


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS OPERATING BUDGET

The City of Los Angeles (City) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget was approved by the City Council and the Mayor on May 29, 2024 and June 5, 2024, respectively. Included in the adopted FY 2024-25 Budget is the \$348.1M appropriation for the operations of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). A summary of RAP's year-over-year changes is shown in the table below.

	FY 2023-24	Changes	FY 2024-25
Total Budget Amount	\$338,886,000	\$9,167,000	\$348,053,000
Budget Available for Programs*	\$240,886,000	(\$18,065,000)	\$222,821,000
Number of Full-Time Positions	1,711	(191)	1,520

*Total Budget Amount less the reimbursements to the City's General Fund for employee benefits, utilities, and refuse collection costs.

Sources of Funds:

The sources of funds for FY 2024-25 operations consist of the following three categories.

- \$277.9M (80%) from the City's Charter Mandated property tax revenue allocation, an increase of \$15.9M from prior year;
- \$56.8M (16%) from RAP's self-generated revenues, mainly from facility and programming fees, concessions and reimbursements from special funds; and
- \$13.4M (4%) from the City's General Fund, a decrease of \$7.4M from prior year, to be used for City Services, non-RAP core services, that include Public Buildings Landscaping Services, Summer Night Lights (SNL) program, Emergency Management, and child care program.

Year-Over-Year Budget Reductions:

There are significant reductions across all programs to the funding level and positions needed to maintain the critical service levels.

- 207 vacant full-time positions are eliminated or discontinued
- \$9.6M reduction in salary for part-time staff and other expense accounts
- Reduced funding and positions for the child care program
- Discontinued enhanced funding for the Summer Camp program

Highlights of New or Enhanced Services:

The FY 2024-25 Budget provided additional resources for the following services and functions:

- \$4M and 15 full-time positions for new and expanded parks and park facilities
- \$1.5M for a citywide community needs assessment
- \$1.25M for enhanced Senior Centers programming
- \$1.3M for overtime salary account to address chronicle shortfalls

Additionally, the FY 2024-25 Budget continues to allocate one-time funds from City's General Funds and the Proposition A Local Transit Assistance Fund for the following programs:

- SNL Program (\$6,400,000) (administered under the direction of the Mayor's Office)
- Youth Program Bus Services (\$500,000)

Challenges:

RAP is required to continue to use \$125.2M (36% of the total operating budget) to pay reimbursements to the City's General Fund for employee benefits (\$91.9M), the Department of Water and Power (DWP) for utilities (\$30.3M), and the Bureau of Sanitation for refuse costs (\$3M). These escalating increases diminish RAP's ability to meet and increase vital maintenance and recreational programming needs. Since the inception of these Department contributions in FY 2008-09, approximately **\$1.09 billion** has been diverted away from RAP's core operations.

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