

Memorandum

Date : January 13, 2020

To : Local Agencies

From : Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS)

Subject : Eligibility Solicitation Questionnaire for Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement Grant Program

OGALS is contacting your agency to determine its eligibility for, and interest in participating in, the Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) Grant Program funded by Proposition 68.

Your local agency may be eligible for an allocation of at least \$250,000 if it passed a revenue enhancement measure, between November 1, 2012, and November 30, 2018, aimed at improving or enhancing local or regional park infrastructure. Definitions and requirements for qualifying measures are shown below:

- “Revenue Enhancement Measure” means the measure identifies a new tax or fee that will fund the measure, or extends an existing tax or fee otherwise scheduled to expire.
- “Aimed at” means that the measure must identify activities related to parks, and park-related lands and infrastructure, as its sole purpose, rather than providing funding for a range of park and non-park-related activities.
- “Improving or enhancing local or regional park infrastructure” means that the measure authorizes the use of funds for capital outlay, as distinguished from operation and maintenance, and will make local or regional park infrastructure more valuable in quality, desirability and attractiveness for users.

If your jurisdiction passed a revenue enhancement measure that meets these requirements, and wishes to participate in the program, please provide the following information to the address below postmarked by **February 21, 2020**.

- Name of your agency, and contact information (email and phone number)
- The current estimate of the population in the voting area that passed the measure, and the source of information for that estimate.
 - For example, if your jurisdiction is a city, and the measure was voted on citywide, then provide the population of the city; if the jurisdiction is a district, and only one area of the district voted on the measure, provide the population of just that area, not the entire district. (If you need additional assistance, please contact Stephanie Schiechl, contact information on page 2.)
- Information about the qualifying measure(s), including: (1) date passed, (2) ballot language, (3) language of the measure, (4) proof that the measure passed, and (5) any resulting law or ordinance.

**Return Measure and Jurisdiction Eligibility Information
To:**

RIRE Program Response
California State Parks
Office of Grants and Local Services
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Failure to respond by **February 21, 2020** will indicate that your agency does not wish to participate in the program.

For more information and a draft RIRE Grant Program Guide, see the RIRE website at www.parks.ca.gov/RIRE or contact Stephanie Schiechl at Stephanie.Schiechl@parks.ca.gov or Anne Davigeadono at Anne.Davigeadono@parks.ca.gov.

For information about other grant programs, see the OGALS website at www.parks.ca.gov/grants.

Reference: *Public Resources Code §80066*

Funds are available...for grants, awarded proportionally based on populations served to local agencies that have obtained voter approval between November 1, 2012 through November 30, 2018, inclusive, for revenue enhancement measures aimed at improving and enhancing local or regional park infrastructure. A recipient of a grant under this section shall receive at least \$250,000 for the purposes of the revenue enhancement measure.