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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 68 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (SPP) ROUND THREE (3) GRANT; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit various applications for the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) Round Three (3) Grant (Grant), as detailed in the attached project list (Attachment No. 1), to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreations (State), subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
2. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of this report to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council for approval to apply for grant funds, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 *et seq.*; and
3. Authorize RAP staff to make adjustments to the application proposed scopes of work and estimated grant amounts as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

On June 5, 2018, Proposition 68 (Prop 68) was passed by California state voters to fund a \$4.1 billion "California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor for All Act of 2018". Prop 68 is intended to fund state and local parks, beaches, environmental protection and restoration, water infrastructure, and flood protection projects. An estimated \$650 million dollars has been dedicated to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) and will be awarded on a competitive basis in two (2) rounds.

On January 29, 2019, the State released SPP Round Three (3) in the amount of \$254,942,000 to be awarded. The first two (2) SPP grant program rounds under Proposition 84 have awarded a total of \$368 million dollars. As in the first two (2) rounds, the SPP Round Three (3) awards

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grant funds for the creation of new parks, expansion and/or improvements to existing parks, and the creation/renovation of recreation features, located in areas that either lack park space or are significantly low-income. SPP Round Three (3) applications under Prop 68 are due August 5, 2019.

The Prop 68 funds for SPP Round Three (3) will liquidate on June 30, 2022 since these were approved through the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 State Budget. The State requires RAP submit a resolution for each project within sixty (60 days) of the application submission date. RAP staff will return to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) and City Council to request resolutions that detail the scopes of work and the amounts for each project on, or about, August 7, 2019.

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

In order to determine what projects would be good candidates for Prop 68 SPP Round Three (3) funding, RAP staff analyzed over 100 parks across the city, using the criteria listed below in descending order.

RAP staff and the three non-profit organizations, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT), and the Trust for Public Lands, have joined together in a partnership and worked with the Council Offices to establish a proposed project list for Proposition 68 SPP (Attachment No. 1). A breakdown of the capital improvement projects for each of the agencies is as follows:

RAP	20
LANI	1
LANLT	1
TPL	1
Total	23

LANI, LANLT, and TPL will complete the projects and will turn over the completed projects to RAP for operation and maintenance. RAP staff will return to the Board and City Council with the Donation Agreements for LANI, LANLT, and TPL once the final scopes and deliverables are known for Western-Gage, El Sereno Playground, and Watts Crescent.

Donation agreements provide a mechanism for RAPS park partners to apply for grants and develop park projects that are transferred (or “donated”) to RAP once the projects is completed. The agreement also details roles and responsibilities of the parties.

Project Eligibility

The Prop 68 SPP Round Three (3) application puts a strong emphasis on park space in low income communities. In order to be an eligible project, the project must be located in a community that meets one of the following two criteria for a ½ mile radius around the park as defined by the California Community FactFinder website:

1. 3 acres or less of park space per 1,000 people
2. A median household income of Fifty-one Thousand Twenty-six Dollars (\$51,026) or less.

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RAP staff cross-checked one hundred (100) parks through the Community FactFinder website to determine if they were a) eligible for the grant, and b) competitive compared to other parks within the City.

Project Readiness

The Grant requires that all projects are completed by June 30, 2022. However, it also requires that in order to receive a maximum number of points, each project must have at least five (5) community meetings after June 5, 2018 - the date Prop 68 was approved by the voters. Even though the maximum amount of funding of \$8.5 million dollars could provide crucial gap funding for major park capital improvements, the need to hold community meetings after June 5, 2018, but also to complete the project by June 30, 2022, greatly limited the projects the City could apply for and expect to win a grant award.

Increase Program Capacity

As part of the ten year Universal Play plan, RAP aims to increase youth sports and fitness program participation by 70,000 children by 2028. The University Play Study identified \$1.15 billion dollars in capital improvements at the 123 Universal Play parks across the City. Addressing these needs requires aggressively going after state and local park funding sources to maximize the amount of grant funding for the City's park system. After determining if a project was eligible and could meet the project readiness criteria, RAP staff then evaluated potential projects based upon their ability to increase programming capacity at parks in order to reach the goals of the 2028 Universal Play plan.

Geographic Equity

Finally, RAP looked to ensure that parks from all parts of the city were applied for during this round of funding. RAP reached out to Council Districts who had parks that met the eligibility criteria and worked with them to verify the parks for their district. Only 12 of the 15 Council District had parks that qualified under Prop 68 based on median income and park acreage per 1000 people.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As part of the Grant criteria, five (5) community meetings must be held per project application in order for the project to receive maximum points. RAP, in partnership with the respective Council Districts, is coordinating and hosting 100 or more meetings prior to the application deadline of August 5, 2019 in order to receive maximum points. RAP expects that an estimated 5,000 or more constituents will be engaged at these community meetings. Constituent input will be incorporated into the design process to ensure that the park reflects the needs of the surrounding community.

