



INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING ASSESSMENT

To:	Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Improvement Operations and Maintenance	Date:	December 15, 2025
Project Lead:	City of El Monte	Call for Projects Year:	FY26-27 (Round 7)
Application Type:	O&M Only		
Watershed Area:	Upper San Gabriel River	Location:	Garvey Avenue and Maxson Place El Monte, CA 91731

Reference: Funding Assessment for Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Improvement Operations and Maintenance

Leveraged funding is a key program goal in the Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance (Chapter 18.04). This and other Funding Assessment 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 Garvey Avenue underpass was experiencing frequent flooding; therefore, the Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Project was proposed. The Project is designed to meet current design standards for a 50-year storm and reduce the occurrence of flooding and capturing pollutants from low flows and stormwater from rain events less than or equal to the water quality storm event, defined as the 85th percentile 24-hour rainfall event. The El Monte Watershed Management Program Plan includes the proposed project. The Project will improve water quality by capturing, retaining, and infiltrating first flush stormwater runoff and some flood flows, which will improve water quality downstream. The proposed Project will also help the City in complying with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) requirements by capturing and infiltrating stormwater runoff. The Project is within a disadvantaged community per the 2018 California Department of Water Resources (DWR) California Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool and will directly benefit [disadvantaged communities]. The Project will provide the following benefits to the [disadvantaged communities]: improving water quality and water supply for San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River; improving flood management; enhancing new recreational opportunities; reducing heat local island effect; and incorporating nature-based solutions.

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	23 lbs/yr
Total Phosphorous Load Reduction	18 lbs/yr
Increase Drought Preparedness	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured	20.8302 acre-ft/yr
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	20.8302 acre-ft/yr
Improve Public Health	
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 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 acres
Net Change in Hardscape	0 acres
Leveraged Funding & Invest in Research & Development	
Leveraged Funds	\$ --
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	32.26 Annual FTE Jobs Created

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

OVERVIEW OF FUNDING NEED FOR PROJECT

The Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Improvement Operations and Maintenance [Project] is currently requesting \$110,000 of Safe, Clean Water Program funding for FY26-27 (Round 7) for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Monitoring. The Project is tentatively requesting a total of \$510,000 of Safe, Clean Water funding through FY30-31 for O&M and Monitoring. The Project's estimated capital cost is \$8,431,040 (Planning and Construction).



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The Project previously received \$4,000,000 of Safe, Clean Water Program Infrastructure Program funding in FY20-21 for Construction.

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	\$90,000 + \$20,000	\$90,000 + \$20,000	\$90,000 + \$20,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$ --	\$510,000
Phase	O&M + Monitoring	O&M + Monitoring	O&M + Monitoring	O&M	O&M		

Status and schedule of project:

- **Date of completion of Project planning:** 05/2023
- **Date of completion of Project construction:** 08/2025

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Improvement Operations and Maintenance [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.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

[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



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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 Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Improvement Operations and Maintenance [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 receiving previous_receiving funding from RPOSD, they are likely ineligible to apply for this Program.

As of December 15, 2025, there are currently no additional funding programs aligned with the Gavey Avenue Grade Separation Improvement Operations and Maintenance [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](#).