

2.1.7. COUNTY PRIORITY PROJECTS PROGRAM

County Priority Projects grants will fund projects that are determined to be priorities by the Board of Supervisors.

County Priority Project grants are request-based. Refer to Section 3.4.6 for information about applying for these grants.

Funding Amount and Cycle Frequency



Annual Allocation: Up to two percent of annual Measure A revenue is allocated to this program. Available funding for each of the five Supervisorial Districts will be declared by September 15th of every year. This includes new and un-awarded funding from prior years.

Grant Cycle: Ongoing Awards

Recipient: A grantee eligible as defined in Measure A and a project identified as an eligible priority project by one of the members of the Board of Supervisors..

Amount: County Priority Project grants will be awarded for a minimum of \$20,000.

Project Types

Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under the County Priority Projects program. This list is intended to assist the BOS in understanding the types of projects County Priority Projects Program funds can be expended on, not to limit or direct projects chosen for completion.

- Community and local parks, including pocket parks, playgrounds, playground equipment, dog parks, and picnic areas, especially those that connect and restore underutilized spaces;
- Community and senior recreational centers;
- Park safety, graffiti removal, facility safety lighting, safe routes to schools, and other safety improvements;
- Greenspace and greenway development;
- Gardens;
- Urban canopy development to reduce the heat island effect, especially in heavily urbanized, tree-poor areas of the County;
- Refurbishment, updating, expansion of current parks and park amenities;
- Planning and design related projects.



Project Requirements⁶

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 a capital project or the planning and design for 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
- Applicant has entered into a lease or other use agreement for the land in question; or
- Applicant has concrete plans on how access or tenure will be acquired or arranged.

Planning and Design Status

- Design documents are at least 30 percent; or
- Applicant 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
- Applicant 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.

⁶ 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 Budget and Funding

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

Project Schedule

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

Operations and Maintenance

- The applicant 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 described in Section 3.3 of the Grants Administration Manual for Measure A.

