

URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
ROUND 2 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND Proposition 84 (the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006) included allocations for Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reductions, including funds for urban greening projects in the amount of \$90.0M. SB 732 provided the implementing language for the urban greening program to award funding to projects and plans for the development of sustainable communities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Up to 25% of available urban greening funding is available for urban greening plans. The program was approved by the Strategic Growth Council in October 2009 for three rounds of funding. The guidelines were approved in December 2009.

The Budget Act of 2010/11 appropriated \$21.0M for the urban greening program to the California Natural Resources Agency for local assistance grants. Awards in the amount of \$20.8M for Round 1 were approved by the Council in Fall 2010. The Budget Act of 2011/12 included \$20.M for Round 2 and the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2012/13 budget includes \$20.0M for Round 3.

SUMMARY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Statutory Requirements

- Project uses Natural Systems, Mimics Natural Systems or Creates, Enhances, or Expands Green Spaces; Project provides Multiple Benefits; Project consistent with State's Planning Priorities; Project reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Statutory Priorities

- Interagency Cooperation and Integration/Collaboration; Uses Existing Public Lands and Facilitates Use of Public Resources and Investments, including Schools; Disadvantaged/Severely Disadvantaged Community

Council Additional Priorities and Public Access

- Project Improves Public Health; Project is Innovative and/or Creative; Project is Proposed by a Community More Vulnerable to Climate Change or Addresses an Environmental Justice Issue; Project provides Public Access as feasible

ROUND 2 FUNDING In April 2011, the Council approved solicitation for Round 2, which included a concept proposal process not included in Round 1. More than 260 concept proposals were received, resulting in 67 full applications for consideration of funding.

RECOMMENDATION Approve awards in the amount of \$20.7M, representing 32 urban greening projects and 18 urban greening plans.

Urban Greening Grant Program – Round 2

Available for Awards

FY 11/12 appropriation	\$20,000,000
Carryover	<u>\$1,100,000</u>
Total Available for Round 2	\$21,100,000

Grant Categorization as established by legislation, Proposition 84 and SB 732, and approved by the Strategic Growth Council via established guidelines

Urban Greening Projects

Applicants: Cities, Counties, Special Districts, Nonprofit Organizations, and Joint Powers Authorities

Targeted Funds: Up to \$2,000,000 of available funds are available for smaller projects proposed by disadvantaged communities. Requests for targeted funding are limited to a maximum of \$75,000.

Urban Greening Planning

Applicants: Councils of Governments, Countywide Authorities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Local Governments (Cities/Counties), Nonprofit Organizations, Special Districts, and Joint Powers Authorities

Limitation: Up to 25% (\$5.2M) of total available funding.

Summary of Requested and Recommended Funding

	Received		Recommended	
	#	Amount	#	Amount
Project Concepts	261	\$232,000,000	-	-
Project Full applications (non targeted)	54	\$55,000,000	24	\$15,337,825
Project Full applications (targeted)	13	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>\$598,321</u>
Total Projects	67	\$55,900,000	32	\$15,936,146
Plans	37	\$9,400,000	18	<u>\$4,803,154</u>
Totals			50	\$20,739,300

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Round 2 Funding Recommendation - Projects over \$75,000

