

2. Measure A Funding Programs

Measure A funds are derived from an annual special tax on property within Los Angeles County. Measure A funds are distributed into seven funding categories, and each funding category supports various funding programs, as shown in Figure 2-1. There are two types of funding programs: Annual Allocations (including the Maintenance and Servicing Program) and Competitive Grants. There is one additional program, the Technical Assistance Program (TAP), which is supported by both annual allocation funds and competitive grant funds.

This section provides information about the Measure A funding programs, including seven annual allocation programs, Maintenance and Servicing Program, Technical Assistance Program (TAP), and five competitive grant programs. Information about applying for and administering grants from these programs can be found in Section 3.

Annual allocations are distributed using set formulas, while competitive grants are awarded on a competitive basis during set grant cycles. The annual allocation programs are: the Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1); the Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2); the Allocation to Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (Category 3); the Allocation to Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (Category 4); the County Cultural Facilities Program (Category 4); the County Priority Projects Program; and the Innovation Grants Program (See Table 2-1).

Competitive Grant Program funds are annually distributed into each program as defined in the Expenditure Plan of Measure A (Figure 2-1). Competitive Grant Programs are divided into two groups, Capital Projects and Program Projects. Capital Projects are: Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protections Projects (Category 3); Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility Projects (Category 4); and Acquisition- Only Projects (Category 3 & 4). Program Projects are: Recreation Access Programs (Category 3 & 4) and Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement Programs (Category 5) (See Table 2-2.)

Each Measure A funding program, including the Maintenance and Servicing Program and Technical Assistance Program (TAP), is described in the sections below. Refer to Section 3 for information on administrative procedures for all grant programs.

The Expenditure Plan in Figure 2-1 shows the percentage of the total Measure A funds allocated to each funding category and to each grant program within those funding categories. These percentages are established in Measure A, and the annual amount of revenue allocated to each program will be updated with final numbers on September 15th of each year. The annual amount of revenue to each funding category may change in the future due to factors such as changes in tax revenue and/or policy. Funds will be allocated for competitive grants annually, which will then accrue until the grant program cycle opens.

Figure 2-1: Detailed Measure A Expenditure Plan

