



INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING ASSESSMENT

To:	Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project	Date:	December 15, 2025
Project Lead:	City of Pomona	Call for Projects Year:	FY26-27 (Round 7)
Application Type:	Design/Construction/O&M	Location:	1575 N White Ave
Watershed Area:	Upper San Gabriel River		Pomona, CA 91768

Reference: Funding Assessment for Ganesha 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 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 proposed Project represents a major investment by the [Eastern San Gabriel Valley] ESGV [Watershed Management Plan] WMP 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. Ganesha Park was selected for its potential to provide significant water quality, water supply, and community investment benefits due to its proximity to the San Jose Creek channel and location in the Upper San Gabriel River watershed. The Project will provide regional benefits to the watershed area. ESGV WMP's Reasonable Assurance Analysis (RAA) requires the City to implement 176.01 ac ft of structural control measure capacity. The Project will provide 5.31 ac-ft of capacity, accounting for 3% of the City's required capture capacity. There are two components to the BMP: the San Jose Creek and Paige Dr. treatment facility, and the McKinley Ave infiltration well. The treatment facility can capture 100% of the 85th percentile 24-hour storm flows, with max diversion rates of 35 cfs and 1.14 cfs for the channel and Paige Dr. storm drain, respectively. The infiltration well can capture a portion of the 85th percentile 24-hour storm flows, with a max diversion rate of 5.03 cfs. Overall, the BMP can remove 79.2%, or 29.49 lbs/yr, of the primary pollutant copper and 77.1%, or 125.92 lbs/yr, of the secondary pollutant zinc from diverted flows. The Project will also contribute to locally available water supply by infiltrating 108.04 ac-ft into managed usable aquifers. The Project's above ground improvements present numerous recreational and educational benefits. Shaded gathering spaces, native plant gardens, exercise equipment, and dog park are a few of the proposed amenities. Disadvantaged Community Benefits include increased flood management, increased public access to waterways, enhanced recreational opportunities, park or habitat creation, and reduced heat island effects.



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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	135 lbs/yr
Total Phosphorous Load Reduction	101 lbs/yr
Increase Drought Preparedness	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured	108.04 acre-ft/yr
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	108.04 acre-ft/yr
Improve Public Health	
Net Area of Park Created, Enhanced, or Restored	3.3 acres
Net Change in Canopy at Maturity	2.8 acres
Net Area of Green Space Created	-0.75 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	2.05 acres
Net Change in Hardscape	0.93 acres
Leveraged Funding & Invest in Research & Development	
Leveraged Funds	\$6,250,000
Additional Benefits	
Does the Project provide benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Is the Project within a disadvantaged community boundary?	Yes
Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways	123.83 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 Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project is currently requesting \$6,185,857 of Safe, Clean Water Program funding for FY26-27 (Round 7) for Construction. The Project is tentatively requesting a total of \$18,557,573 of Safe, Clean Water funding through FY28-29 for Construction. The Project's estimated capital cost is \$27,730,966 (Planning, Design, and Construction)

The Project previously received \$2,900,000 from Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program funding for Design in FY21-22 (previously referenced as the Fairplex Project).

As disclosed in the Project application, the Project Proponent has leveraged a total of \$6,250,000 from Caltrans for Construction. A commitment has been received for these 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	\$6,185,857	\$6,185,858	\$6,185,858	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$18,557,573
Phase	Construction	Construction	Construction				

Status and schedule of project:

- **Date of completion of Project planning:** 06/2022
- **Anticipated date of completion of Project design:** 12/2026
- **Anticipated date of completion of Project construction:** 12/2030

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the Ganesha 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.



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PARK 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. 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.

The Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project has a *low potential* of securing funding through this program. The Project aligns with Urban Greening as identified in the County Neighborhood Parks and Healthy Communities, Urban Greening Program. According to RPOSD's Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment (2016), the Project location address is in the City of Pomona - Northside, Study Area #155, and has a moderate park need, meaning this Project may not be eligible 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 2, 2025](#), the City of Pomona-Northside has an available balance of \$449,838.51 from uncommitted funds carried over from previous fiscal years. Annual allocation funds are updated by September 15th of each year based on revenue.

The Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project has a *moderate potential* of securing funding through this program. The Project aligns with community park, green space, and urban canopy development priorities. The City of Pomona 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



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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 Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project has a ***strong potential*** of securing funding through this program. The Project aligns with green space, flood control, water security, and habitat quality grant program priorities. The Project also claims benefits to disadvantaged communities, which may make it more competitive for the grant program.

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](#).