

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager 

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION A GRANT PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE  
(FEBRUARY 2022 – NOVEMBER 2022)

**SUMMARY**

RAP continues to implement three active Proposition A grants for capital improvement. These are the last three 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 \$502,049.01 (Attachment). RAP anticipates all remaining grants to be closed out by February 2025.

The three active grants are:

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 Cents (\$44,786.61). Construction on the Rancho project is complete. The park has been open to the public since June 2022. An opening ceremony was held on site on June 28, 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). The project is anticipated to be complete by Summer 2023.

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. Construction on the Sun Valley project is 20% complete. 100% completion is anticipated by Fall 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 November 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.

<b>Specified Awards</b>				
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>No. of Projects</b>	<b>Total Grant Award Amounts</b>	<b>Total Grant Receipts</b>	<b>Remaining Grant Balances</b>
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
<b>TOTAL Specified</b>	74	\$94,241,142.40	\$93,783,880.00	\$457,262.40

<b>PPD, Competitive, and Excess Fund Awards</b>				
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>No. of Projects</b>	<b>Total Grant Award Amounts</b>	<b>Total Grant Receipts</b>	<b>Remaining Grant Balances</b>
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	\$21,810,668.84	\$44,786.61
<b>Total Grant Funding</b>	93	\$37,539,226.05	\$37,494,439.44	\$44,786.61

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PPD/Competitive/Excess Fund Awards	93	\$37,539,226.05	\$37,494,439.44	\$44,786.61
<b>Total Grant Funding</b>	167	\$131,780,368.45	\$131,278,319.44	\$502,049.01

NOTE: Of the 167 capital project grants, 164 are closed and 3 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 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
10	Rancho Cienega Sports Complex (Celes King III)	Construction is Complete. The project is in the process of close out.	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 anticipated to be complete by Summer 2023	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 anticipated to be complete by Fall 2023.	PRJ21178	Install and upgrade sports and area lighting within the park and other amenities related.	\$257,262.40	\$257,262.40	
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$502,049.01</b>	

## 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
1	Alpine Recreation Center Expansion	Project is Complete.	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	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$950,966.59</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>