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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of Recreation and Parks

December 15, 2022

TO: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
FROM: Jimmy Kim, General Manager 
SUBJECT: Measure A Status Update (February 2022 – November 2022)

MEASURE A - HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In November 2016, 75% of Los Angeles County (County) voters approved the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure (Measure A). Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collection of a parcel tax, with an estimated total annual funding of \$96.8 million across the County. Measure A provides the City of Los Angeles (City) formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under the Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2) as well as additional annual allocations under the Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Furthermore, Measure A provides competitive grants for capital improvement projects under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3) and Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); as well as program grants under Recreational Access (Category 3 and 4) and Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5). When funding is available, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) serving as the Measure A Grantor, may announce additional grant opportunities such as innovation grants under the Implementation, Operations and Oversight Category. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee (LAFKSC) as the administering entity for Measure A with RAP serving as the Grant Administrator, and instructed RAP to submit quarterly status updates for the Measure A grant program (Council File 18-0611). Per such instructions, RAP presents this Status Update.

MEASURE A – PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP)

On April 2, 2019, City Council approved RAP's Park Improvement Plan (PIP) as a planning tool which enables RAP to effectively plan and manage capital projects receiving the Measure A annual allocations funding under Categories 1 and 2. The PIP identifies specific parks within the City's 43 study areas to receive Measure A funding. RAP continues to develop and update the PIP in conjunction with the Council Offices and Mayor's office.

The PIP laid out projects for the initial roll-out of Measure A in Fiscal Year 2018-19 and has since evolved as a valuable planning document to address RAP's continuing capital funding needs. Since the PIP was launched, multiple projects identified in the PIP were developed using Measure A as well as Federal, State and local sources such as Deferred Maintenance, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and Quimby Park Fees. As a result, and due

to the complexities of the Measure A program, the Department has shifted to focus on high and very high need areas as a priority in accordance with prior City Council directives. Additionally, to avoid over-obligating the RAP general fund since Measure A is a reimbursement based funding program, RAP looks to complete 10-15 projects annually to keep pace with the available funding of the Measure A program as well as anticipated future fund allocations for each study area.

MEASURE A CATEGORY 1 AND 2 ANNUAL ALLOCATION PROGRAM

Measure A’s Category 1 and 2 Annual Allocation Program is a needs-based grant program where allocation funding is distributed to each of the City’s 43 Study Areas. Measure A’s needs-based approach establishes a per capita and structural improvement formula to determine the percentage of revenues annually allocated to each study area. Whereas all Study Areas receive Category 1 annual allocations, only Study Areas with need categorized as “High” and “Very High” receive Category 2 annual allocations. Each Study Area has its respective balance which increases as new allocations are distributed every September. There is no sunset or expiration for the cumulative funding in each Study Area’s balance. Funding allocated to each Study Area is intended to address its own park needs and fund park projects within its defined geographic boundaries. In order for RAP to access funding allocated to a specific Study Area, RAP would need to apply for and receive a grant award for a park project located in the respective Study Area. The PIP is designed to enable RAP to plan and implement projects for each Study Area receiving annual allocation funding.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

Measure A Capital Project Annual Allocation Grant Program (Category 1 and 2)

Active Grants	There are 15 active Category 1 and 2 grants totaling \$7,704,900. All 15 projects (playground and fitness equipment replacements) are now complete and open to the public. RAP is in the process of administratively closing out these grants.
New Grant Applications	In Fall 2022, RAP submitted 9 grant applications for capital improvement park projects. Although the RAP Board and City Council authorized 10 grant applications, RAP submitted 9 applications since the City Council recently approved Community Development Building Grant (CDBG) funding for 1 of the 10 projects: Martin Luther King Recreation Park Play area surface replacement. The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved RAP staff’s request to submit grant applications and RAP’s general Manager to accept grant awards on March 3, 2022 (Board Report 22-041). The LAFKSC approved this same request on February 24, 2022. On May 11, 2022, the City Council adopted LAFKSC’s recommendation to approve RAP’s request (C.F. 22-0139).

