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BOARD REPORT

NO. 19-249

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
MEASURE A GRANT PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION UNDER RECREATION ACCESS**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the submission by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) of a program grant application through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Measure A Grant Program, under their Recreation Access program (Grant), in an amount up to One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,850,000);
2. Designate RAP's General Manager, Chief Accounting Employee, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the Grant application process;
3. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Grant funds, if awarded, in an amount up to One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,850,000.00); and
4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make any technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report.

SUMMARY

In 2016, Los Angeles County (County) voters approved Measure A, which provides the City of Los Angeles formula-based annual allocations for competitive grants for capital improvement projects and recreation access programs under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection and Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility. Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity

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through the collection of a parcel tax, with an estimated total annual funding of \$96.8 million across the County.

RPOSD announced the implementation of the 2019-20 Measure A Competitive Grant programs which include \$7.2 million for Recreation Access Programs with an additional \$1 million from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure M funding. RPOSD is conducting training workshops for applicants from September 2019 through February 2020. The deadline to submit all grant applications is February 25, 2020 with grant awards expected in June 2020. Recreation Access grants support new or established programs that increase County resident access to public lands, park facilities, and park amenities, including education, interpretive services, safety information, transportation, and other activities that increase accessibility, especially for residents in high-need or very high-need areas.

It is RAP's intent to apply for a program grant through the Recreation Access opportunity in an amount of up to One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,850,000) to support a Mobile Recreation Program and/or to enhance transportation connectivity to RAP's regional and community parks (Grant). The Mobile Recreation Program may support programming at RAP's Community School Parks (CSPs) at LAUSD elementary schools at high park need and very high-park need areas of the City. The Mobile Recreation program may also provide after-school programming at recreation centers with no current programming. RAP staff is in the process of developing the most competitive program possible based on the funding guidelines. Once the Grant is awarded, staff will present the Grant award and the full details of the project scope associated with the Grant award to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners for its approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to RAP's General Fund resulting from the approval of this Report. If this Grant is awarded, it will provide essential funding to assist RAP with either launching a Mobile Recreation Program or another program enhancing access to regional and community parks.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1:	Provide Safe and Accessible Parks
Outcome No. 1:	Every Angeleno has walkable access to a park in their neighborhood
Key Metric:	Percentage of Angelenos with park access within a ½ mile of their home
Target:	60% by 2022
Result:	Measure A program will develop park projects to enhance and increase attendance and participation in RAP community parks and recreation centers

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