

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE
L.A. FOR KIDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, August 27, 2026
AGENDA ITEM (3)
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING**

DATE: August 27, 2026

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

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FROM: Ohaji K. Abdallah, Program Manager
Proposition K, L.A. for Kids Program
Bureau of Engineering

Electronically signed by:
Neil Drucker, Project Manager for
Ohaji K. Abdallah

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (LABGC) – STATUS UPDATE REPORT ON THE GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT (PROPOSITION K GRANT AGREEMENT NO. C-119026; W.O. #E1907383) (CD 1); AQUATIC CENTER POOL REFURBISHMENT & OUTSIDE PATIO GARDEN AREA PROJECT (PROPOSITION K GRANT AGREEMENT NO. C-119011; W.O. #E1907384) (CD 1); AND ATHLETIC FIELD AND BASKETBALL COURT LIGHTING (PROPOSITION K GRANT AGREEMENT NO. C-133387; W.O. #E1908440) (CD 1)

RECOMMENDATION

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) - Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program requests that the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee note and file the following status report, which is provided for the Steering Committee's review and consideration.

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club (grantee) submitted two separate proposals for Proposition K competitive funding in the 7th funding cycle, and was awarded \$297,011 for the Gymnasium Renovation project (Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119026), and \$338,286 for the Aquatic Center Pool Refurbishment and Outside Patio Garden Area project (Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119011). The grantee was also awarded \$449,483 for their Athletic Field and Basketball Court Lighting project (Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-133387) in the 9th funding cycle. All three projects are located at 2635 Pasadena Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90031 in Council District 1.

On June 29, 2011, Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119026 between the Grantee and the City was executed for the gymnasium renovation project. The scope of this project consists of interior and exterior renovation of the existing gymnasium, including: roof replacement; lighting; basketball court improvements; HVAC; acoustic paneling; public address system; and painting. As of today, the Proposition K funded scope of the

project is complete, and was completed before the June 30, 2026 deadline. However, the gymnasium cannot be made operational at this time, due to Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) required modifications to the Club's main electric panel, located in the basement of the building. Due to various reasons outside of the control of the grantee, their General Contractor has stopped working on the project, amid a potential bankruptcy action.

The grantee is currently working with the bonding company and their legal representation regarding work and/or materials paid for and not received or installed at this time, and is also working directly with the electrical subcontractor that performed all of the prior work on the project to make the electrical panel corrections as quickly as possible, and obtain final LADBS and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power approvals to power up the gymnasium facilities. The grantee is paying the electrical subcontractor directly for their services, which will hopefully be reimbursed by the bonding company at some time in the future. However, the grantee has committed to identifying funds and completing the remaining electrical panel work for both of the projects in a timely manner.

After that is complete, and final equipment connections have been made, the grantee will request final LADBS inspection, and obtain a temporary and/or final Certificate of Occupancy (C of O). LABGC has stated that they should receive the C of O in the very near future.

On June 27, 2011, Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119011 between the City and the grantee was executed for the aquatic center pool refurbishment and outside patio garden area project. The scope of this project consists of refurbishing the aquatic center pool, including: resurfacing of the pool and decking; retiling pool perimeter; replacing outdated pool equipment; plumbing, electrical and drainage upgrades; chemical storage and equipment storage areas; new doors; and painting. This project also includes construction of a new outdoor patio garden area adjacent to the pool, containing picnic tables and benches, drinking fountain, barbeque grills, and planters for urban greening and gardening. As of today the project is complete, and was completed before the June 30, 2026 deadline. However, as with the gymnasium project, the aquatic center cannot be made operational until the electrical panel revisions are completed and approved.

On June 28, 2019, Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-133387 between the City and the grantee was executed for the athletic field and basketball court lighting project. This 9th Competitive Grant Cycle Proposition K funded project's scope consists of: 1. Upgraded lighting for the athletic field and outdoor basketball court; and 2. Upgrade the electrical panels for the athletic field and outdoor basketball court.

With your Committee's, and Los Angeles City Council's prior approval (C.F. 16-0428-S2), the grant agreement project has been amended, giving LABGC until December 31, 2026 to complete the project. The grantee has stated that they believe they can complete the project scope by the completion date, and it should be noted that the same electrical sub-contractor will be doing at least a portion of that work, which will

help expedite the completion. BOE staff will continue to work closely with the grantee to ensure a timely completion.

Attachments:

2 Letters from LABGC dated August 10, 2026



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Executive Director

August 10, 2026

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Dear Mr. Abdallah:

I am writing regarding the status of the Gym Renovation grant from Proposition K, for the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club (LABGC). As you know, the gym project's completion was delayed due to a hold on the Club's main electric panel, located in the basement of the building.

The inspection was made, and a second report indicated that further repairs are necessary. We are currently in the process of completing these additional repairs so that we can get temporary use of the current panel. This will allow us to proceed with the inspection of the completed gym renovation project.

I am requesting that the steering committee approve the release of 50% of the retention for the project. As of January 1, 2026 the state passed a new law stating the public contracts, Public Contract Code PCC Section 7107 initiates a 5% retention. This would allow us to receive half of the funds in the contract by reducing the retention from 10% to 5%.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best regards,

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Dear Mr. Abdallah:

I am writing regarding the status of the Aquatic Center Pool and Garden Area grant from Proposition K, for the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club (LABGC). As you know, the pool project's completion was delayed due to a hold on the Club main electric panel located in the basement of the building.

The inspection was made, and a second report indicated that further repairs are necessary. We are currently in the process of completing these additional repairs so that we can get temporary use of the current panel to complete the installation of the equipment for the renovated pool.

In addition, the contract for the pool renovation informed us that he was declaring bankruptcy and could not move forward with the pool construction. Our legal team has since discovered that they have not filed to date, and are moving forward with requests for a refund on the payments for the equipment and unpaid vendor invoices.

We are currently waiting for bids to complete the pool renovation project. We have solicited three separate bids and we have only received one to date. We are waiting for the additional two to move forward with a decision regarding the completion of the pool interior. In addition, we have moved forward for additional funding from several promising funders. We have completed all of the additional required renovation of the pool interior walls and the outside patio and garden area.

I am requesting that the steering committee approve the release of 50% of the retention for the project. As of January 1, 2026 the state passed a new law stating the public contracts, Public Contract Code PCC Section

7107 initiate a 5% retention. This would allow us to receive one have of the retention in this contract by reducing the retention from 10% to 5%.

We believe we will be able to complete this project in the near future and have an opening of the pool project for the community at large.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juana Lambert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "L".

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