<p>FY 2022-23 Annual Allocations</p>	<p>On September 15, 2022, RPOSD announced new Fiscal Year 2022-23 annual allocations for each of the City's 43 Study Areas. The new annual allocations for all 43 study areas totaled \$21,887,631.63 (See Exhibit 1 and 2). RAP will continue to work with the Council Districts and Mayor's Office to develop the Park Improvement Plan (PIP) and develop future grant applications for existing and new park projects.</p> <p>Upon request from RPOSD, RAP submitted an "Annual Allocation Plan" to identify future prospective projects for the 43 study areas within the City's jurisdiction on May 26, 2022.</p>
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Measure A Capital Project Competitive Grant Program (Category 3 and 4)

<p>Competitive Grant Awards: Griffith Park and Venice Beach Pier</p>	<p>On February 23, 2022 RPOSD announced grant awards under the Measure A Category 3 and 4 competitive grant programs for the Griffith Park (Riverside Drive Area) Improvement Project and the Venice Beach Pier Improvement Project. Griffith Park was awarded \$920,000.00. Venice Pier was awarded \$1,000,000.00.</p> <p>The Griffith Park scope of work is: Develop multi-use bike & pedestrian path(s) & trail(s) to improve connectivity between Griffith Park Riverside Dr. Rec Area & LA River & LA River Class I bike path. Improve path of travel, trailhead, wayfinding, parking lot, fencing & other amenities.</p> <p>The Venice Pier scope of work is: Refurbishment of the Pier, which has been damaged over time, as well as repairs to be done to the Pier's ramp structure.</p>
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Maintenance and Servicing Program

<p>Funding Receipt</p>	<p>In Summer 2022, RAP received \$3,506,765.84 of combined Measure A and Proposition A reimbursements to offset continuing maintenance and servicing expenses at Hansen Dam Aquatic Center and Exposition/John C. Argue Swim Stadium, both of which were built with RPOSD's Proposition A funding.</p>
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Technical Assistance Program

<p>New Funding Award</p>	<p>On July 14, 2022, RPOSD announced Technical Assistance Program (TAP) award to the City for \$1,000,000. RPOSD established the program to assist agencies in developing eligible park projects and competitive applications for its grant programs. The program provides support for grant writing and application,</p>
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	planning and design, innovation, and construction management.
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LA Parks Portal

Annual Update	RAP is currently working with RPOSD and nonprofit GreenInfo Network to update park data and condition assessments as posted on RPOSD's managed LA Parks Portal. The LA Parks Portal shows the most recent published inventory data and allows park agencies to update their Los Angeles Countywide Parks & Needs Assessment park inventory data as required by Proposition A and Measure A. Agencies that own or manage a park in Los Angeles must update their park inventory data in the LA Parks Portal annually as a requirement of eligibility to receive Measure A funds. The next update is due on December 28, 2022.
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Measure A Youth & Veteran Job Training Placement Program (Category 5)

Youth & Veteran Job Training	On September 28, 2022, RAP submitted a \$1,200,000 competitive grant application for the expansion of RAP's City Pathways for Youth Program, which provides young people with professional development workshops and job training.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Measure A Program Balances
2. Measure A Categories 1 and 2 Study Area Balances
3. Measure A Status of Active Grants and Balances

Measure A - Program Balances
(through 11/30/2022)

BALANCE OF CATEGORIES 1 & 2 ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS

MEASURE A	FY 2018-19 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2019-20 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2020-21 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2021-22 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2022-23 ALLOCATIONS	TOTAL ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS	GRANT AWARDS RECEIVED	BALANCE
Categories 1 & 2 (Capital Projects)	\$ 18,434,748.17	\$ 19,270,970.77	\$ 20,815,653.52	\$ 20,818,880.81	\$ 21,887,631.63	\$ 101,227,884.90	\$ 7,704,900.00	\$ 93,522,984.90

BALANCE OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING PROGRAM

MEASURE A	FY 2018-19 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2019-20 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2020-21 ALLOCATIONS	FY 2021-22 ALLOCATIONS	FY2022-23 ALLOCATIONS	TOTAL ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS	REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED Inception through 11/2022	BALANCE
Maintenance and Servicing (M/S) Program	\$ 2,937,252.15	\$ 3,070,489.48	\$ 3,316,607.46	\$ 3,317,121.66	\$ 3,487,408.28	\$ 16,128,879.03	\$ 6,346,446.70	\$ 9,782,432.33

