



INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING ASSESSMENT

To:	Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project	Date:	October 20, 2025
Application Type:	Construction and O&M	Call for Projects Year:	FY26-27 (Round 7)
Project Lead:	Los Angeles County Public Works		
Watershed Area:	Rio Hondo	Location:	Northside Drive and Garfield Ave. East Los Angeles, CA 90022

Reference: Funding Assessment for East Los Angeles Sustainable Median 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 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:

The East Los Angeles Sustainable Medians Stormwater Capture Operation and Maintenance Project (O&M Project) will allow the existing stormwater [Best Management Practices] (BMPs) and improved medians in the Unincorporated area of East Los Angeles to continue to meet the intended goals of the completed Project: improve water quality and supply through the capture and infiltration of stormwater and urban runoff, all while maintaining the open space and aboveground amenities of the Project.

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	
Improve Water Quality	
Zinc Load Reduction	121 lbs/yr
Total Phosphorous Lead Reduction	383 lbs/yr
Increase Drought Preparedness	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured	1,162.95 ac-ft/yr
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	1,162.95 ac-ft/yr
Improve Public Health	
Net Area of Park Created, Enhanced, or Restored	1.86 acres
Net Change in Canopy at Maturity	6.82 acres
Net Area of Green Space Created	-6.99 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	-0.17 acres
Net Change in Hardscape	0 acres
Leveraged Funding & Invest in Research & Development	
Leveraged Funds	\$1,500,001
Additional Benefits	
Does the Project provide benefit to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Is the Project within a disadvantaged community boundary?	Yes
Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways	150.12 Annual FTE Jobs Created

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

OVERVIEW OF FUNDING NEED FOR PROJECT

The East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project is currently requesting \$300,000 of Safe, Clean Water Program Round 7 FY26-27 funding for O&M. The Project is tentatively requesting a



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total of \$1,500,000 of Safe, Clean Water funding through FY30-31 for partial O&M funding. The Project's capital cost was \$36,840,000 (Planning, Design, and Construction).

The Project previously received \$7,000,000 for Construction funding in FY20-21.

As disclosed in the Project Application, the Project Proponent has leveraged \$1,500,001 from MOUs for the O&M phase, including a \$90,000 Cost Share Agreement for O&M from the City of Montebello, a \$180,000 Cost Share Agreement for O&M from the City of Monterey Park over 5 years, and \$1,230,001 for O&M from the County General Fund. Commitments for these funds have been received.

	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	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$ --	\$1,500,000
Phase	O&M	O&M	O&M	O&M	O&M		

Status and schedule of Project:

- **Date of completion of Project design:** 11/2020
- **Date of completion of Project construction:** 11/2021

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the East Los Angeles Sustainable Median 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.



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PARKS AND GREEN SPACE

[Los Angeles County's Regional Park and Open Space District's \(RPOSD\) Maintenance and Servicing Program](#) funds annual maintenance costs such as recurring labor, contracts, services, and supplies necessary to preserve and extend the longevity, accessibility, and usability of grant-funded improvements. Maintenance & Servicing Funds are allocated annually based on revenue received by September 15th of each year. Eligible applicants include public agencies, joint powers authorities, and non-profit organizations.

The East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project has a *low potential* of securing funding through this program. The RPOSD Maintenance and Servicing Program only funds O&M for projects that have been previously funded by RPOSD. Given that this Project has not disclosed previous funding from RPOSD, they are likely ineligible to apply for this Program.

As of October 20, 2025, there are currently no additional funding programs recommended that are aligned with the East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project for O&M.

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](#).