



# INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING ASSESSMENT

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To:	Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	Story Park Stormwater Capture Project	Date:	September 15, 2025
Project Lead:	City of Alhambra	Call for Projects Year:	FY26-27 (Round 7)
Application Type:	Design Only		
Watershed Area:	Rio Hondo	Location:	210 N Chapel Ave Alhambra, CA 91801

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## Reference: Funding Assessment for Story Park Stormwater Capture Project

Leveraged funding is a key program goal in the Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance (Chapter 18.04). This and other Funding Assessments are generated for all eligible newly submitted Safe, Clean Water Program Infrastructure Program projects in Round 7 FY26-27. The intent of this Funding Assessment is to strengthen the identification of leverage funding sources and support WASCs in funding priorities and partial funding decisions. Below is a summary of the project benefits, overview of the funding request, potential sources of leverage funding for this project, and an assessment of funding competitiveness in those programs.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The [Project Application](#) describes the proposed project in this way:

The site has the potential to provide important Water Quality, Water Supply, and Community Investment Benefits due to the proximity to San Pascual Wash and the Woodward Avenue storm drain infrastructure, the location in the watershed, and available development space. The City's approach to improving some of the existing park facilities and adding new public amenities provides an opportunity to integrate a meaningful stormwater management project alongside these other improvements. The Reasonable Assurance Analysis (RAA) conducted as part of the Watershed Management Plan identified 126.4 ac-ft of structural control measure capacity to address bacteria by 2037. The structural control measures identified as part of this project will contribute to the City's required volume capture capacity. This project has been included as a part of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group's Watershed Management Program. The Story Park Stormwater Capture Project will capture the peak flow rate (10.7 cfs) and runoff volume of at least the 85th percentile 24-hour design storm (6.56 ac ft). By capturing and infiltrating/treating these flows from the tributary drainage area, the project aims to address numerous stormwater pollutants and infiltrate an annual average of 37.1 ac-ft of water in the form of groundwater recharge. This project will contribute to the enhancement of parks, increasing the number of trees and other native vegetation, Water Quality Benefits, and Water Supply Benefits. There are disadvantaged communities within the prescribed 1/4 mile service area to qualify for the enhancement of parks benefit.

## PROJECT BENEFITS

The Project claims to provide the following benefits, as copied verbatim from the Project Application Metrics and Measures Section:



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Key Metrics and Measures	
<b>Improve Water Quality</b>	
Zinc Load Reduction	69 lbs/yr
Total Phosphorous Lead Reduction	134 lbs/yr
<b>Increase Drought Preparedness</b>	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured	12.6000 acre-ft/year
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	35 acre-ft/year
<b>Improve Public Health</b>	
Net Area of Park Created, Enhanced, or Restored	2.3 acres
Net Change in Canopy at Maturity	0.022 acres
Net Area of Green Space Created	0.138 acres
Net Area of Green Space at Public or Private Schools or Co-Located with a Youth-Based Education Program Created	0 acres
Net New Area Cooling and Shading Surfaces	0.022 acres
Net Change in Hardscape	0 acres
<b>Leveraged Funding &amp; Invest in Research &amp; Development</b>	
Leveraged Funds	\$ ---
<b>Additional Benefits</b>	
Does the Project provide benefit to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Is the Project within a disadvantaged community boundary?	No
Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways	58.93 Annual FTE Jobs Created

Additional information on Project benefits can be found in the Project Application.

## OVERVIEW OF FUNDING NEED FOR PROJECT

The Story Park Stormwater Capture Project is currently requesting \$1,648,000 of Safe, Clean Water Regional Program Round 7 FY26-27 funding for Design only. The Project Proponent disclosed that the Project will anticipate seeking SCW Regional Program Funds for construction costs in a future request. The Project's estimated capital cost is \$11,953,000 (Planning, Design, and Construction).

The Project has not previously received Safe, Clean Water Program funding.

The Project has not leveraged funding from other sources.



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	FY26-27 Year 1 – Current Ask	FY27-28 Year 2 – Projected	FY28-29 Year 3 – Projected	FY29-30 Year 4 – Projected	FY30-31 Year 5 – Projected	Future Funds	TOTAL REQUEST
Request	\$1,648,000	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$1,648,000
Phase	Design						

Status and schedule of project:

- **Anticipated date of completion of Project design:** 03/2028
- **Anticipated date of completion of Project construction:** 03/2030

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the Story Park Stormwater Capture Project. Funding/grant program opportunities are categorized into topic areas based on the claimed project benefits in the Safe, Clean Water Program project application. Each funding/grant program listed includes an assessment of the project's funding competitiveness in its description.

