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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION A GRANT PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE
(AUGUST 2021 – JANUARY 2022)

SUMMARY

RAP continues to implement four active Proposition A grants for capital improvement. These are the last four grants awarded to the City of LA RAP by LA County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD). The total Proposition A grant balance is \$1,453,015.60 (Attachment). RAP anticipates all remaining grants to be closed out by February 2025.

The four active grants are:

The Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project is located at 524 Ord Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The grant scope of work includes the creation of a new park on a vacant blighted hillside as an extension to the Alpine Recreation Center. New park amenities include benches, planting of new trees, park lighting, a raised platform, a shade structure, ramps, stairs, walkways, viewing terraces, a restroom facility, drinking fountains, fitness equipment, play structures, cultural artwork, installation of interpretive graphics and signage, and related irrigation and landscaping. The Alpine Project has been awarded Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$950,966.59) in Prop A funds. Construction on the Project is complete. The park has been open to the public since Summer 2021. An opening ceremony was held on site on July 29, 2021 at 10 am to commemorate the Project's completion.

Rancho Cienega Sports Complex (Celes King III) Project is located at 5001 Obama Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016 (formerly Rodeo Rd.). The grant scope of work for the Rancho Project is: Design and construct a new Sports Complex facility which will include a new gym, pool bathhouse, fitness annex, and community room. The southern portion of the park will also include new lighting, landscaping improvements, and storm water. The Proposition A grant award is Forty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixty-One Centers (\$44,786.61). Construction on the Rancho project is 95% complete. 100% Project completion is anticipated by Spring 2022.

Sepulveda Recreation Center Aquatic Pool Equipment Improvement Project is located at 8737 Kester Avenue, Panorama City, CA 91402. The scope of work is: Replace antiquated circulation equipment and chemical injections systems including pumps, motors, and hardware for both pool and waterslide. Additional work for the water slide will include repairs to flume and step decking. Pump house building upgrades for safety and security include upgrade entry doors and surge pit grating. The grant award is Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000). Due to staff shortages and delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of this project has been delayed. The project is anticipated to be complete by Fall 2022.

Sun Valley Recreation Center Sports and Area Lighting Project is located at 8133 Vineland Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352. The grant scope of work is: Install and upgrade sports and area lighting within the park and other amenities related. The grant award is Two Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Forty Cents (\$257,262.40). Design plans for the project are complete. The Bid and Award phase of this project has been delayed due to a lack of staff and delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project is anticipated to be complete by Spring 2023.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Approved by Los Angeles County (County) voters, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protections Acts of 1992 and of 1996 (established as Propositions A-1 and A-II, respectively, City of Los Angeles (City) Ordinance No. 174870) were established to improve the quality of life for citizens throughout the County. To that end, the Proposition A grant Program has provided funding for development and acquisition projects, youth employment, and facility maintenance that have: 1) improved the safety for children, youth, adults, and senior citizens at recreation and park facilities, 2) encouraged tree planting; 3) increased park land, and 4) restored and preserved beach, park, wildlife, and open space areas.

Since their passage, the 1992 and 1996 Propositions A-I and A-II have generated in excess of \$725 million for capital improvement projects, including acquisition, development, improvement, restoration and maintenance, to address park, recreation, beach and open space needs throughout the County. The County apportioned the funds into the following three funding categories: Specified, Per Parcel Discretionary (PPD), and Excess (Specified, Cities and County, and Competitive). A total of \$615.25 million in Specified Funds and a total of \$110 million in PPD were allocated to various cities and non-profit agencies throughout the County. In particular, the City through its Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), Zoo, and Department of Public Works were allocated approximately \$135 million in Specified Funds and approximately \$43 million in PPD, Competitive and Excess Funds.

RAP CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING

Proposition A funding for RAP has included Specified, PPD, and Excess Funds (Specified, Cities and Competitive) in excess of \$131 million for various capital improvement projects. As of January 1, 2022, RAP Proposition A grant funds represent 167 capital project grants involving beach and nature facilities, parks and recreation facilities (including Housing Authority and urban impact parks), swim and lake facilities, and park land acquisitions throughout the City, as shown in the tables below.

Specified Awards				
Facilities	No. of Projects	Total Grant Award Amounts	Total Grant Receipts	Remaining Grant Balances
Acquisition of Park Land	7	\$5,809,873.50	\$5,809,873.50	\$0
Beach and Nature Related	4	\$12,550,000.00	\$12,550,000.00	\$0
Elysian Park Master Plan	6	\$2,197,726.99	\$2,197,726.99	\$0
Griffith Observatory/Park	2	\$20,361,089.47	\$20,361,089.47	\$0
Housing Authority	5	\$5,201,218.82	\$5,201,218.82	\$0
Sepulveda Basin	7	\$7,165,454.00	\$7,165,454.00	\$0
Swim and Related	7	\$19,050,000.00	\$18,850,000.00	\$200,000.00
Urban Impact Park	20	\$11,936,592.88	\$11,936,592.88	\$0
Various Recreational	16	\$9,969,186.74	\$9,711,924.34	\$257,262.40
TOTAL Specified	74	\$94,241,142.40	\$93,783,880.00	\$457,262.40

