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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of Recreation and Parks

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TO: Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners
FROM: Jimmy Kim, General Manager 
SUBJECT: Measure A Status Update (January 2023 – July 2023)

MEASURE A - HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In November 2016, 75% of Los Angeles County (County) voters approved the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure (Measure A). Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collection of a parcel tax, with an estimated total annual funding of \$96.8 million across the County. Measure A provides the City of Los Angeles (City) formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under the Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2) as well as additional annual allocations under the Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Furthermore, Measure A provides competitive grants for capital improvement projects under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3) and Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); as well as program grants under Recreational Access (Category 3 and 4) and Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5). When funding is available, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) serving as the Measure A Grantor, may announce additional grant opportunities such as innovation grants under the Implementation, Operations and Oversight Category. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee (LAFKSC) as the administering entity for Measure A with RAP serving as the Grant Administrator, and instructed RAP to submit quarterly status updates for the Measure A grant program (Council File 18-0611). Per such instructions, RAP presents this Status Update.

MEASURE A CATEGORY 1 AND 2 ANNUAL ALLOCATION PROGRAM

Measure A's Category 1 and 2 Annual Allocation Program is a formula-based grant program in which allocation funding is distributed to each of the City of Los Angeles' 43 Study Areas. Measure A's needs-based approach establishes a per capita and structural improvement formula to determine the percentage of revenues annually allocated to each study area. Whereas all Study Areas receive Category 1 annual allocations, only Study Areas with need categorized as "High" and "Very High" receive Category 2 annual allocations. Each Study Area has its respective allocation balance which increases as new allocations are received every September and decreases as grant awards/receipts are deducted. Funding allocated to each Study Area is intended to address its own park needs and fund park projects within its defined geographic boundaries. In order for RAP to access funding allocated to a specific Study Area, RAP would need to apply for and receive a grant award for a park

project located in the respective Study Area. There is no sunset or expiration for the cumulative funding in each Study Area's balance.

MEASURE A – PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

In order to facilitate the planning and implementation of Categories 1 and 2 formula-based funding for the City of LA's 43 Study Areas, LA County RPOSD requires agencies such as RAP to develop an Annual Allocation Expenditure/Accrual Plan. RAP submitted the Expenditure/Accrual Plan on May 26, 2022. The Annual Allocation Expenditure/Accrual Plan is a 5-year Plan outlining park projects for which RAP intends to either apply grants for or accrue funding for future applications in each Study Area. The Plan allows Park Agencies to expend and/or accrue all or a portion of their total annual allocations per Study Area for park planning and design, feasibility studies, environmental planning and capital improvement projects. RAP will continue to work with the Council Districts and Mayor's Office to develop future grant applications to plan and design, improve existing parks and develop new parks.

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Measure A Capital Project Annual Allocation Grant Program (Category 1 and 2)

Closed out Grants	From the initial round of 15 Measure A active Category 1 and 2 grants awarded in 2020 totaling \$7,704,900, all 15 projects (playground and fitness equipment replacements) are now complete and open to the public. RAP has closed out 7 grants and is in the process of closing out the remaining 8 grants.
New Measure A Categories 1 and 2 Applications	In Fall 2022, RAP submitted 9 grant applications for capital improvement park projects. Out of 9 grant applications, 3 grant agreements were received including Hope and Peace Playground Replacement, State Street Playground Replacement and South Park Restroom Replacement. RAP is presently preparing grant applications for 109th Street Recreation Center Improvement (\$3,771,700) and 6th Street Viaduct PARC (\$1,809,614).
FY 2023-24 RPOSD Annual Allocations	On September 15, 2023, RPOSD will announce new Fiscal Year 2023-24 annual allocations for all Study Areas as well as the Maintenance and Servicing Program.
FY 2023 RPOSD Revised Grant Administrative Manual	Following an interdepartmental meeting between staff and executive management from RAP, RPOSD and LA County Department of Parks and Recreation on March 28, 2023, RPOSD is in the process of finalizing its revised Grants Administration Manual (GAM) which provides policies and procedures for grant administration of Measure A funding.

Measure A Capital Project Competitive Grant Program (Category 3 and 4)

Competitive Grant Awards: Griffith Park and Venice Beach Pier	<p>On February 23, 2022, RPOSD announced grant awards under the Measure A Category 3 and 4 competitive grant programs for the Griffith Park (Riverside Drive Area) Improvement Project and the Venice Beach Pier Improvement Project. Griffith Park was awarded \$920,000.00. Venice Pier was awarded \$1,000,000.00.</p> <p>The Griffith Park scope of work is: Develop multi-use bike & pedestrian path(s) & trail(s) to improve connectivity between Griffith Park Riverside Dr. Rec Area & LA River & LA River Class I bike path. Improve path of travel, trailhead, wayfinding, parking lot, fencing & other amenities. RAP has engaged a contractor to conduct an environmental review of the project site.</p> <p>The Venice Pier scope of work is: Refurbishment of the Pier, which has been damaged over time, as well as repairs to be done to the Pier's ramp structure. The project which is managed by the Bureau of Engineering will be bid out by end of 2023 or early 2024.</p>
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Measure A Program Balances
2. Measure A Categories 1 and 2 Study Area Balances
3. Measure A Status of Active Grants and Balances
4. Measure A Closed Grants