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	RANK
San Diego Canyonlands	San Diego	City Heights Canyon Enhancements and Loop Trail	Linking schools, neighborhoods and parks by creating/refurbishing four miles of trails, restoring 13.5 acres of upland and wetland habitat, and installing interpretive and wayfinding signage. (EDC)	\$364,860	1
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Los Angeles	Hillcrest Drive Elementary Community Ecology Schoolyard	Replacing large asphalt area with low mow/low maintenance grasses, gardens, and stormwater capture features. Creating a community space for both students and residents. (EDC)	\$976,000	1
Davis, City of	Yolo	Downtown Davis Parkway Greening Project	Restoring approximately 3.5 acres of a remnant section of Putah Creek for wildlife habitat, reconfiguring a section of bike trail to improve bike/pedestrian access with new wayfinding signage, creating a native plant garden with interpretive elements, and installing bio-swales and pervious concrete to catch parking lot run-off.	\$891,304	1
Richmond, City of	Contra Costa	Ohlone Greenway Completion/Baxter Creek Restoration	Creating approximately 1.7 acres of accessible open space and 750 linear feet of Class 1 bike trail, restoring 550 linear feet of Baxter Creek including daylighting approximately 25 feet of existing channel. (EDC)	\$888,338	4
Vacaville Community Services Department	Solano	Alamo Creek Community-Based Restoration Project	Restoring 10 discrete, but interconnected locations along Alamo Creek. Focusing on Arundo donax removal, bank stabilization, revegetation and improved water quality. The project sites are accessible by the Alamo and Southside bike trails.	\$522,564	5
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Los Angeles	El Dorado Park on Pacoima Wash	Constructing a public park on a 1.2 acre site with native, drought tolerant plants around a nature trail and a stormwater treatment arroyo. The arroyo will detain, treat, and infiltrate stormwater that previously entered Pacoima Wash untreated.	\$463,056	5
Hollywood Beautification Team	Los Angeles	Eagle Rock Elementary Greening Project	Replacing large portion of asphalt playground with permeable surfaces, bioswales, native landscaping and shade trees. Creating a garden space for both the surrounding community and students. (EDC)	\$349,637	7
Life Frames, Inc.	San Francisco	Bernal Heights Living Library	Planting native understory plantings on streets and in two parks, two schoolyards and two low income housing developments.	\$337,700	7

Projects over \$75,000 (continued)

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	RANK
Hollywood Beautification Team	Los Angeles	Victory Blvd Elementary Greening Project	Developing green space outside school library by removing concrete in the library courtyard, creating bioswales to capture stormwater, and planting trees in courtyard and around the school playground. (EDC)	\$187,654	9
Visalia, City of	Tulare	Mill Creek Valley Oak Restoration Project	Restoring portions of Mill Creek and developing a community park adjacent to downtown, hospital, and housing community. (EDC)	\$499,265	9
Association of Bay Area Governments	Contra Costa	San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine	Planting native trees and understory along San Pablo Avenue, and constructing rain gardens with curb cuts and bioswales to capture stormwater in the City of El Cerrito. (EDC)	\$717,692	9
Capitol Area Development Authority	Sacramento	16th Street Greenscape	Improving 16th Street with bump outs, trees, curb cutouts, and a storm drain system to increase the amount of permeable landscaped space, increase shade, and improve pedestrian safety and walkability. (EDC)	\$795,000	9
Grant Housing and Economic Development	Los Angeles	Watts Central Avenue Urban Greening	Removing portions of sidewalk and constructing rain gardens with curb cuts for stormwater management. Also planting drought tolerant trees and understory, consistent with the LA River Master Plan. (EDC)	\$525,000	13
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Los Angeles	Magnolia School Community Greening Project	Transforming a portion of a paved playground into a green space with open areas, a garden, and vegetated bioswales. (EDC)	\$770,000	13
Richmond, City of	Contra Costa	Mathieu Court Alley Greening Project	Creating a green alley by replacing approximately .37 acres of impervious asphalt with pervious pavers, tree canopy, bio-swales and community gardens. (EDC)	\$302,818	15
Ontario, City of	San Bernardino	Town Square Community Plaza Project	Converting a Downtown parking lot into a new town square with trees, plants, and permeable surfaces. (EDC)	\$993,694	15

Projects over \$75,000 (continued)

