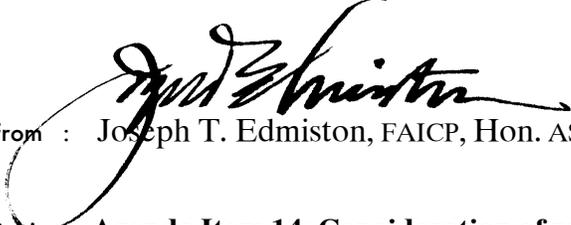


# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: December 10, 2018

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing grant of Proposition 68 funds to the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River Greenways Restoration in Studio City.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant from Proposition 68 of \$150,000 to the City of Los Angeles for improvements to the Studio City Greenway along the Los Angeles River..

Legislative Authority: Public Resources Code Sections 33204 and 80110(b)(8), and the Budget Act under 3810-101-6088, (1) 4.....“The funds appropriated in this item shall be available for the following: (a) \$8,375,000 shall be available for the Protect or Enhance the Los Angeles River Watershed and its Tributaries Program, consistent with subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 80100 of the Public Resources Code. *Of this amount, \$150,000 shall be available for a grant to the City of Los Angeles for Los Angeles River greenways restoration in Studio City.*” [italics added].

Background: Please see the attached grant application materials from the City of Los Angeles requesting funds per the Budget Act from Proposition 68 for improvements to the river parkway, including access improvements, invasive plant removal and new native plantings, and community engagement. The grant under Agenda Item 15 Proposition 1 from the non profit River Project complements this city project. Other partners that will be involved in the project include the Studio City Business Improvement District, Studio City Chamber of Commerce, Studio City Residents Association, City Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, among others.

## **Analysis - General Obligation Bond Law**

General Obligation Bond Law provides that bond funds may be used for the construction and acquisition of "capital assets." Capital assets include major maintenance, reconstruction, demolition for purposes of reconstruction of facilities, and retrofitting work that is ordinarily done no more often than once every 5 to 15 years or expenditures that continue or enhance the useful life of the capital asset (Government code Section 16727 (a)). Capital assets also includes equipment with an expected useful life of two years or more, and tangible physical property with an expected useful life of 10 to 15 years. Section 16727 (a) also allows bond funds

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to be used for costs that are incidentally but directly related to construction or acquisition including costs for planning, engineering and other design work.

**Analysis–Consistency with Plans**

The proposed grant is fully consistent with all applicable plans, including the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan, Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan, Los Angeles River Master Plan, and Common Ground.

Using the Conservancy’s Proposition 68 Evaluation Criteria for Visitor Serving Development and Improvement Projects the grant project scores 98 points, out of 145, with a minimum of 80 required.