



INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING ASSESSMENT

To:	Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project	Date:	September 15, 2025
Project Lead:	City of Pasadena	Call for Projects Year:	FY26-27 (Round 7)
Application Type:	Design/Construction/O&M		
Watershed Area:	Rio Hondo	Location:	3160 E Del Mar Blvd Pasadena, CA 91107

Reference: Leverage Funding Memo for Eaton Wash 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 Project site has the potential to provide important Water Quality, Water Supply, and Community Investment Benefits due to the proximity to Eaton Wash channel, location in the Rio Hondo watershed, and available development space. The proposed Project represents a major investment by the [Upper Los Angeles River] [(ULAR)] EWMP to improve water quality and comply with the MS4 Permit. It was imperative that the project was planned and designed to maximize pollutant removal per dollar of investment as well as maximize multi-benefit opportunities.

This Project has been included as a part of the ULAR EWMP. The Reasonable Assurance Analysis (RAA) conducted as part of the ULAR EWMP requires 161.7 ac-ft of structural control measure capacity for the City. The structural control measures identified as part of this project will contribute 3.44 ac-ft, or approximately 2.1%, to the City's required volume capture capacity. The Project also fulfills approximately 3.8% (3.44/89.9) of the required total for Unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project will capture dry weather flows and a portion of wet weather flows (up to a max diversion rate of 10 cfs) from the 85th percentile 24-hour design storm. By capturing and infiltrating or treating these flows from the tributary drainage area, the project provides regional benefits to the Rio Hondo Watershed by treating over 307 ac-ft/yr of runoff, removing approximately 87 lbs of the primary pollutant zinc and 8 lbs of the secondary pollutant lead per year, and providing an annual average of 116.18 ac-ft of groundwater recharge to Raymond Basin.

This Project will create new passive park space and community amenities, increase the number of trees and native vegetation, reduce heat island effect and increase shade, improve public access to waterways, and mitigate flood risks. The Project will provide Disadvantaged Community Benefits by creating



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recreational and educational opportunities for adjacent community-based organizations that support members of disadvantaged communities.

PROJECT BENEFITS

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

Key Metrics and Measures	
Improve Water Quality	
Zinc Load Reduction	88 lbs/yr
Total Phosphorous Lead Reduction	205 lbs/yr
Increase Drought Preparedness	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured	39.5000 acre-ft/year
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	116.18 acre-ft/yr
Improve Public Health	
Net Area of Park Created, Enhanced, or Restored	3.1 acres
Net Change in Canopy at Maturity	0.5 acres
Net Area of Green Space Created	1.57 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	2.12 acres
Net Change in Hardscape	0.25 acres
Leveraged Funding & Invest in Research & Development	
Leveraged Funds	\$6,500,000
Additional Benefits	
Does the Project provide benefit to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Is the Project within a disadvantaged community boundary?	No
Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways	111.55 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 Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project is currently requesting \$19,433,556 of Safe, Clean Water Regional Program Round 7 FY26-27 funding for Construction. The Project is tentatively requesting a total of \$19,435,556 of Safe, Clean Water funding through FY30-31 for Construction and Operations & Maintenance (O&M). The Project's anticipated capital cost is \$26,892,634 (Planning, Design, and Construction).

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

As disclosed in the Project application, the Project Proponent has leveraged \$6,500,000 from Caltrans and a commitment has 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	\$9,018,928	\$9,018,928	\$465,900	\$465,900	\$465,900	\$ --	\$19,435,556
Phase	Construction	Construction	O&M	O&M	O&M		

Status and schedule of project:

- **Anticipated date of completion of Project design:** 12/2026
- **Anticipated date of completion of Project construction:** 12/2029

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the Eaton Wash 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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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, 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, 68, and 4, 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 Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project has **a strong potential** of securing funds through this grant program. The Project aligns with aspects of the grant program, which can span across multiple areas depending on the funding source, such as the Nature-Based Solutions Program which funds projects that promote health landscapes by reducing or limiting future greenhouse gas emissions, accelerates on-the-ground projects, and prioritizes environmental justice in disadvantaged communities. Projects that result in a variety of benefits to the environment, communities, and overall human well-being will be prioritized. The Project Application also states this Project provides disadvantaged community benefits, an additional factor that may make this application more competitive for this grant program's funding.

[Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District's \(RPOSD\) Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program – Measure A Annual Allocations Grant Program](#) funds the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of parks and recreation facilities that safe places and facilities for after-school, weekend, and holiday programs for local children, youth, and families; provide opportunities for healthy living in all neighborhoods and improve the quantity and quality of green spaces in the County. Multi-benefit projects should seek to leverage public and private funding from water conservation and supply; water and air quality improvements; flood risk management; climate pollution reduction or adaptation; carbon sequestration; heat-island reduction; habitat protection and biodiversity; public health; and environmental justice benefit programs. 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. Recipients of this grant must be identified as a High or Very High Need Study Area in the Countywide Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment (2016).

The Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project has a **low potential** of securing funding through this program. According to the Project Applicant, this Project provides benefits to disadvantaged communities, however, according to the Parks Needs Assessment the Project location in the City of Pasadena – Westside, Study Area #173, is classified as a Moderate Park Needs Study Area, and is therefore ineligible for this funding program.



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GREEN AND OPEN SPACE

[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 [August 1, 2025](#), the City of Pasadena-Westside has an available balance of \$ 72,784.15 from uncommitted funds carried over from previous fiscal years. Annual allocation funds are updated by September 15th of each year based on revenue.

The Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project has a ***moderate potential*** of securing funding through this program. The Project aligns with green space and open space priorities. The City of Westlake Village could consider leveraging its annual allocation dollars towards this Project.

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](#),