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	RANK
Union City, City of	Alameda	Decoto Green Streets Project	Planting drought tolerant trees and understory, and constructing bump-outs with curb cuts to slow traffic and capture stormwater.	\$724,000	17
Farmersville, City of	Tulare	Farmersville Canal Parkway	Greening and constructing a shaded linear parkway along the banks of an irrigation canal along an established route from community to schools. (EDC)	\$493,053	18
Trust for Public Land	Santa Barbara	Upper Devereaux Slough/Ocean Meadows Acquisition	Acquiring property to convert back to a wetland. Existing trails in use; a new trail network will be developed that will be harmonious with the new wetland area.	\$1,000,000	19
Vista, City of	San Diego	Urban Park, Trail and Water Quality Enhancement -> Buena Vista Creek Project	Removing invasives along and in the creek and developing a multi-use trail that connects to neighborhoods and eventually to a nearby high school. (EDC)	\$994,081	19
Burbank, City of	Los Angeles	South Channel Bikeway Urban Greening Project-Phase 2	Creating a native-landscaped 3/4-mile bikeway and pedestrian connection between Downtown Burbank Metro link Station and two low-income neighborhoods along the Burbank Western Channel. (EDC)	\$982,109	21
Sacramento Tree Foundation	Sacramento	Grant Union High School Community Green Space Project	Removing large area of asphalt and converting to promenade between two campuses with trees, understory, vegetated bioswales, and benches. (EDC)	\$990,000	22
Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine	Los Angeles	Willmore Courts and Ways Demonstration Project	Greening section of alley that would be decommissioned and converted to a community space by planting drought tolerant/native plants and converting to permeable surface. (EDC)	\$170,000	23
Trust for Public Land	Los Angeles	Avalon Green Alley	Decommissioning and converting section of alley for access to nearby school. Planting drought tolerant trees and understory to mitigate heat, capture stormwater and create a community green space for low income neighborhood. (EDC)	\$400,000	24

Subtotal recommendation for Projects over \$75,000: \$15,337,825

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Round 2 Funding Recommendation - Targeted Funds for Small Projects

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	RANK
Watershed Project	Contra Costa	Richmond Greenway 21st Street Portal and Rain Garden	Developing a community native garden, including vegetated bioswales along 21st Street. (EDC)	\$74,724	1
Alameda County Waste Management Authority	Alameda	Sausal Corner, Sequoia Elementary Bay-Friendly Schoolyard Project	Removing asphalt on playground and managing stormwater with vegetated bioswales, for use by students and adjacent community. (EDC)	\$75,000	1
Freedom Development Group/ Freedom Farms	Sacramento	Jedediah Smith Elementary Joint-Use Community School Farm	Developing a community/school garden, including edibles on five acres of vacant land. (EDC)	\$75,000	3
Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine	Los Angeles	14th Street Community Garden	Creating a community garden within an existing community space, including planting beds, decomposed granite pathways and gardeners work area. (EDC)	\$75,000	4
East Palo Alto, City of	San Mateo	Cooley Landing Park	Adding green elements to multi-agency park project on SF Bay in low income neighborhood. Includes native and drought tolerant trees and understory. (EDC)	\$75,000	5
Hanford, City of	Kings	East Hanford Downtown Streetscape Project	Planting street trees in the downtown corridor of Hanford. (EDC)	\$73,597	6
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)	Los Angeles	Cochran Avenue Community Greening Project	Greening small corner site that drains directly to creek. (EDC)	\$75,000	7
Los Angeles, City of	Los Angeles	Vinegar Hill Parkway Restoration Project	Planting trees and shrubs along Vinegar Hill Parkway. (EDC)	\$75,000	8

Subtotal recommendation for Targeted Funds (Projects \$75,000 or under): \$598,321

