and open space. Projects must demonstrate regional significance by serving diverse populations across multiple communities.

Available Funding: \$16 million

3. Category 3 and 4 – Planning and Design

Funds early-stage work that leads to eligible, shovel-ready projects. Eligible projects include pre-construction efforts such as design, permitting, environmental review and community engagement.

Available Funding: \$18 million

RAP intends to submit applications under this competitive cycle, as outlined in Attachment No. 1 (Attachment). If these grant applications are successfully awarded, RAP anticipates grant agreements to be executed by late Spring 2026.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure A, which provides the City of Los Angeles formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2); competitive grants for capital improvement projects

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and recreational access programs under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3); Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); and additional competitive grants for Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5) as well as an Implementation, Operations and Oversight Category. Additional annual allocations are available under a Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collection of a parcel tax. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee as the administering entity for Measure A with RAP serving as the Grant Administrator (Council File 18-0611).

In accordance with C.F. 18-0611-S5, RAP executed RPOSD's Annual Allocation Agreement. Once the grant application is reviewed and approved by RPOSD staff, a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is issued to begin project implementation.

The 2025 Competitive cycle is funded through Categories 3 and 4.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Board action consists of authorizing RAP Staff to submit applications for grants to support capital projects. At this point not enough information is available to assess whether they will have a direct or indirect impact on the environment or whether they are exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Staff will provide adequate environmental determination when the projects come back to the Board for final approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund from the submission of these applications or the acceptance of Measure A Competitive funds if awarded. No matching funds are required.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

Measure A Project Scopes of Work and Grant Amount Requested

Attachment 1 – Measure A Proposed Scope and Grant Amount Requested (Competitive - Categories 3 and 4 Grants)

CD	Project Name	Project Location	Proposed Project Scope	Study Area Name	Study Area ID	Grant Performance Period	Measure A Grant Request (Up to Requested Amount)
4	Griffith Park (Tregnan Road) Stormwater Infrastructure	Tregnan Road - 4341 Griffith Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027	Demolition of a damaged storm drain and installation of new retaining wall structure with catch basin, storm drain, rockfill outlet and any related items as necessary.	City of LA – (Hollywood - North)	103	If awarded, term to end up to 4 years from grant agreement execution	\$4,000,000
7	Hansen Dam Recreation Area	11770 Foothill Boulevard, Lake View Terrace, CA 91342	Design of trails and access improvements to enhance connectivity throughout the park and any related items as necessary.	City of LA – (Arleta – Pacoima)	117	If awarded, term to end up to 4 years from grant agreement execution	\$2,000,000
12	Oakridge Estate Park	18650 Devonshire St., Northridge, CA 91324	Develop design documents including programming, schematic design, and design development of building and site improvements that are consistent with the historical treatment plan for Oakridge Estate to convert it to a public museum and any related items as necessary.	City of LA – (Northridge)	60	If awarded, term to end up to 2 years from grant agreement execution	\$500,000

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15	Cabrillo Lifeguard Tower	3414 South Shoshonean Road, San Pedro, CA 90731	Demolition and replacement of the existing lifeguard headquarters building and any related items as necessary.	City of LA – (San Pedro – Port of Los Angeles – Unincorporated La Rambla)	185	If awarded, term to end up to 4 years from grant agreement execution	\$4,000,000
15	Point Fermin Park (Sunken City)	807 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90731	Design and construction of fencing and trail improvement to provide public coastal access and any related items as necessary.	City of LA – (San Pedro - Port of Los Angeles - Unincorporated La Rambla)	185	If awarded, term to end up to 4 years from grant agreement execution	\$4,000,000
15	Wilders Addition Park Stairs	607 West Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90731	Develop plans to replace staircase with the purpose of restoring public coastal access and any related items as necessary.	City of LA – (San Pedro - Port of Los Angeles - Unincorporated La Rambla)	185	If awarded, term to end up to 2 years from grant agreement execution	\$500,000
TOTAL							\$15,000,000