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ADJUSTMENTS TO PROJECT SCOPE AND GRANT AMOUNTS

RAP staff requires additional time to incorporate community input into the final applications. In some cases this will occur after the deadline to submit projects to the Board for approval prior to the grant application deadline. For this reason, final project scopes of work and amounts will be brought back to the Board when RAP staff requests the resolutions for each project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the Grant funds are being sought, as lead agency for the twenty (20) projects, RAP must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The appropriate CEQA documentation will be submitted for consideration when each grant-related project is presented before the Board for final approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund in applying for the Prop 68 SPP funds. The maintenance for the twenty (20) projects is unknown at this time.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Proposition 68 Statewide Park Programs of Potential Projects List

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
POTENTIAL PROPOSITION 68 (ROUND 3) PROJECT LIST**

#	PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	CD	REQUESTED GRANT AMOUNT	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
1	109th Street Recreation Center	1464 East 109th St., Los Angeles, 90059	15	\$2,500,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Upgrade ball fields, install new batting cages, remove out-of-date gymnastics equipment and add a new basketball court, construct synthetic soccer field
2	1st & Broadway Civic Center Park (future park)*	217 West 1st Street, Los Angeles 90012	14	\$8,500,000	New Park	Construct a new 1.96 acre park estimated on the vacant city land located at 1st Street and Broadway in Downtown Los Angeles
3	Brooklyn Heights Park (future park)*	318 N Matthews Street, LA 90033	14	\$2,000,000	New Park	Construct a new 0.196 acre park estimated at 318 N. Matthews Street in Boyle Heights
4	Allegheny Park (future park)*	11957 - 11961 Allegheny Street, Los Angeles 91352	6	\$3,970,000	New Park	Construct a new 0.585 acre park estimated at 11957-199861 Allegheny Street in Sun Valley
5	David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center	10943 Herrick Ave, Pacoima 91331	7	\$5,000,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, install field and park lighting, construct a new playground, make improvements to the ballfields including but not limited to bleachers, fencing
6	Denker Recreation Center	1550 W. 35th Place, Los Angeles 90018	8	\$3,470,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, install field and park security lighting, add shade
7	El Sereno Playground	5520 Concord Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90032	14	TBD	Park Expansion (TPL ³ or RAP)	TBD
8	Elinor & Don Richardson Family Park	2700 S. Budlong Ave., Los Angeles 90007	8	\$2,000,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new playground, install park lighting, create new community meeting area
9	Green Meadows Recreation Center	431 E. 89th St., Los Angeles 90003	9	\$3,000,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, demolish handball courts, install field and park lighting, upgrade restrooms, make path of travel upgrades
10	Hazard Park	2230 Norfolk St., Los Angeles 90033	14	\$5,000,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, reconfigure parking lot to add parking, demolish restrooms on Soto Street, construct new standalone restroom by playground, install field and park lighting, make path of travel upgrades
11	Hoover Recreation Center	1010 W. 25th St., Los Angeles 90007	1	\$3,500,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, install field and park lighting, make path of travel upgrades, upgrade restrooms
12	Lincoln Heights Recreation Center	2303 Workman St., Los Angeles 90031	1	\$2,500,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, install field and park lighting, make path of travel upgrades, upgrade restrooms
13	Oakwood Recreation Center	767 California Ave., Venice 90291	11	\$3,150,000	Renovate an Existing Park	TBD
14	Rancho Cienega Sports Complex	5001 Obama Blvd (formerly Rodeo Rd.), Los Angeles 90016	10	\$8,500,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct new playground on site of old pool, construct new synthetic soccer field, demolish portion of existing parking lot and replace with new multi-purpose synthetic field and parking area
15	Reseda Park	18411 Victory Blvd., Reseda 91335	3	\$3,500,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, add field and park lighting, add shade trees and canopies, upgrade restrooms
16	Rio De Los Angeles State Park	1900 N. San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles 90065	1	\$6,000,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct three new synthetic soccer fields, install field and park lighting, install fitness equipment, upgrade restrooms, create walking path
17	Sepulveda Recreation Center	8825 Kester Avenue, Panorama City 91402	6	\$3,500,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, install park and field lighting, make path of travel upgrades
18	Shatto Recreation Center	3191 W. 4th St., Los Angeles 90020	13	\$3,850,000	Renovate an Existing Park	TBD
19	Studio City Recreation Center	12621 Rye St., Studio City 91604	2	\$3,005,000	New Gym	Construct a new gymnasium with a full-size basketball court, multipurpose room, recreation office, kitchen, restrooms, and support facilities
20	Sylmar Park	13109 Borden Ave, Sylmar, CA 91342	7	\$4,000,000	Renovate an Existing Park	TBD
21	Watts Crescent	1765 E. 107th St., Los Angeles, CA 90002	15	TBD	Park Expansion (LANLT ¹)	TBD
22	Western Gage Median Park	Western Ave. and Gage Ave.	8	\$1,274,350	New Park (LANI ²)	Create a new 0.209 acre park based on a community driven design process that may include but is not limited to landscaping, adult fitness equipment, mature trees, lighting, irrigation, picnic seating, play structure, security fencing and enhanced pedestrian and transit amenities.
23	Willmington Recreation Center	325 N. Neptune Ave., Wilmington 90744	15	\$3,000,000	Renovate an Existing Park	Construct a new synthetic soccer field, install field and park lighting, construct a new playground, resurface parking lot, make path of travel upgrades, add HVAC to the recreation center
Total				\$81,219,350		

*All Projects include ADA improvements as-needed to comply with current code requirements

¹ Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

² Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative Project

³ Trust for Public Land