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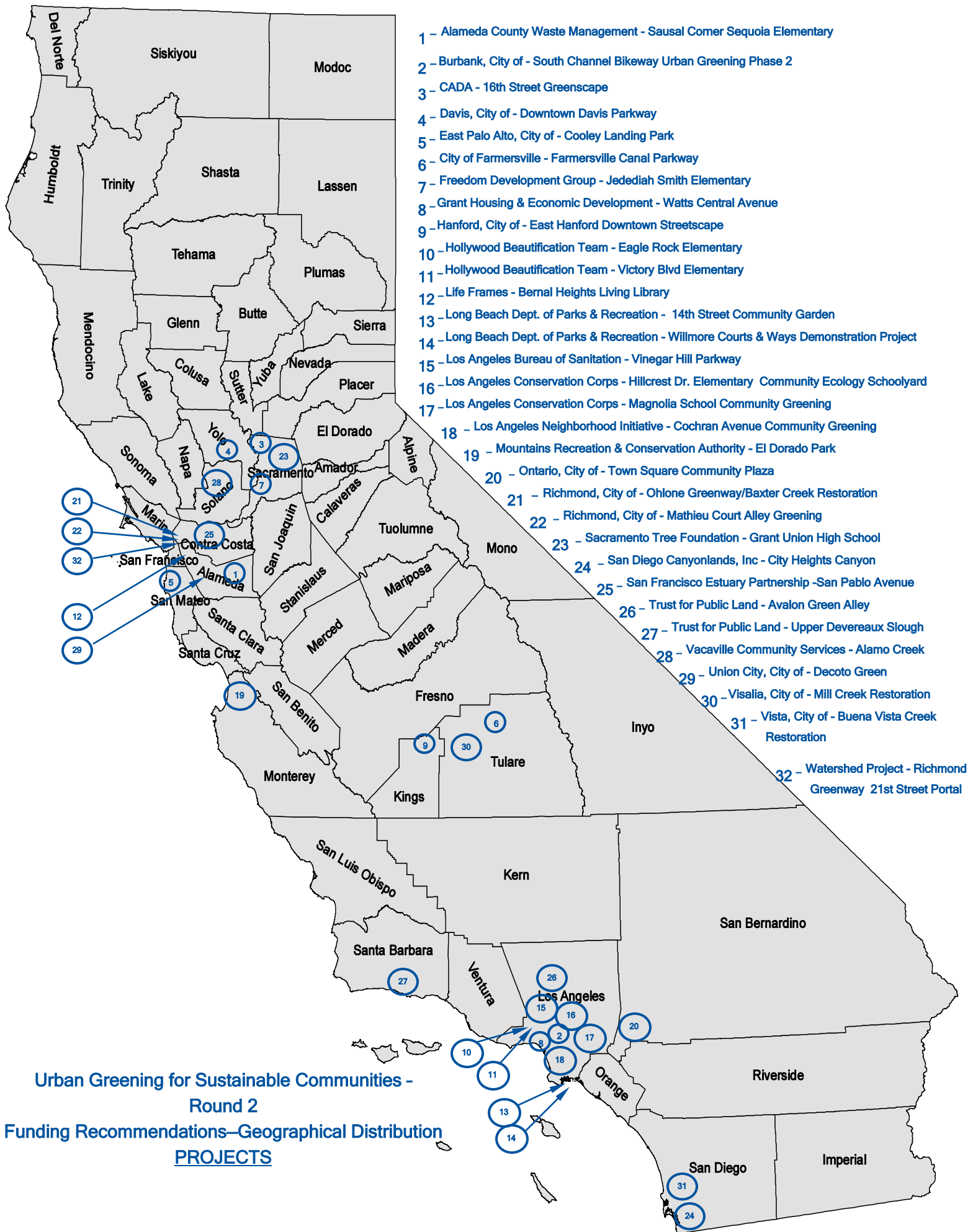
Round 2 Funding Recommendation - Plans

