



# INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING ASSESSMENT

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To:	Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	ESGVWMG Drywells Project: Design Only	Date:	December 15, 2025
Project Lead:	City of Pomona	Call for Projects Year:	FY26-27 (Round 7)
Application Type:	Design Only		
Watershed Area:	Upper San Gabriel River	Location:	AIN: 8354-019-900, AIN: 8354-009-900, and section of Thompson Wash intersecting with N White Ave Pomona, CA 91768

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## Reference: Funding Assessment for ESGVWMG Drywells Project: Design Only

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 Location [was] selected based on a monitoring study conducted in 2023 to determine outfalls with regular exceedances in the dry weather bacteria TMDL and these drywells are meant to intercept and infiltrate these flows. This Project will divert a total of 1,001 acres of drainage area and capture 100% of the dry weather runoff. The flows will be captured through a diversion structure and routed into a pretreatment chamber and drywell subsequently. The East San Gabriel Valley [Enhanced Watershed Management Plan] EWMP contains the mention of these BMPs in order to address the dry weather bacteria TMDL. Project Benefits to the municipality [include] a reduction of pollutants discharged into the San Jose Creek and additional tree plantings along the drywell areas.

## 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 Load Reduction	319 lbs/yr
<b>Increase Drought Preparedness</b>	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured	74.41 acre-ft/yr
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	201.12 acre-ft/yr
<b>Improve Public Health</b>	
Net Area of Park Created, Enhanced, or Restored	0 acres
Net Change in Canopy at Maturity	0.02 acres
Net Area of Green Space Created	0 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	0.02 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 benefits to disadvantaged communities?	No
Is the Project within a disadvantaged community boundary?	No
Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways	10.62 Annual FTE Jobs Created

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

## OVERVIEW OF FUNDING NEED FOR PROJECT

The ESGVWMG Drywells Project: Design Only [Project] is currently requesting \$350,000 of Safe, Clean Water Program funding for FY26-27 (Round 7) for Design. The Applicant disclosed this Project is anticipated to seek SCW Regional Program Funds in FY27-28 for \$2,154,957 for construction costs in the future, that are not included in this submission. The Project's estimated capital cost is \$2,504,957 (Design and Construction).



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

As disclosed in the Project application, the Project Proponent has not leveraged funds.

	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	\$350,000	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$350,000
Phase	Design						

#### Status and schedule of project:

- **Anticipated date of completion of Project design:** 12/2026
- **Anticipated date of completion of Project construction:** 07/2027

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the ESGVWMG Drywells Project: Design Only [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.

## WATER RESOURCES

[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



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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 ESGVWMG Drywells Project: Design Only [Project] has a **low potential** of securing funding from this grant program. The Project's stormwater capture benefits align with the grant program's water security priorities. However, the Project may be more competitive if additional urban greening benefits were incorporated.

**California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP)** funds projects to restore streams impacted by urban development to a more nature state. Project types include stream cleanups, bank stabilization projects, revegetation, recontouring of channels to improve floodplain functions and localized flood protection, acquisition of strategic floodplain properties. Grant administration for the USRP is now combined with the [Riverine Stewardship Program](#); however, each program has separate grant guidelines. The USRP funds projects across California. A major objective of the USRP is community engagement and support. Grant applications must have two applicants: one local public agency or non-profit organization and one local community group. There is a 20%, non-state source, cost share requirement for projects funded with Proposition 68 funds. The cost share requirement may be waived for disadvantaged communities. The USRP runs on an annual cycle and is upcoming and is [anticipated to receive funding from Proposition 4](#).

The ESGVWMG Drywells Project: Design Only [Project] has a **low potential** of securing funding from this grant program. The Project Applicant claimed some nature-based solution benefits, but these may not strongly align with the grant program's benefits to restore, enhance, and/or protect the natural ecological value of streams.

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](#).