



INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING ASSESSMENT

To:	Santa Clara River Watershed Area Steering Committee	From:	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Coordination Team
Project:	Old Orchard Park Stormwater Capture Project	Date:	September 28, 2026
Project Lead:	City of Santa Clarita	Call for Projects Year:	FY27-28 (Round 8)
Application Type:	Design Only		
Watershed Area:	Santa Clara River	Location:	25023 Avenida Rotella, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Reference: Funding Assessment for Old Orchard 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 FY27-28 (Round 8). 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 site is an opportunity to deliver significant water quality and water supply improvements for the City of Santa Clarita, given its proximity to storm drain infrastructure, strategic location within the watershed, and space for development. The project helps meet stormwater management needs identified in the USCR [(Upper Santa Clara River)] Watershed Management Plan (WMP), supports water resilience through nature-based solutions, and offers a diverse range of community co-benefits.

The USCR WMP has identified bacteria as the main pollutant of concern. Flows from an existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) storm drain (PD 0717)—that would otherwise discharge to the South Fork [Santa Clara River] (SCR)—will enter a stormwater capture facility. This underground facility will consist of a pretreatment unit and an infiltration gallery; captured runoff will be treated as trash, sediment, and particulates are removed through natural processes such as sedimentation via the pretreatment unit and infiltration via the subsurface infiltration gallery. By improving water quality and supply, regional benefits are delivered to the SCR Watershed. The project also aligns with the USCR WMP goals and meets compliance with the MS4 permit. Additionally, the numerous proposed aboveground improvements will elevate the quality of life and accessibility for the surrounding historically disadvantaged communities.



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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	0 lbs/year
Total Phosphorous Load Reduction	0 lbs/year
Increase Drought Preparedness	
Average Annual Stormwater Captured for Water Supply	38.2 ac-ft/year
Average Annual Stormwater Captured and Recharged	38.2 ac-ft/year
Improve Public Health	
Net Area of Park Created, Enhanced, or Restored	0 acres
Net Change in Canopy at Maturity	0.28 acres
Net Area of Green Space Created	0.13 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	-0.02 acres
Leveraged Funding & Invest in Research & Development	
Leveraged Funds	\$ --
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	56.4 annual FTE jobs created

Additional information on Project benefits submitted in the Project Application.

OVERVIEW OF FUNDING NEED FOR PROJECT

The Old Orchard Park Stormwater Capture Project is currently requesting \$967,865 of Safe, Clean Water Program funding for FY27-28 (Round 8) for Design. The Project's estimated capital cost is \$18,913,000 (Planning, Design, and Construction).



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The Project previously received \$300,000 for Technical Resources Program funding in FY24-25 to develop the project concept.

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

	FY27-28 Year 1 – Current Ask	FY28-29 Year 2 – Projected	FY29-30 Year 3 – Projected	FY30-31 Year 4 – Projected	FY31-32 Year 5 – Projected	Future Funds	TOTAL REQUEST
Request	\$1,972,000	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$1,972,000
Phase	Design	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Status and schedule of project:

- **Anticipated date of completion of Project design:** 03/2029
- **Anticipated date of completion of Project construction:** 03/2031

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following funding/grant program opportunities align with the Old Orchard 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.

PARKS & 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 35 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 [September 1, 2026](#), the City of Santa Clarita



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- South has an available balance of \$1,583,892.11 from uncommitted funds carried over from previous fiscal years. Annual allocation funds are updated by September 15th of each year based on revenue.

The Old Orchard 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 Santa Clarita could consider leveraging its annual allocation dollars towards this project.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

[California State Water Resources Control Board's Proposition 4 Stormwater Grant Program](#) will fund multi-benefit urban stormwater management projects. Eligible applicants include public agencies, local agencies, nonprofit organizations, special districts, joint powers authorities, public utilities, federally recognized tribe or a tribe listed on California Tribal Consultation List, local publicly owned utilities, and mutual water companies. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to planning and design, stormwater capture and reuse, stormwater recharge; low-impact development, restoration of urban streams and watersheds, debris flow mitigation, and increasing permeable surfaces to help reduce flooding. Awards for Planning grants range from \$200,000-\$750,000, and awards for Implementation grants from \$1,000,000-\$15,000,000. Projects must be included in a Stormwater Resource Plan or Functionally Equivalent Stormwater Resource Plan prior to the execution of the funding agreement. Draft Grant Guidelines are available [here](#).

The Old Orchard Park Stormwater Capture Project has a ***moderate potential*** of securing funding from this program. The Proposition 4 Stormwater Grant Program requires that the Project be included in a Stormwater Resource Plan or Functionally Equivalent Stormwater Resource Plan prior to the execution of the funding agreement. The Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (USCR IRWMP) received concurrence from the State Water Resources Control Board that it is a Functionally Equivalent Stormwater Resource Plan. "Old Orchard Park - Irrigation Controller Upgrade" was listed in the 2018 USCR IRWMP project list. The Project Proponent could confirm if the project scope listed in the 2018 USCR IRWMP overlaps with this Project Application or pursue adding this Project to the USCR IRWMP to be eligible for this 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](#).