

REPORT FROM

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To: Proposition K – L.A for Kids Steering Committee

From: City Administrative Officer L.A. For Kids Steering Committee Staff *Melinda Gejer*

Subject: **REGIONAL VOLUNTEER NEIGHBORHOOD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES (RVNOC) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH ALTERNATIVES FOR SMOKING (HATS) AND VERMONT-WESTERN TRANSIT ORIENTED DISTRICT (TOD) STATION NEIGHBORHOOD AREA PLAN (SNAP) PARKS FIRST TRUST FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) AWARDS.**

RECOMMENDATION

That the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee note and file the funding recommendations provided by the Regional Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committees (RVNOC).

SUMMARY

The annual funding deliberations for the Proposition K program begin each year with the convening of the RVNOCs for the Central, Southern and Valley regions. Each of the 15 Council Offices appoints two RVNOC community volunteers to represent District funding priorities. At the conclusion of the annual deliberations, the proposed RVNOC expenditure plans are presented to the Steering Committee for further deliberation.

The RVNOC bodies met on January 22, 2026. The joint RVNOC bodies recommended that the Anderson Senior Memorial Center application submitted by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) be awarded the HATS funds and the relevant members recommended that the Barnsdall Art Park application submitted by RAP be awarded the Vermont-Western TOD SNAP funds.

DISCUSSION

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) released the HATS and SNAP RFP on September 19, 2025. Proposals were due on November 19, 2025 with a funding availability of \$635,437 for HATS funds and \$1,252,734 in SNAP funds. Each grant is further described below.

HATS Fund

The HATS fund was established by Ordinance No. 172727 on August 29, 1999. The purpose of the Fund is to receive, retain, and disburse funding from the National Tobacco Settlement. The Ordinance mandates that disbursements shall be made through the Proposition K: L.A. for Kids RFP process. The Ordinance stipulates the following criteria based on the latest available census, which BOE provided as part of the RFP:

- Above average youth in poverty (greater than 36 percent);
- Above average persons 18 and under (greater than 26 percent);
- Below average acreage in parks (less than 2 percent); and,
- Not adjacent to major parks or national forest land.

The funding available in this RFP consists of remnant funds from awarded projects and the accrued interest. It is the intent that the final award amount includes any added interest to the amount advertised in the RFP such that all amounts in the fund are disbursed in funding award.

One application was received from RAP for the Anderson Memorial Senior Center for the amount of \$640,000. The project consists of lighting, parking lot improvements inclusive of Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility upgrades, utility infrastructure upgrades, and other site improvements. These improvements are part of a larger scope of work. The RVNOC recommends that this application be funded in the amount of \$635,437 as advertised in the RFP.

SNAP Fund

The Parks First Trust Fund was established by Ordinance No. 173964 on June 18, 2001. The purpose of the Parks First Trust Fund is to collect developer impact fees to acquire land and develop, improve, and maintain parks and open space physically located within the boundaries of the SNAP plan area, which includes portions of Council Districts 4, 10, and 13. The Ordinance states that the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee shall administer the fund and that the funds shall be expended through an RFP process.

The Parks First fees have remained a consistent amount since the adoption of the Ordinance. Since that time the developer impact fees imposed by RAP commonly and collectively known as "Quimby fees" are now greater than those imposed by the Parks First program. As two developer impact fees cannot be collected for the same purpose, it has become standard practice for applicants to pay the Quimby fee, which negates the collection of the Parks First fee. Therefore, it is anticipated that few, if any, future collections will be deposited into this fund. It is the intent that the final award amount includes any added interest to the amount advertised in the RFP such that all amounts in the fund are used in the disbursement of the awarded funds.

Per the Ordinance, the Steering Committee must allocate at least 15 percent of the monies in the Fund for operation and maintenance of the parks and open spaces developed in the

Specific Plan area. The funds will be administratively disbursed by BOE working in concert with the Office of the City Administrative Officer.

One application was received from RAP for the Barnsdall Arts Park for the amount of \$1,400,000. The project consists of the installation of new restrooms and additional park improvements, which may include security features, lighting, and accessibility improvements including a new path of travel from the restroom to other park facilities. The RVNOC recommends that this application be funded in the amount of \$1,252,734 as advertised in the RFP.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no General Fund impact associated with the adoption of the report recommendations.

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Attachment: Project description forms

2025 Health Alternatives to Tobacco Smoking (HATS) and Vermont Area Station Neighborhood Plan (SNAP) Parks First Trust Funds Request for Proposals PROPOSALS RECEIVED

1. ANDERSON MEMORIAL SENIOR CENTER (CD 15)

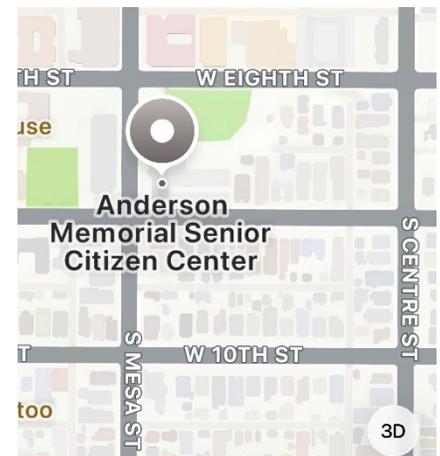
Applicant: Department of Recreation and Parks

Funding Request: \$640,000 (HATS)*

Address: 828 S. Mesa St, San Pedro, CA 90731

Project Scope: 1. Lighting; 2. Parking lot improvements, including ADA accessibility upgrades; 3. Utility Infrastructure Upgrades; and, 4. Other Site improvements. The project is part of a larger project to improve the park. The project currently has \$250,000 in Quimby funds and \$750,000 in previously awarded HATS funds. The total project cost is \$1,640,000, of which \$890,000 will go towards the current scope.

4. Note that at the time of RFP release, only \$635,437 in HATS funds were available. Additional funds may be available at the time of award including interest that may accrue over the course of the grant.



2. BARNSDALL PARK (CD 13)

Applicant: Department of Recreation and Parks

Funding Request: \$1,400,000 (SNAP)*

Address: 4800 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90027

Project Scope: Provide ADA accessibility, utility infrastructure upgrades, and other site improvements as necessary at Barnsdall Park. Part of a larger (\$4.6M anticipated budget) project to improve the park. \$3.1M has been secured to date.

*Note that at the time of RFP release, only \$1,252,434 in SNAP funds were available. Additional funds may be available at the time of award approval including interest that may accrue over the course of the grant.