Measure A - Categories 1 and 2 Study Area Balances
(through 11/30/2022)

Study Area ID	CD	Study Area Name City of LA - 43 Study Areas	Categories 1 & 2 Annual Allocation Received (FY 18-19 thru FY 22-23)	Grant Awards Received	Study Area Balance
117	6, 7	Arleta-Pacoima	\$ 2,672,376.35		\$ 2,672,376.35
83	8, 10	Baldwin Hills-Leimert-Hyde Park	\$ 2,377,100.27	\$ 500,500.00	\$ 1,876,600.27
26	4, 5	Beverly Crest-Unin. Hollywood Hills	\$ 535,596.51		\$ 535,596.51
135	14	Boyle Heights	\$ 2,358,937.08	\$ 304,700.00	\$ 2,054,237.08
129	3, 11	Brentwood-Pacific Palisades	\$ 1,299,049.28		\$ 1,299,049.28
58	3, 12	Canoga Park-Winnetka	\$ 2,588,832.50		\$ 2,588,832.50
118	1, 9, 14	Central City	\$ 2,609,491.98		\$ 2,609,491.98
59	1, 13, 14	Central City North	\$ 894,781.91		\$ 894,781.91
152	3, 12	Chatsworth-Porter Ranch-Unin. Northridge-Canoga Park-Oat Mt.	\$ 2,036,330.98	\$ 723,400.00	\$ 1,312,930.98
136	3, 4, 6	Encino-Tarzana	\$ 1,503,952.65		\$ 1,503,952.65
164	1, 8, 9, 10	Exposition Park-University Park-Vermont Square	\$ 4,488,690.90	\$ 557,000.00	\$ 3,931,690.90
73	12	Granada Hills-Knollwood	\$ 1,066,928.65		\$ 1,066,928.65
43	15	Harbor Gateway	\$ 1,368,505.37		\$ 1,368,505.37
103	4, 13	Hollywood, North	\$ 1,890,610.34		\$ 1,890,610.34
104	5, 13	Hollywood, South	\$ 3,121,832.33		\$ 3,121,832.33
130	6, 7, 12	Mission Hills-Panorama City-North Hills	\$ 3,952,104.06		\$ 3,952,104.06
94	2	North Hollywood-Valley Village	\$ 4,085,409.60	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,835,409.60
183	1, 13, 14	Northeast LA, North	\$ 2,342,121.71	\$ 466,100.00	\$ 1,876,021.71
177	1, 14	Northeast Los Angeles, South	\$ 1,459,384.78		\$ 1,459,384.78
60	12	Northridge	\$ 2,101,342.87		\$ 2,101,342.87
105	5,11	Palms- MarVista- Del Rey	\$ 3,332,580.39		\$ 3,332,580.39
95	3, 4, 6, 12	Reseda-West Van Nuys	\$ 3,194,081.89		\$ 3,194,081.89
185	15	San Pedro-Port of LA-Unin. La Rambla	\$ 1,358,650.69		\$ 1,358,650.69
84	2, 4	Sherman Oaks-Studio City - Toluca	\$ 1,665,654.70	\$ 619,000.00	\$ 1,046,654.70
138	1, 4, 13	Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley	\$ 1,154,653.54	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 724,653.54
119	8, 9, 15	South Los Angeles	\$ 2,825,021.01		\$ 2,825,021.01
163	8, 9, 15	Southeast Los Angeles	\$ 3,771,700.83		\$ 3,771,700.83
169	9, 14	Southeast Los Angeles, North	\$ 3,621,676.57		\$ 3,621,676.57
120	2, 6, 7	Sun Valley-La Tuna Cyn.	\$ 2,689,645.56		\$ 2,689,645.56
139	7	Sunland-Tujunga-Lake View Terrace-Shadow Hills	\$ 1,040,075.62		\$ 1,040,075.62
96	7	Sylmar	\$ 1,277,532.25		\$ 1,277,532.25
61	2, 4, 6	Valley Glen-North Sherman Oaks	\$ 2,385,450.95		\$ 2,385,450.95
44	4, 6	Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks	\$ 2,423,814.54		\$ 2,423,814.54
106	11	Venice	\$ 1,204,367.71	\$ 448,600.00	\$ 755,767.71
107	10	West Adams	\$ 2,636,120.27	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 2,156,120.27
146	3, 12	West Hills-Woodland Hills-Unin. Canoga Park-West Hills	\$ 1,858,505.23	\$ 651,600.00	\$ 1,206,905.23
85	5, 11	West Los Angeles	\$ 2,996,419.69	\$ 495,000.00	\$ 2,501,419.69
67	11	Westchester-Playa del Rey-Los Angeles Int'l Airport	\$ 2,136,802.45	\$ 467,800.00	\$ 1,669,002.45
147	1, 13	Westlake	\$ 3,059,975.22	\$ 540,900.00	\$ 2,519,075.22
45	5, 11	Westwood-Unin. Sawtelle Veterans Administration Center	\$ 1,711,293.08		\$ 1,711,293.08
121	15	Wilmington-Harbor City-Port of Los Angeles	\$ 1,225,642.42		\$ 1,225,642.42
68	1, 5, 10, 13	Wilshire-Koreatown	\$ 4,653,591.00		\$ 4,653,591.00
108	5, 10, 13	Wilshire, West	\$ 4,251,249.17	\$ 770,300.00	\$ 3,480,949.17
TOTAL			\$ 101,227,884.90	\$ 7,704,900.00	\$ 93,522,984.90