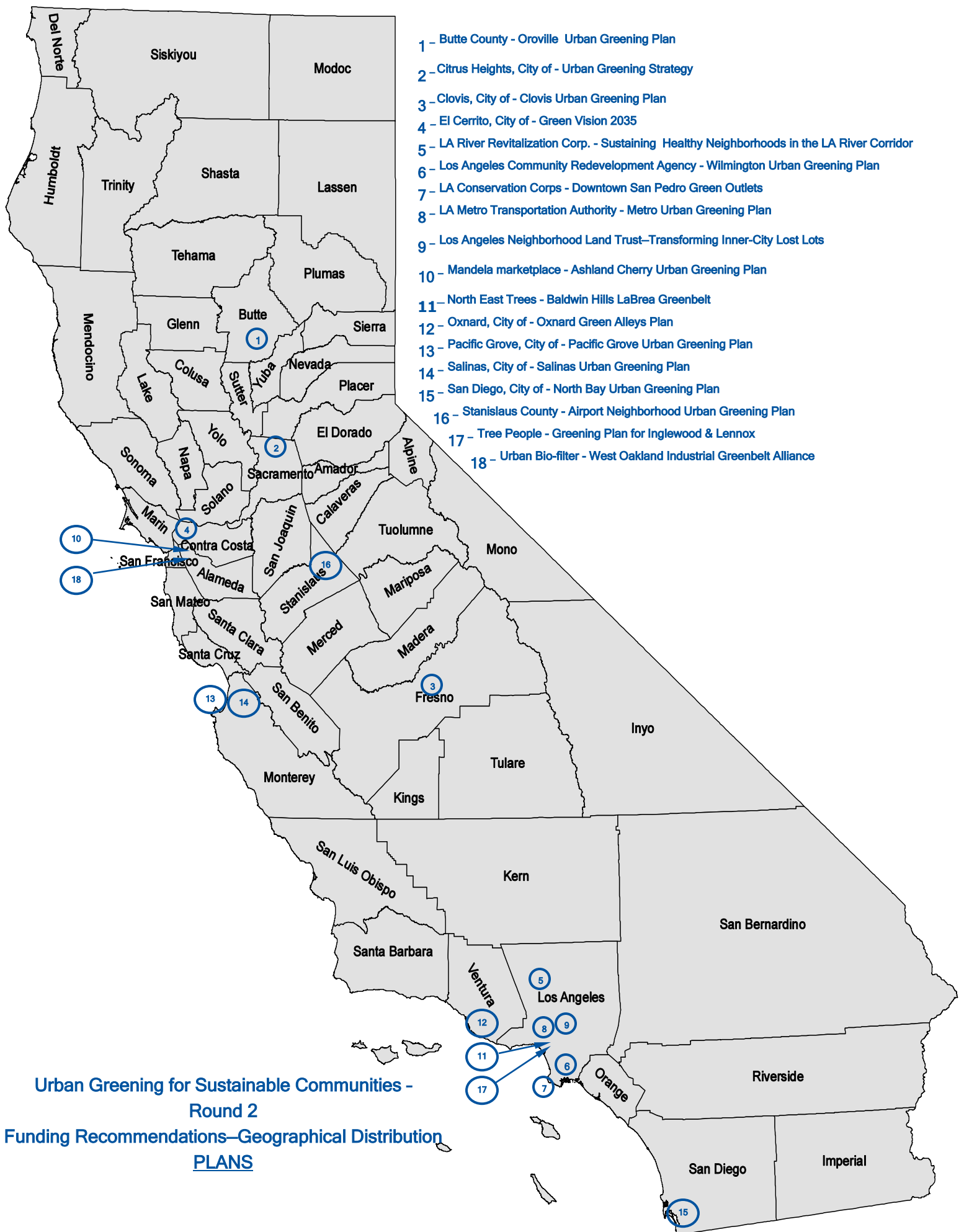
APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	RANK
Los Angeles, City of	Los Angeles	Wilmington Urban Greening Plan	Plan to include needs assessment, greening goals and objectives, open space and park acreage, conceptual streetscape plans, comprehensive planting palette.	\$250,000	1
Tree People	Los Angeles	Greening Plan for Inglewood and Lennox	Plan to increase tree planting, establish practices to harvest rainwater and strategic landscaping. Plan will include a focus on community gardens and projects to be implemented by local residents.	\$245,660	2
Oxnard, City of, Department of Public Works	Ventura	City of Oxnard Green Alleys Plan	Plan for the restoration of alleys throughout the City to improve stormwater management, water quality, pedestrian safety, neighborhood cohesion, and plant palettes for demonstration areas.	\$250,000	3
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Los Angeles	Downtown San Pedro Green Outlets and Pathways Plan	Plan to identify potential greenway corridors in downtown San Pedro that would link natural, cultural and historical heritage sites to the waterfront and surrounding open space areas.	\$250,000	4
Butte County	Butte	Oroville Urban Area Master Greening Plan	Plan to provide a vision for greening opportunities and provide services including shading for pedestrians and bicyclists, space for outdoor activity, and green infrastructure for storm water management.	\$322,160	5
Citrus Heights, City of	Sacramento	Citrus Heights Urban Greening Strategy	Plan to refine broad goals and actions into a green vision with implementable policies and objectives to create greening projects throughout the City.	\$207,000	5
El Cerrito, City of	Contra Costa	El Cerrito: Green Vision 2035	Plan to identify projects, policies and strategies to create an interconnected network of green places and accommodate infill growth.	\$239,498	7
Salinas, City of	Monterey	Salinas Urban Greening Master Plan	Plan to identify future green space needs, develop a plant palette, and coordinate the City's efforts into a cohesive document.	\$250,000	7
LA River Revitalization Corporation	Los Angeles	Sustaining Healthy Neighborhoods in the LA River Corridor thru Urban Agriculture	Plan to develop strategies for the Cornfields Arroyo Seco Plan Area to utilize urban agriculture and urban greening opportunities on public/private properties near the LA River. Plan will include strategies for rooftop farming, an evaluation of parcels that can be used for farming, urban forestry, bioswales, and rainwater capture.	\$250,000	9
Pacific Grove, City of	Monterey	City of Pacific Grove Urban Greening Plan	Plan to identify how existing public streetscapes may be redesigned to incorporate green infrastructure features. This plan includes development of a GIS-based watershed model, a public tree inventory, landscaping guidelines and a plant palette.	\$240,000	9

