

1.8. GRANTMAKING POLICY

RPOSD recognizes the importance of lowering barriers to accessing and administering Measure A funds in order to meet the park needs of all residents of Los Angeles County. The following set of grant-making policies are recommended for administering Measure A Funds.

- **Project Types.** Every competitive grant program will fund project types that are in and/or serve High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas. Descriptions of each competitive grant program cycle will provide examples of project types that could occur in and/or serve High-Need or Very-High-Need communities.
- **Evaluation Criteria.** All competitive grant programs will include a “Level of Need” evaluation criterion. This criterion, depending on the specific grant program, will consider whether or not a project or program serves or benefits residents of High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas, or in rural areas of the County or provides services to and/or recruits a majority of its participants from High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas.
- **Long-Range Planning.** Measure A funded projects will be consistent with each Study Area’s long-range park planning documents, such as a parks master plan, community plan, or other adopted planning document (such as the Countywide Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment).
- **Community Engagement.** RPOSD requires appropriate, thorough, and timely community outreach and engagement for all projects funded by Measure A to ensure inclusion, input, and support from the public.
- **Monitoring and Correction.** RPOSD consistently monitors, tracks, and if necessary, adjusts the administration of both competitive funding and annual allocations to ensure that the goals of Measure A are being met.
- **Technical Assistance.** RPOSD will provide Technical Assistance to potential applicants and grantees throughout the stages of the grant process to ensure that barriers to applying for, receiving, and administering funding are reduced, and that the goals of Measure A are being met.
- **Targeting Funds.** A portion of competitive grant funds will be designated for projects strictly located in High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas.
 1. This would affect the following programs: Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection Competitive Grants; Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility Competitive Grants; and Acquisition-Only Grants
 2. The portion of funds to be targeted is set at a minimum of 30 percent. This percentage will be evaluated periodically and may increase in future years based on the evaluation of metrics tracked by RPOSD, such as for funds and competitive grant proposals.