

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 25, 2019

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 planning grant to Heal the Bay for study of existing Los Angeles River riverfront parks to predict ecosystem function of future riverfront projects, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a matching grant not to exceed \$250,000 in Proposition 1 urban creek funds to Heal the Bay.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and Section 79735(a) of the Water Code.

Background: Please see the attached Proposition 1 grant application from Heal the Bay for a description of the project. The grant request is for \$250,000 in Proposition 1 urban Los Angeles River funds, to be matched with \$50,000 from another funding source. Heal the Bay proposes to provide an analysis of existing riverfront parks for ecosystem services to assist planning for eco-services in future river projects. Staff recommends that the grant scope include study of different kinds of river parks besides the ones listed which have been developed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, such as City of Los Angeles projects at Sunnynook Park, Ed Reyes Riverfront Park, and Atwater Village watershed park site.

Scoring under the Conservancy's revised Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Guidelines results in the project receiving the minimum of 61 points (out of a possible 86), plus 4 out of 4 climate change value points, plus 18 out of 25 possible points under Additional Criteria. **Total points: 83** (out of a possible 115).