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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES BEGINS 2007-08 PROPOSITION K SIXTH BIENNIAL  
COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS -- \$9 TO \$10 MILLION AVAILABLE CITYWIDE**

LOS ANGELES ( April 27, 2007) -- The Board of Public Works and the Bureau of Engineering-Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program Proposition K Group, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles L.A. for Kids Program, has launched its 2007-2008 competitive grant process for Proposition K Funds, Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz announced today. Approximately \$9-\$10 million dollars will be made available in the process to improve and construct local parks and recreational facilities.

On April 27, 2007, the L.A. for Kids Program, which is administered by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, under the direction of the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee, will begin the distribution of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Proposition K competitive funding. Copies of the RFP can be obtained in person at The Bureau of Engineering-Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program Proposition K Group, 200 North Spring Street, Suite 1725A, Los Angeles CA 90012 or copies are available via the internet at: <http://propk.lacity.org>. **Proposal submission deadline is Thursday, June 21, 2007, 3:00 p.m. to: The Bureau of Engineering Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program Proposition K Group, 200 North Spring Street, Suite 1725A, Los Angeles CA 90012.**

The L.A. for Kids Program staff will be hosting one technical assistance seminar in each of the three regions of the City (San Fernando Valley, South Los Angeles, and Central Los Angeles) on May 8, 9, and 10. One additional seminar, for those who need further assistance will be held on May 22. **It is highly recommended that potential proposers attend one of the four Technical Assistance Seminars.** General questions about Proposition K can be answered by calling the Proposition K hotline at (213) 473-5893 .

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The passage of Proposition K, also known as the L.A. for Kids Program, created a citywide assessment district which will generate \$25 million each year in funds for the acquisition, improvement, construction, and maintenance of City parks, recreation facilities, and other projects through an annual real property tax assessment on City residents over a 30-year period, according to Neil L. Drucker, of the Bureau of Engineering, who is manager of the Recreational and Cultural Facilities Proposition K Group. Under Proposition K, \$298,850,000 of the total amount generated over 30 years will be awarded to the City for 183 specified projects.

Proposition K also ordered the allocation of \$143,650,000 of the total amount generated over 30 years through an open and competitive process for public agencies, City departments and nonprofit organizations.

**Competitive grant funds are awarded to improvement projects in the following categories:**

Project categories	Total Allocated Per Category for 30 Year Life of Prop K	2007-08 Approximate Remaining Funds Per Category
1. Regional Recreation/Educational Facilities	\$20,000,000	\$2,487,497
2. Neighborhood At-Risk Youth Recreation Facilities	\$20,000,000	\$1,506,989
3. Youth Schools/Recreation Projects	\$20,000,000	\$14,140,907
4. Aquatic Upgrades	\$16,000,000	\$12,555,267
5. Athletic Fields	\$16,650,000	\$8,852,138
6. Lighting	\$16,000,000	\$12,511,949
7. Urban Greening	\$15,000,000	\$11,257,635
8. Acquisition of Parks/Natural Lands	\$20,000,000	\$10,796,865

All recipients of funds under Proposition K must demonstrate an ability to provide ongoing programming at the facility in order to receive funds. This is the match required under Proposition K.

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