Measure A - Program Balances
(through 7/31/2023)

BALANCE OF CATEGORIES 1 & 2 ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS

MEASURE A	FY 2018-19 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2019-20 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2020-21 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2021-22 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2022-23 ALLOCATIONS	TOTAL ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS	GRANT AWARDS AND RECEIPTS RECEIVED	BALANCE*
Categories 1 & 2 (Capital Projects)	\$ 18,434,748.17	\$ 19,270,970.77	\$ 20,815,653.52	\$ 20,818,880.81	\$ 21,887,631.63	\$ 101,227,884.90	\$ 9,387,467.44	\$ 91,840,417.46

*Allocations are distributed among 43 Study Areas and stored in accounts controlled by LA County RPOSD. RAP must apply for and receive grant awards for park projects to access this funding subject to the approval of RPOSD.

BALANCE OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING PROGRAM

MEASURE A	FY 2018-19 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2019-20 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2020-21 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2021-22 ALLOCATIONS	FY2022-23 ALLOCATIONS	TOTAL ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS	REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED Inception though 8/2023	BALANCE
Maintenance and Servicing (M/S) Program	\$ 2,937,252.15	\$ 3,070,489.48	\$ 3,316,607.46	\$ 3,317,121.66	\$ 3,487,408.28	\$ 16,128,879.03	\$ 6,346,446.70	\$ 9,782,432.33

Measure A - Categories 1 and 2 Study Area Balances
(through 7/31/2023)

Study Area ID	CD	Study Area Name City of LA - 43 Study Areas	Categories 1 & 2 Annual Allocation Received (FY 18-19 thru FY 22-23)	Grant Awards and Receipts Received	Study Area Balance
117	6, 7	Arleta-Pacoima	\$ 2,672,376.35		\$ 2,672,376.35
83	8, 10	Baldwin Hills-Leimert-Hyde Park	\$ 2,377,100.27	\$ 500,500.00	\$ 1,876,600.27
26	4, 5	Beverly Crest-Unin. Hollywood Hills	\$ 535,596.51		\$ 535,596.51
135	14	Boyle Heights	\$ 2,358,937.08	\$ 1,114,885.95	\$ 1,244,051.13
129	3, 11	Brentwood-Pacific Palisades	\$ 1,299,049.28		\$ 1,299,049.28
58	3, 12	Canoga Park-Winnetka	\$ 2,588,832.50		\$ 2,588,832.50
118	1, 9, 14	Central City	\$ 2,609,491.98		\$ 2,609,491.98
59	1, 13, 14	Central City North	\$ 894,781.91		\$ 894,781.91
152	3, 12	Chatsworth-Porter Ranch-Unin. Northridge-Canoga Park-Oat Mt.	\$ 2,036,330.98	\$ 723,400.00	\$ 1,312,930.98
136	3, 4, 6	Encino-Tarzana	\$ 1,503,952.65		\$ 1,503,952.65
164	1, 8, 9, 10	Exposition Park-University Park-Vermont Square	\$ 4,488,690.90	\$ 557,000.00	\$ 3,931,690.90
73	12	Granada Hills-Knollwood	\$ 1,066,928.65		\$ 1,066,928.65
43	15	Harbor Gateway	\$ 1,368,505.37		\$ 1,368,505.37
103	4, 13	Hollywood, North	\$ 1,890,610.34		\$ 1,890,610.34
104	5, 13	Hollywood, South	\$ 3,121,832.33		\$ 3,121,832.33
130	6, 7, 12	Mission Hills-Panorama City-North Hills	\$ 3,952,104.06		\$ 3,952,104.06
94	2	North Hollywood-Valley Village	\$ 4,085,409.60	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,835,409.60
183	1,4,13, 14	Northeast LA, North	\$ 2,342,121.71	\$ 417,111.86	\$ 1,925,009.85
177	1, 14	Northeast Los Angeles, South	\$ 1,459,384.78		\$ 1,459,384.78
60	12	Northridge	\$ 2,101,342.87		\$ 2,101,342.87
105	5,11	Palms- MarVista- Del Rey	\$ 3,332,580.39		\$ 3,332,580.39
95	3, 4, 6, 12	Reseda-West Van Nuys	\$ 3,194,081.89		\$ 3,194,081.89
185	15	San Pedro-Port of LA-Unin. La Rambla	\$ 1,358,650.69		\$ 1,358,650.69
84	2, 4	Sherman Oaks-Studio City - Toluca	\$ 1,665,654.70	\$ 575,497.49	\$ 1,090,157.21
138	1, 4, 13	Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley	\$ 1,154,653.54	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 724,653.54
119	8, 9, 15	South Los Angeles	\$ 2,825,021.01		\$ 2,825,021.01
163	8, 9, 15	Southeast Los Angeles	\$ 3,771,700.83		\$ 3,771,700.83
169	9, 14	Southeast Los Angeles, North	\$ 3,621,676.57	\$ 990,000.00	\$ 2,631,676.57
120	2, 6, 7	Sun Valley-La Tuna Cyn.	\$ 2,689,645.56		\$ 2,689,645.56
139	7	Sunland-Tujunga-Lake View Terrace-Shadow Hills	\$ 1,040,075.62		\$ 1,040,075.62
96	7	Sylmar	\$ 1,277,532.25		\$ 1,277,532.25
61	2, 4, 6	Valley Glen-North Sherman Oaks	\$ 2,385,450.95		\$ 2,385,450.95
44	4, 6	Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks	\$ 2,423,814.54		\$ 2,423,814.54
106	11	Venice	\$ 1,204,367.71	\$ 448,600.00	\$ 755,767.71
107	10	West Adams	\$ 2,636,120.27	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 2,156,120.27
146	3, 12	West Hills-Woodland Hills-Unin. Canoga Park-West Hills	\$ 1,858,505.23	\$ 547,990.00	\$ 1,310,515.23
85	5, 11	West Los Angeles	\$ 2,996,419.69	\$ 495,000.00	\$ 2,501,419.69
67	11	Westchester-Playa del Rey-Los Angeles Int'l Airport	\$ 2,136,802.45	\$ 467,800.00	\$ 1,669,002.45
147	1, 13	Westlake	\$ 3,059,975.22	\$ 980,900.00	\$ 2,079,075.22
45	5, 11	Westwood-Unin. Sawtelle Veterans Administration Center	\$ 1,711,293.08		\$ 1,711,293.08
121	15	Wilmington-Harbor City-Port of Los Angeles	\$ 1,225,642.42		\$ 1,225,642.42
68	1, 5, 10, 13	Wilshire-Koreatown	\$ 4,653,591.00		\$ 4,653,591.00
108	5, 10, 13	Wilshire, West	\$ 4,251,249.17	\$ 408,782.14	\$ 3,842,467.03
TOTAL			\$ 101,227,884.90	\$ 9,387,467.44	\$ 91,840,417.46

