



Award Recommendations for Recreation Access Competitive Grant Program

PLANNING & PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

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Metro

Recommended Action

CONSIDER:

- A. APPROVING project selection and programming of \$1,000,000 for the Recreation Access Competitive Grant Program.
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or her designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for approved projects.
- C. AUTHORIZING the CEO or her designee to adjust programming amounts including, but not limited to, soliciting additional project applications, shifting funding amounts between the awarded projects, and/or increasing award amounts should additional funding become available.

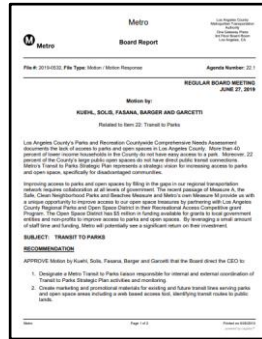
Background



June 2019

Metro Board adopts the Transit to Parks Strategic Plan:

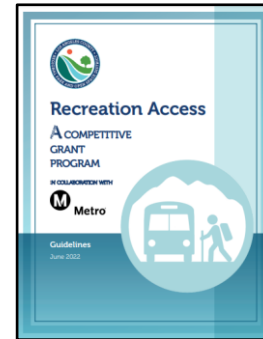
“Systematic vision for increasing access to parks and open space countywide”



June 2019 (cont'd)

Metro Board directs staff to do 9 actions (Motion 22.1), including:

“Collaborate with the Los Angeles County [Regional Park and] Open Space District by contributing \$1 million in funding to create a grant program for cities and non-profits to fund transit to parks programs and initiatives”



June 2022

County RPOSD, in partnership with Metro, re-releases the Recreation Access Competitive Grant Program. Program opened until September 29, 2022



Recreation Access Competitive Grant Program

Funding Program Overview

- > \$1M available for transit operations and supportive elements (e.g., wayfinding, marketing, transit stop improvements, programming)
- > Connect “Community of Interest” to high-quality park or open space area via transit
- > Eligible applicants: transit agencies and public park authorities
- > Required to partner with community-based organization
- > 10% local match requirement (cash or “in-kind”)

Evaluation and Selection Process

- > Two applications received (\$1,338,250 total requested)
- > Interdepartmental evaluation team
- > Both submittals are eligible, scored favorably and recommended for partial award:
 - Mt. Wilson Express Route Development & Operations (\$747,244.54)
 - Nature Education Program at the Stone Barn Nature Center in Glendale's Deukmejian Wilderness Park (\$252,755.46)



Next Steps

- > Execute funding agreements
- > Initiate projects
- > Updates to adjust programming, if needed