PPD, Competitive, and Excess Fund Awards				
Facilities	No. of Projects	Total Grant Award Amounts	Total Grant Receipts	Remaining Grant Balances
Acquisition of Park Land	8	\$3,640,324.00	\$3,640,324.00	\$0
Beach and Nature Related	6	\$1,082,334.93	\$1,082,334.93	\$0
Griffith Park	5	\$1,548,111.67	\$1,548,111.67	\$0
Pool	8	\$8,400,000.00	\$8,400,000.00	\$0
Urban Impact Park	5	\$1,013,000.00	\$1,013,000.00	\$0
Various Recreational	61	\$21,855,455.45	\$20,859,702.25	\$995,753.20
Total Grant Funding	93	\$37,539,226.05	\$36,543,472.85	\$995,753.20

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PPD/Competitive/Excess Fund Awards	93	\$37,539,226.05	\$36,543,472.85	\$995,753.20
Total Grant Funding	167	\$131,780,368.45	\$130,327,352.85	\$1,453,015.60

NOTE: Of the 167 capital project grants, 163 are closed and 4 are active. All Proposition A-I projects are complete. All Proposition A-II projects are expected to be closed out by February 2025. RAP is working with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) to remain in good standing status, which is one of the criteria to apply for Measure A: Los Angeles County Parks and Open Space Parcel Tax (Measure A), funding in the future.

MAINTENANCE FUNDING

Propositions A-I and A-II also provided funding for maintenance and recreation activities for sites that had received capital funding. RAP has received approximately \$35.2 million in facility maintenance funding (approximately \$1.5 million annually) from Propositions A-I and A-II. These funds have generally been equally divided to support activities at the Hansen Dam Recreation Aquatics Center and EXPO Center.

CONCLUSION

Proposition A funding has provided critical maintenance and capital funding to over 167 large and small capital projects in the City of LA thereby improving accessibility to open space, recreational facilities and other facilities for the enjoyment of the public. These facilities have been used or visited by millions of Los Angeles County residents or visitors over the last twenty-five years further improving the economy and livability of the County and the City.

Furthermore, the Proposition A grant program played a significant role towards RAP’s goals of providing a clean, safe, well-programmed, equitable and sustainable park system. This mission is being continued with Measure A, which was passed by the County voters on November 8, 2016.

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ATTACHMENT

Proposition A-II Active and Closed Project Status Report

Proposition A-II Active Project Status

CD	Park Project	Project Status	Work Order No.	Grant Scope	Proposition A Grant Award Amount	Proposition A Grant Balance	Other Funding Sources
1	Alpine Recreation Center Expansion	Construction Is Complete. The grant is in the process of close out.	PRJ20591 E170225A E170225B E170225D E170225F E170225L	The development of a park on a vacant blighted hillside adjacent to the Chinatown Library. Park amenities will include benches, street trees, park lighting, a raised platform, elevated sculptural ramp, stairs, a view terrace, retaining walls, restrooms, a drinking fountain, fitness equipment, play structures and landscaping.	\$950,966.59	\$950,966.59	MICLA Prop K Prop 84
10	Rancho Cienega Sports Complex (Celes King III)	Construction is 95% Complete. The project is anticipated to be Complete by Spring 2022.	PRJ20308 E1907684	Design and construct a new Sport Complex facility which will include a new gym, pool bathhouse, fitness annex, and community room. The southern portion of the park will also include new lighting, landscaping improvements, and storm water.	\$44,786.61	\$44,786.61	CDBG PY 40 CDBG PY 45 MICLA Prop K Site & Facilities
6	Sepulveda Recreation Center Aquatic Pool Equipment Improvement	Construction is delayed. The project is anticipated to be complete by Fall 2022	PRJ21340	Replace antiquated circulation equipment and chemical injection systems including pumps, motors, and hardware for both pool and waterslide. Additional work for the water slide will include repairs to flume and step decking. Pump house building upgrades for safety and security include upgrade entry doors and surge pit grating.	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	
6	Sun Valley Recreation Center Sports and Area Lighting	Construction is delayed. The project is anticipated to be complete by Spring 2023.	PRJ21178	Install and upgrade sports and area lighting within the park and other amenities related.	\$257,262.40	\$257,262.40	
Total						\$1,453,015.60	

Proposition A-II Closed Project Status

CD	Park Project	Project Status	Work Order No.	Grant Scope	Proposition A Grant Award Amount	Proposition A Grant Balance
8	Algin Sutton Pool Replacement	Complete since March 4, 2021. The Grant is closed out and funding was disbursed to RAP.	PRJ21117 E170293A E170293B E170293D E170293L	Demolish existing pool and replace with new pool to include new deck, shade structures, fencing, security lighting, and splash pad, renovate equipment and install new equipment and other related amenities.	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Total					\$50,000.00	\$0.00