Measure A Status of Active Grants and Balances (Cat 1 and 2)
(through 7/31/2023)

Study Area ID	Study Area Name	CD	Park Projects	Proposed Project Scope	High and/or Very High Needs Study Area	Project Status	Measure A Grant Award - Committed Funds
67	Westchester - Playa del Rey / LAX	11	Del Rey Lagoon	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Pending.	\$ 467,800
83	Baldwin Hills - Leimert - Hyde Park	8	Angeles Mesa Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant Closeout Pending.	\$ 500,500
85	West Los Angeles	5	Palms Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant Closeout Pending.	\$ 495,000
94	North Hollywood - Valley Village	2	Valley Plaza Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant Closeout Pending.	\$ 250,000
106	Venice	11	Venice Beach - Rose Ave site	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant Closeout Pending.	\$ 448,600

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135	Boyle Heights	14	State Street Recreation Center	Demolition of the existing play area. Installation of the new play area and safety surfacing; site landscaping and amenities (trash receptacle, bench, table, and hydration station), park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Pre-Design	\$935,000.00
147	Westlake	1	Alvarado Terrace Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Pending.	\$ 540,900
147	Westlake	1	Hope and Peace Park	Demolition of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing; Site landscaping and trash receptacle, bench, table, and hydration station. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Pre-Design	\$440,000.00
152	Chatsworth - Porter Ranch / UI Chatsworth	3	Parthenia Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Pending.	\$ 723,400
164	Exposition Park - University Park - Vermont Square	8	Loren Miller Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Pending.	\$ 557,000
169	Southeast Los Angeles - North	9	South Park Recreation Center	Demolition of the existing exterior restrooms, located near the bandshell; construction of 5 stall single occupancy restrooms; drinking fountains, exterior lavatories and janitor's closet.	Yes	Pre-Development	\$990,000.00

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Study Area ID	Study Area Name	CD	Park Projects	Project Scope	High and/or Very High Needs Study Area	Project Status	Measure A Grant Receipts
84	Sherman Oaks - Studio City / UI Universal City	2	Woodbridge Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area (the 5-12 Playground only, the 2-5 Playground would remain). Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Complete.	\$575,497.49
107	West Adam	10	Vineyard Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Complete.	\$480,000.00
108	Wilshire - West	10	Queen Anne Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment and surfacing.	Yes	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Complete.	\$408,782.14
135	Boyle Heights	14	Hollenbeck Park	Demolition and removal of existing fitness equipment. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities.	Yes	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Complete.	\$179,885.95
138	Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley	13	Echo Park Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Complete.	\$430,000.00
146	West Hills - Woodland Hills/ UI Canoga Park	12	Castle Peak Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Complete.	\$547,990.00

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183	Northeast Los Angeles - North	1	Sycamore Grove Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area (the one located adjacent to Ramona Hall). Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete. Grant Closeout Complete.	\$417,111.86
						Total	\$ 3,039,267