

Introduction

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) is responsible for implementing and administering the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure of 2016 (Measure A). Seventy-five percent (75%) of Los Angeles County voters approved Measure A in November of 2016, which authorizes dedicated local funding for park, recreation, and open space projects and their maintenance through an annual special tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of building floor area on all taxable real property in the County.

Measure A makes funding available to eligible recipients for projects that repair and upgrade parks and recreational facilities; create new parks; preserve and protect open spaces and beaches; and support recreational programming. RPOSD will utilize innovative technology to facilitate online grant application and administrative processes and to provide efficient oversight.

The Grants Administration Manual for Measure A was developed with input from the Measure A Implementation Steering Committee, which met for 14 months in 2017 and 2018. The Steering Committee process was led by RPOSD and a team of private and nonprofit consultants. The Steering Committee process benefitted from the input of dedicated members with expertise in parks, recreation, and open space as well as related local community issues in Los Angeles County. The Grants Administration Manual also benefitted from the outreach and engagement RPOSD conducted to solicit additional feedback from potential grantees and interested members of the public.

The purpose of the Grants Administration Manual is to provide guidance in applying for and administering Measure A funds so that grantees can provide successful park projects throughout Los Angeles County.