



# INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING ASSESSMENT

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To:	South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	Darby Park Multi-Benefit Project	Date:	December 15, 2025
Project Lead:	City of Inglewood	Call for Projects Year:	FY26-27 (Round 7)
Application Type:	Design Only		
Watershed Area:	South Santa Monica Bay	Location:	3400 W Arbor Vitae Street Inglewood, CA 90305

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## Reference: Funding Assessment for Darby Park Multi-Benefit Project

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

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

The Project is identified in the Dominguez Channel Enhanced Watershed Management Program as a key regional Project to capture and infiltrate stormwater for water quality and community benefits.

- Feasibility Study developed through Technical Resources Program.
- Regional Benefits: Captures the full 85th percentile, 24-hour storm volume from the 83.7-acre drainage area, thus reducing pollutant loads to the Dominguez Channel.
- Disadvantaged Community Benefits: [Disadvantaged Communities] are adjacent to the park and will benefit from improved access, new trees, shade, seating, and recreational features.

## 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	16 lbs/yr
Total Phosphorous Lead Reduction	21 lbs/yr
<b>Increase Drought Preparedness</b>	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured	26.24 ac-ft/year
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	0 ac-ft/year
<b>Improve Public Health</b>	
Net Area of Park Created, Enhanced, or Restored	0.13 acres
Net Change in Canopy at Maturity	0.05 acres
Net Area of Green Space Created	0.05 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	0.11 acres
Net Change in Hardscape	0 acres
<b>Leveraged Funding &amp; Invest in Research &amp; Development</b>	
Leveraged Funds	\$790,550
<b>Additional Benefits</b>	
Does the Project provide benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Is the Project within a disadvantaged community boundary?	No
Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways	35.2 Annual FTE Jobs Created

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

## OVERVIEW OF FUNDING NEED FOR PROJECT

The Darby Park Multi-Benefit Project is currently requesting \$580,500 of Safe, Clean Water Program funding for FY26-27 (Round 7) for Design. The Project is tentatively requesting a total of \$1,185,700 of Safe, Clean Water funding through FY27-28 for Design only. The Applicant disclosed this Project anticipates seeking SCW Regional Program Funds for construction costs in the future that are not included in this submission. The Project's estimated capital cost is \$10,430,000 (Planning, Design, and Construction).



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The Project previously received \$300,000 from the Safe, Clean Water Program’s Technical Resources Program in FY22-23 to develop a project concept.

As disclosed in the Project application, the City of Inglewood will provide 50% cost share using Municipal Funds, grants, and other funding sources as committed. This cost share is in progress.

	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
<b>Request</b>	\$580,500	\$605,200	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$1,185,700
<b>Phase</b>	Design	Design					

Status and schedule of project:

- **Anticipated date of completion of Project design:** 03/2028
- **Anticipated date of completion of Project construction:** 01/2029

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the Dary Park Multi-Benefit 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.

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

[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.



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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.

Darby Park has a ***strong potential*** of securing funding through this grant program. The Project's proposed green and recreational elements align with program priorities. The Project location address is in the City of Inglewood, Study Area #116, and has a very-high park need, making it eligible and competitive for this grant program.

[Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District's \(RPOSD\) Community-Based Park Investment - Measure A Annual Allocations Grant Program](#) funds development, acquisition, planning, and design projects that promote community-based park investments. Project types can include but are not limited to: community and local parks (including pocket parks, playgrounds, and park equipment), community recreational centers, park safety, green space and greenway development, gardens, urban canopy development, and planning and design related projects. This RPOSD grant program is part of Measure A Annual Allocations and is funded annually by 13 percent of the Measure A expenditure plan. Allocations are calculated for each Study Area. Funds are replenished each fall with a rolling grant application period. There is no cost-share requirement. As of [December 1, 2025](#), the City of Inglewood has an available balance of \$3,999,237.74 from uncommitted funds carried over from previous fiscal years. Annual allocation funds are updated by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year based on revenue.

Darby Park has a ***moderate potential*** of securing funding through this grant program. The Project aligns with community park, green space, urban canopy development, and recreation. The City of Inglewood could consider leveraging its annual allocation dollars towards this Project.