Plans (continued)

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	RANK
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Los Angeles	Metro Urban Greening Plan for Park & Ride Lots	Plan to identify and recommended greening sites for park and ride facilities along the transit system as well as other greening opportunities.	\$530,000	11
Mandela MarketPlace	Alameda	Ashland Cherryland Urban Greening Master Plan	Plan to assess, map, inventory greening opportunities that will incorporate the area's development plans and include a plant palette the meets Bay Friendly Landscaping Guidelines.	\$250,000	12
San Diego, City of	San Diego	North Bay Urban Greening Plan	Plan to identify and recommended green street improvements, develop a street tree plan, identify storm water improvements, develop low impact design improvements and traffic calming devices. The plan will also include a detailed assessment of park/public space/community garden opportunity areas.	\$250,000	13
Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust	Los Angeles	Transforming Inner-City Lost Lots (TILL)	Plan to inventory and map publicly-owned surplus lots, and create an urban greening plan that will assist in transforming these vacant lots into neighborhood parks and/or community gardens in low income communities.	\$178,836	14
Urban Biofilter	Alameda	West Oakland Community : Industrial Greenbelt Alliance	Plan to create a green infrastructure model to be used as design standard for the West Oakland Army Base and Oakland Port Redevelopment Project Master plan.	\$240,000	15
Clovis, City of	Fresno	City of Clovis Urban Greening Master Plan	Plan to assess opportunities to create green streetscapes, develop a water efficient plan and palette, and design standards for public landscaping.	\$250,000	16
North East Trees Inc.	Los Angeles	Baldwin Hills La Brea Greenbelt Plan	Plan to determine the most feasible and community-supported ways to connect diverse park facilities. The plan will evaluate regional access issues, local connections from surrounding neighborhoods, and park-to-park connections. The plan will also determine the need for slope stabilization, potential for water quality improvements, and natural resource habitat conservation.	\$250,000	16
Stanislaus County	Stanislaus	Airport Neighborhood Urban Greening Master Plan	Plan to develop plant palette, an extensive storm drain study, the determination of desirable alignments of non-vehicular paths and trail, and the coordination of streetscape designs with low impact development practices.	\$350,000	18

Subtotal recommendation for Plans: \$4,803,154





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 Funding Recommendations—Geographical Distribution
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