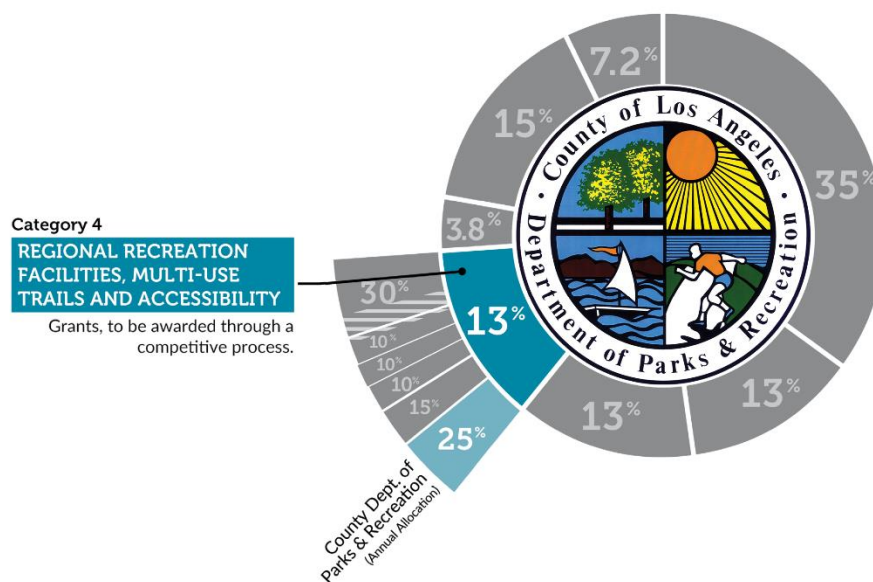


2.1.5. ALLOCATION TO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Measure A provides that the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation shall receive up to 25 percent of the total Category 4 funds as an annual allocation. Grants funded with Category 4 shall improve and protect regional recreational facilities, trails and accessibility projects. Greater priority shall be given to trail and accessibility projects that connect river, mountain, and urban areas; especially to County Parks, State Parks, the National Forest, the National Recreation Area(s), and the National Monument(s); and that link other canyons and regional and local parks throughout the County.

Funding Amount and Cycle Frequency



Annual Allocation: 25% of Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility funds (Category 4).

Grant Cycle: Annual.

Recipient: Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

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 4.

Regional Recreational Facilities

Regional facilities are those with unique, countywide significance that are publicly-owned, consist of at least 100 contiguous acres and have three or more active recreational amenities:

- Aquatic facilities
- Development of new regional park facilities
- Equestrian staging areas
- Improvements to existing regional park facilities
- Golf course facilities
- Multi-use sports facilities
- Gardens and arboreta facilities
- Planning and design related projects



Multi-use Trails

- Addition of amenities along trail corridor
- Development of new multi-use trails
- Trail maintenance
- Trailhead amenities and improvements
- Planning and design related projects

Accessibility

- ADA restroom upgrades
- ADA walkway/sidewalk improvements
- ADA-compliant amenities
- Bike storage facilities at parks, trails, recreation centers, and beaches
- Connections from Class I bike paths to recreation facilities
- General trail and walkway repairs or improvements
- Interactive wayfinding
- Parking facilities serving parks and recreational 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 crosswalks and pedestrian signals that provide safer access (must be adjacent to facility)
- Trailhead improvements
- Planning and design related projects

Project Requirements⁴

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 plans for, acquires, develops, improves, or restores a multi-benefit park project.
- The project promotes, improves, or protects clean local water supplies, habitat improvements, park space, recreation, public access, watershed health, or open space.
- The project is a permanent capital project.

⁴ 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*.



Project Feasibility

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

Land Access/Tenure

- Agency owns the land in question; or
- Agency has entered into a lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Agency has concrete plans as to how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

- Design documents of 30 percent or greater are complete; or
- Agency has sketch-level plans for project design and a planned approach as to how and when planning and design will be completed.

Permitting and CEQA Compliance

- Project is exempt from regulatory permits and CEQA; or
- Any necessary permitting and CEQA documents are completed and certified; or
- Agency has concrete plans as to how and when permitting and CEQA will be completed.

Adverse Site Conditions

- There are no adverse site conditions that would affect project implementation; or
- Adverse site conditions have been characterized and the agency has concrete plans for addressing them; or
- Adverse site conditions are known to exist but have not been characterized. Agency has plans as to how and when these conditions will be addressed, with appropriate budget contingencies in the project budget.

Project Budget and Funding

- Agency has a detailed budget consistent with the level of planning and design completed to date, as well as a plan for funding to cover the budgeted costs, with appropriate contingencies given the level of planning completed.

Project Schedule

- Agency has a detailed schedule from grant receipt to project completion that reflects the level of planning, design, permitting and community involvement that will be necessary for the project.

Operations and Maintenance

- The project has an appropriately detailed financial plan for operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Community Engagement

The project must meet the minimum community engagement requirements described in Section 3.3.