Measure A Status of Active Grants and Balances (Cat 1 and 2)
(through 11/30/2022)

Study Area ID	Study Area Name	CD	Park Projects	Proposed Project Scope	High and/or Very High Needs Study Area	Project Status	Funding Per Study Area Categories 1 and 2 Allocations Available (FY 18-19 to FY 22-23)	Measure A Grant Award - Committed Funds	Study Area Balance - Uncommitted Funds
67	Westchester - Playa del Rey / LAX	11	Del Rey Lagoon	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 2,136,802.45	\$ 467,800	\$ 1,669,002.45
83	Baldwin Hills - Leimert - Hyde Park	8	Angeles Mesa Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 2,377,100.27	\$ 500,500	\$ 1,876,600.27
84	Sherman Oaks - Studio City / UI Universal City	2	Woodbridge Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area (the 5-12 Playground only, the 2-5 Playground would remain). Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$1,665,654.70	\$ 619,000	\$ 1,046,654.70
85	West Los Angeles	5	Palms Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 2,996,419.69	\$ 495,000	\$ 2,501,419.69
94	North Hollywood - Valley Village	2	Valley Plaza Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 4,085,409.60	\$ 250,000	\$ 3,835,409.60

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106	Venice	11	Venice Beach - Rose Ave site	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 1,204,367.71	\$ 448,600	\$ 755,767.71
107	West Adam	10	Vineyard Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 2,636,120.27	\$ 480,000	\$ 2,156,120.27
108	Wilshire - West	10	Queen Anne Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment and surfacing.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 4,251,249.17	\$ 770,300	\$ 3,480,949.17
135	Boyle Heights	14	Hollenbeck Park	Demolition and removal of existing fitness equipment. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 2,358,937.08	\$ 304,700	\$ 2,054,237.08
138	Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley	13	Echo Park Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements. Parking lot improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 1,154,653.54	\$ 430,000	\$ 724,653.54

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146	West Hills - Woodland Hills/ UI Canoga Park	12	Castle Peak Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 1,858,505.23	\$ 651,600	\$ 1,206,905.23
147	Westlake	1	Alvarado Terrace Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 3,059,975.22	\$ 540,900	\$ 2,519,075.22
152	Chatsworth - Porter Ranch / UI Chatworth	3	Parthenia Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 2,036,330.98	\$ 723,400	\$ 1,312,930.98
164	Exposition Park - University Park - Vermont Square	8	Loren Miller Recreation Center	Demolition and removal of existing play area. Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	Yes	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 4,488,690.90	\$ 557,000	\$ 3,931,690.90
183	Northeast Los Angeles - North	1	Sycamore Grove Park	Demolition and removal of existing play area (the one located adjacent to Ramona Hall). Installation of new play area and safety surfacing. Site landscaping and other amenities. Park pathway and path of travel improvements.	No	Project Construction Complete Grant being closed out	\$ 2,342,121.71	\$ 466,100	\$ 1,876,021.71
TOTAL								\$ 7,704,900	