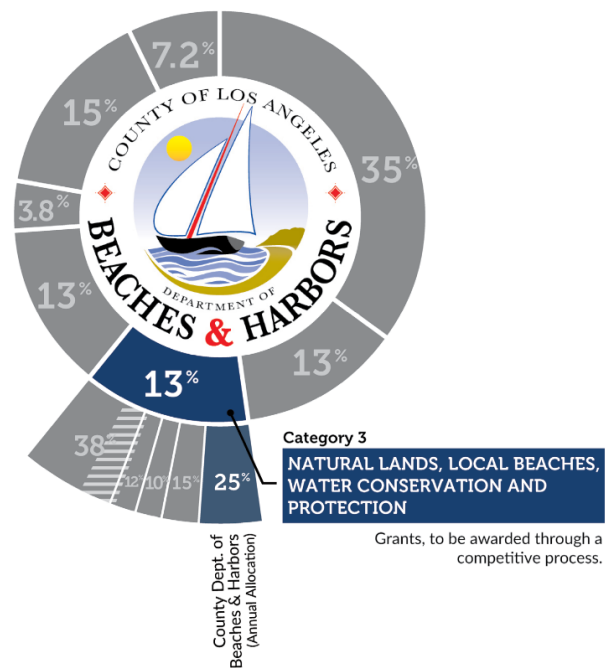


## 2.1.4. ALLOCATION TO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS

Measure A provides that the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) shall receive up to 25 percent of the total Category 3 funds as an annual allocation. Grants funded with Category 3 shall improve and protect open space, watersheds, and water resources through planning, acquisition, development, improvement, and restoration, of multi-benefit park projects that promote, improve, or protect clean local water supplies, habitat improvements, park space, recreation, public access, watershed health, and open space, including improvements or restoration of areas that buffer our rivers, streams, and their tributaries along with the lakes and beaches throughout the County.

### Funding Amount and Cycle Frequency



**Annual Allocation:** 25% of Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3) funds.

**Grant Cycle:** Annual.

**Recipient:** Department of Beaches and Harbors.

**Amount:** The dollar amount of funds available is updated annually based on the revenue received by September 15th of each year.

### Project Types

Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under Category 3.

#### Open Spaces

Open space, foothill, mountain trail, river, wetlands and stream projects include preservation of natural lands, scenic vistas and wildlife habitat, wildlife corridors, development and restoration of mountains and other open space hiking, biking, walking and equestrian trails, especially those maintained by the Department of Public Works and Park and Recreation Departments, restoration of natural vegetation and habitat, habitat and recreation facilities in and adjacent to riparian and flood control channels, and the provision of recreational opportunities and public access in mountain, foothill, river, stream and wetland areas:



- Parks
- Fire prevention
- Lawn/turf repair
- New or improved access points to mountain, foothill, river, stream, and wetland areas
- Restoration of natural habitat
- Scenic vistas
- Wildlife corridors and habitats
- Planning and design

### *Natural Lands*

Natural Lands are defined as an area of relatively undeveloped land which has substantially retained its characteristics as provided by nature or has been substantially restored, or which can be feasibly restored to a near-natural condition and which derives outstanding value from its wildlife, scenic, open space, parkland or recreational characteristics, or any combination thereof:

- Habitat gardens
- Land stewardship
- Nature centers
- Preservation of natural lands
- Revegetation of drought tolerant plants
- Tree planting
- Planning and design

### *Water Conservation*

- Drainage basins
- Irrigation projects
- Permeable walkways and play surfaces
- Rainwater harvesting
- Revegetation of banks and waterways
- Stormwater capture and other water recycling
- Planning and design related projects

### *Watershed Protection*

- Beach and coastal watershed clean up
- Community trash clean up
- Drinking water improvements
- Lake or reservoir clean up
- Riparian corridor improvements
- River and stream clean up
- River and stream parkway development
- Planning and design related projects

## Beaches

- Active recreation amenities
- New or improved fishing and boating facilities
- Pier/dock improvements
- Replacement of sand
- Restrooms/shower facilities
- Access roads, parking lots, and associated facilities
- Pathways and trails connecting transit stops to park and recreation facilities, open space, natural lands, or beaches
- Projects that utilize publicly owned rights-of-way and vacant spaces
- Safety improvements such as ADA improvements, crosswalks, and pedestrian signals that provide safer access (must be adjacent to facility)
- Trailhead improvements
- Planning and design related projects

## Project Requirements<sup>3</sup>

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets the project eligibility, feasibility, and community engagement requirements listed below.

All projects must include a sign at a prominent location on the project site acknowledging the assistance of RPOSD. The cost of permanent signage development is reimbursable through the grant. RPOSD will provide electronic samples of its graphics for the grantee to use in signage development.

### *Project Eligibility*

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets *all* the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award:

- The project is in the Study Area or meets the requirements for shared funds.
- The project is a capital project.
- The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool.

### *Project Feasibility*

Applicants must provide proof that the project meets *at least one* requirement in each topic area to apply for a grant award:

#### Land Access/Tenure

- Proof of ownership; or
- Agency has entered into a lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Agency has concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

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<sup>3</sup> Requirements vary slightly for Planning and Design project types. Refer to Section 2.4.7 *Project Requirements*. Requirements vary slightly for acquisition project types. Refer to Section 2.2.3 *Project Requirements*.



#### Planning and Design Status

- Design documents are at least 30 percent; or
- Agency has sketch-level plans for project design and a timeline for completion.

#### Permitting and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

- Project is exempt from regulatory permits and CEQA requirements; or
- Any necessary permitting and CEQA documents are completed and certified; or
- Agency has concrete plans to complete permitting and CEQA requirements.

#### Adverse Site Conditions

- There are no site conditions adverse to project completion; or
- Adverse site conditions have been characterized and the agency has concrete plans for addressing them; or
- There are adverse site conditions but there are concrete plans to address them with appropriate budget contingencies in the project budget.

#### Project Budget and Funding

- Agency has a detailed budget for completed planning and design, project implementation costs, and contingencies.

#### Project Schedule

- Agency has a detailed timeline from project planning and design, permitting and community involvement, grant award to project completion.

#### Operations and Maintenance

- The agency has a detailed financial plan for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

#### *Community Engagement*

The project must meet the minimum community engagement requirements as appropriate and/or described in Section 3.3.