Funding competitiveness assessments will fall under three levels:

- **Strong:** The Project has a strong potential to be competitive for program funding. The Project provides numerous benefits and aligns strongly with the funding program's goals and priorities.
- **Moderate:** The Project has a moderate potential to be competitive for program funding. The Project features some benefits that align with the funding program's focus.
- **Low:** The Project has a low potential to be competitive for program funding. The Project features a benefit that aligns with the funding program's focus but does not directly align with funding priorities.

## OPEN SPACE

[Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District's Planning and Design Competitive Grant Program](#) supports early-stage work that leads to Measure A-eligible, shovel-ready projects under Category 3 (Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation & Protection) and Category 4 (Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails & Accessibility). The program helps applicants advance their projects to a stage where they are eligible and competitive for future development funding—from Regional Parks and Open Space District (RPOSD) or other funders. This includes pre-construction efforts such as design, permitting, environmental review, feasibility analysis, and meaningful community engagement. Eligible applicants include public agencies authorized to acquire, develop, improve, or restore parkland and open space within the County (includes Agencies of Record, cities, special districts, and Joint Powers Authorities), nonprofit organizations, and public or nonprofit schools. The minimum grant award is \$100K and the maximum award is \$500K. Projects may be evaluated across the following cost brackets: I) Small: \$100K-\$249K; II) Medium: \$250K-\$399K; III) Large: \$400K-\$500K. A total of \$18M is available, \$9M of which will support work that leads to Category 3 projects and \$9M of which will support work that leads to Category 4 projects. There is no cost-share requirement. The period of performance is two years. Grant applications are due on October



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30, 2025. This competitive grant cycle occurs every three years. Alignment with the Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment (PNA) or the Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) is optional.

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[Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District's \(RPOSD\) County Neighborhood Parks and Healthy Communities, Urban Greening Program – Measure A Annual Allocations Grant Programs](#) funds planning and implementation projects that promote community-based park investments, neighborhood parks, healthy communities, and urban greening. Eligible projects must be located in a high-need or very-high-need Study Area as outlined in the County's Parks Needs Assessment. Applications are rolling with no deadline. The annual allocations grant program is funded annually by 13 percent of the Measure A expenditure plan and is replenished each fall. There is no cost-share requirement.

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## URBAN GREENING

[San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's \(RMC\) Consolidated Grant Program](#) awards grants and interagency agreements with the aim toward creating open space, habitat restoration, expanding green space in disadvantaged communities, and protecting the watersheds of the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers, Dominguez Channel, and Catalina Island. Projects must be consistent with RMC's enabling legislation (Public Resources Code, Division 22.8), Common Ground, its Environmental Justice and Tribal Consultation Policies, and existing and adopted river and flood control projects/plans. Projects should create, expand, and/or improve public open space throughout the region by improving access, habitat quality, water security, and wildfire resilience, as well as promote stewardship of the landscape via stakeholder involvement and long-term maintenance that will encourage environmental, social, and economic benefits. Acquisition, planning, and implementation projects are funded. The Consolidated Grant Program is funded from various sources, such as Proposition 1 and 68, in addition to non-bond priorities grant programs, including the Wildfire Prevention Grant Program, Climate Resilience Grant Program, and Lower Los Angeles-Urban Streams and Rivers Program. Applicants do not need to specify the specific funding source for their project. Eligible applicants include State and Federal agencies, Tribal entities recognized by the US Federal Register or as a California Native American tribe, local public agencies (including water districts and school districts), local conservation corps, nonprofit organizations, and Joint Powers Authorities. The Grant Program has an ongoing, rolling application period. Applications will be submitted in two phases: a concept proposal and a full application. The concept proposal will first be reviewed by RMC staff before selecting which proposals will move forward to submit a full application.

The Story Park Stormwater Capture Project has a ***strong potential*** of securing funding through this grant program. The Project's urban greening, open space, and watershed protection elements align with program priorities. The Safe, Clean Water Project Application also claims disadvantaged community benefits, which further align with RMC's disadvantaged community benefit priority and may make the Project more competitive for this funding program.



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Funding programs change frequently. The above identified funding opportunities are initial recommendations, and further research should verify project-specific eligibility requirements, latest funding levels, and appropriate timelines. Use the links above to research these programs further. If you are unsure about your project eligibility or competitiveness, reaching out to program coordinators via contact emails or webinars is a good way to get your questions answered. The [California Grants Portal](#) and [California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fairs](#) can serve as resources to identify additional funding opportunities.

Questions can be asked of [the Watershed Coordinator and the Regional Coordination Team](#).