## 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 Darby Park Multi-Benefit 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



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further align with RMC's disadvantaged community benefit priority and may make the Project more competitive for this funding program.

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



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## APPENDIX. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROJECT BENEFITS

The Project claims to provide the following benefits, as copied verbatim from the Project Application:

- Water Quality: The proposed Project will improve water quality in the Dominguez Channel Watershed by reducing pollutant loading from an 83.7-acre drainage area upstream of the Dominguez Channel. The Project concept includes a detention gallery and dry wells to capture, treat, and infiltrate diverted stormwater and dry weather runoff, preventing pollutants such as metals from reaching downstream waterbodies.
- Flood Risk Mitigation: The Project captures the 85th percentile, 24-hour storm volume which helps reduce localized flood risk and improve flood management downstream of the Project site. The Project diverts and infiltrates 4.36 AF during the design storm event, providing additional capacity to the downstream flood control system.
- Park Space, Habitat, or Wetland Space: The Project proposes to plant new vegetation, including native and/or climate appropriate plants and trees that will be added to the southwestern edge of the baseball fields, just north of the skate park. These elements will provide habitat for pollinators and birds at the Park. The Project includes planting a net gain of approximately seven new trees at the Park as well as new native vegetation.
- Recreational Opportunities: The Project will enhance recreational opportunities at the Park by introducing a variety of new amenities and improvements. The addition of seating and shade structures behind home plate at the baseball field will create more comfortable and inviting space for spectators and families. A new exercise area with exercise equipment north of the walking track will promote health and wellness for visitors of all ages. Educational signage along the park entrance walkway will offer informative and engaging content. The enhanced entrance and walkway with ADA access at the north entrance to the Park will make the park facilities more visible and accessible for a broader selection of the community. Additional picnic tables and new fencing will support organized gatherings and ensure safety, making the Park a more vibrant and multifunctional destination for recreation and community engagement.
- Urban Heat & Shade: The Project will include adding seven new shade trees with an average canopy of 20 ft each (approximately 2,200 square-feet [sq. ft] of new shade). The Project will also include the addition of shade structures behind home plate at the baseball field (approximately 2,800 sq. ft of shade). The Project will therefore result in a net gain of approximately 5,000 sq. ft (approximately 0.1 acres) of shade coverage at the Project site post-construction, which is a 62% increase in shade in the Project area. Additionally, the added vegetation will mitigate the urban heat island effect by deflecting radiation from the sun and releasing moisture into the atmosphere through evapotranspiration.
- Shade & Vegetation: The Project includes planting shade trees and native vegetation around the Project area. The Project will result in a net gain of approximately seven new shade trees, as well as 2,000 sq. ft (approximately 0.05 acres) of native vegetation. According to the Greenhouse Equivalencies Calculator developed by the US EPA, seven tree seedlings grown for 10 years will have the potential to sequester an estimated 926 pounds (lbs) of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) annually.



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- Disadvantaged Community Benefit: The Project will capture, treat, and infiltrate stormwater at Darby Park from the 83.7-acre drainage area while reducing loading of metals, bacteria, toxics, and other pollutants to the Dominguez Channel. The Project will also provide community investment benefits to [disadvantaged communities] that are directly adjacent to or within walking distance of the Park. There are [disadvantaged community] block groups surrounding the Project area within a 0.25-mile radius of the Park. A [disadvantaged community] is located directly adjacent to the north entrance of the Park, just north of Pincay Drive. This community is within walking distance, would access the Park from the north entrance where the proposed Park improvements are located, and will benefit from Park enhancements provided through the Project. In addition to these block groups being classified as [disadvantaged communities], the City of Inglewood itself is a census designated place that is classified as a [disadvantaged community].



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To:	South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Projects	Date:	December 15, 2025
Project Lead:	Build Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)	Call for Projects Year:	FY26-27 (Round 7)
Application Type:	Construction and O&M		
Watershed Area:	South Santa Monica Bay	Location:	1111 Figueroa Place Wilmington, CA 90744

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## Reference: Funding Assessment for Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Projects

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 FY26-27 (Round 7). 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:

High design infiltration rates and a large available footprint in the portion of the baseball field combined with the cost-effectiveness of constructing a diversion pipe from the central green drainage area drove the design. Biofiltration BMPs were similarly driven by their respective locations to accept parking lot runoff. The Project was programmed conceptually and evaluated project alternatives. Final design is optimized to accept off-site runoff from City of Los Angeles and fully treats the 85th percentile. The Project has DSA and [California Environmental Quality Act] (CEQA) approvals and is ready for construction. [The Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan] (GLAC-IRWMP) Project both improves water quality by treating the 85th percentile design storm and was optimized to accept off-site flows improving both water supply and downstream water quality. The LAHC campus is located in a [disadvantaged community] and the LACCD mission is aligned with improving opportunities for the [disadvantaged] community.

## 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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<b>Key Metrics and Measures</b>	
<b>Improve Water Quality</b>	
Zinc Load Reduction	13 lbs/yr
Total Phosphorous Lead Reduction	8 lbs/yr
<b>Increase Drought Preparedness</b>	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured	19.35 ac-ft/year
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	18.32 ac-ft/year
<b>Improve Public Health</b>	
Net Area of Park Created, Enhanced, or Restored	0 acres
Net Change in Canopy at Maturity	0 acres
Net Area of Green Space Created	0.237 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	0.237 acres
Net Change in Hardscape	-0.1 acres
<b>Leveraged Funding &amp; Invest in Research &amp; Development</b>	
Leveraged Funds	\$4,136,687
<b>Additional Benefits</b>	
Does the Project provide benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Is the Project within a disadvantaged community boundary?	Yes
Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways	26.06 Annual FTE Jobs Created

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



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## OVERVIEW OF FUNDING NEED FOR PROJECT

The Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Projects is currently requesting \$0 of Safe, Clean Water Program Round 7 funding for FY26-27. The Project is tentatively requesting a total of \$3,974,463 of Safe, Clean Water Regional Program funding through FY28-29 for Design and Construction. The Project's total cost is \$8,111,150 (Design and Construction).

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

As disclosed in the Project application, the Project Proponent has leveraged \$4,136,687. Commitments have been received for \$419,395 for the Design phase and \$3,717,292 for the Construction phase from LACCD Sustainable Building Program, known as BuildLACCD.

	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
<b>Request</b>	\$ --	\$402,948	\$3,571,515	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$3,974,463
<b>Phase</b>		Design	Construction				

### Status and schedule of project:

- **Date of completion of Project design:** 10/2024
- **Anticipated date of completion of Project construction:** 09/2026

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Projects. 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.

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## WATER RESOURCES

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The Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Projects has a ***moderate potential*** of securing funding through this grant program. The Project's stormwater capture and disadvantaged community benefits claimed by the Project Applicant align with RMC's priorities. The Project Applicant should further investigate with grant administration staff if BuildLACCD could be an eligible applicant.

[California State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\)](#) offers low-cost financing for a wide variety of wastewater and water quality projects, including funding for water reuse and stormwater projects. Financing is offered through low-interest loans at half the general obligation bond rate. Stormwater mitigation projects are also eligible for loan forgiveness. California's CWSRF receives annual funds from principal and interest on past loans, federal allocations, periodic allocations to the State Water Board from the California annual budget, and other funds approved by California voters such as Propositions 1, 68, and 4. The California CWSRF offers an average of \$940 million in financing annually. Section 91011 of Proposition 4 allocated \$610 million in grants or loans that improve water quality or help provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed at the end of the calendar year. Projects in small (defined as less than 20,000 people) and/or disadvantaged communities are prioritized for grant funding and principal loan forgiveness. Specific funding percentages and caps change by the year but are developed annually through a stakeholder-driven process and released in that year's [Intended Use Plan](#). Some public entities are unable to apply for the CWSRF financing due to conflicting requirements with existing debt.

The Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Projects has a ***low potential*** of securing funding through this program. The Project's water quality and stormwater elements align with the funding program, however, the Project may be less competitive than other project submissions, as it is not located in a disadvantaged community. The Project Applicant should further investigate with CWSRF grant administration staff if BuildLACCD could be an eligible applicant.



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