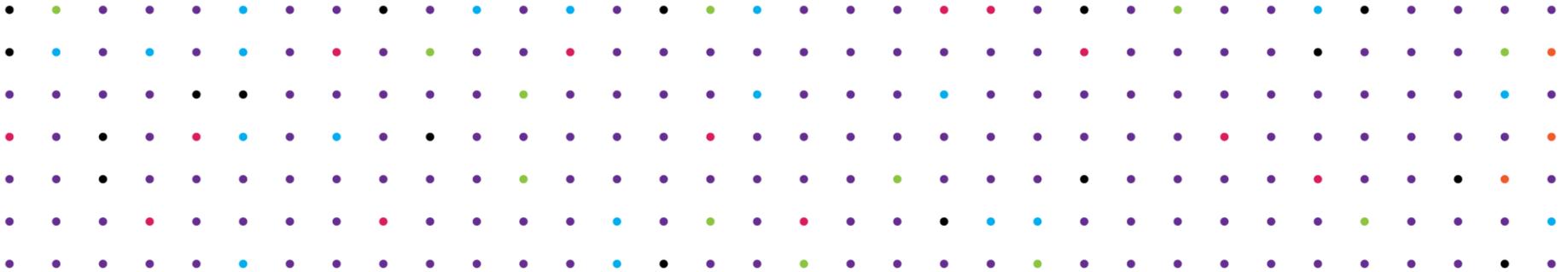
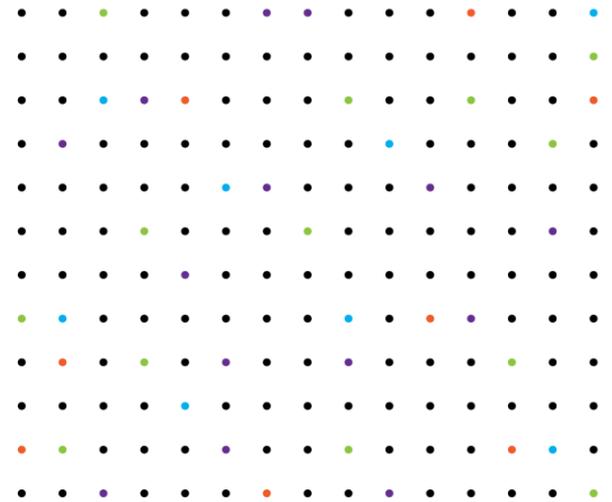


# Metro Urban Greening Grant Program Preliminary Program Elements



The Urban Greening Grant Program supports implementation of Metro’s ***Moving Beyond Sustainability Plan***. The competitive program will fund projects on public land, and promote regional collaboration with LA County jurisdictions, agency partners, CBOs, universities, cultural institutions, etc., to advance a regional resilience network.



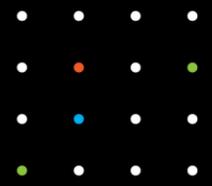
# Urban Greening Grant Program Goals

- Advance equity and investment in communities most impacted by extreme heat
- Improve transit rider customer experience and the experience of people walking, biking, and rolling
- Develop an equitable, transparent, and streamlined application and administration process



*Transit Shelters, City of Long Beach*

# Introduction & Vision

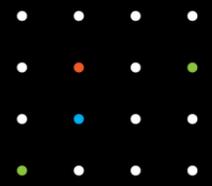


- Program builds on over a decade of Metro sustainability plans, policies and practices
- Metro Board action needed for funding and community engagement
- \$15 - \$50M range

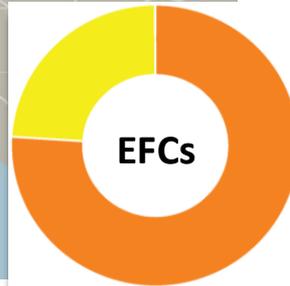
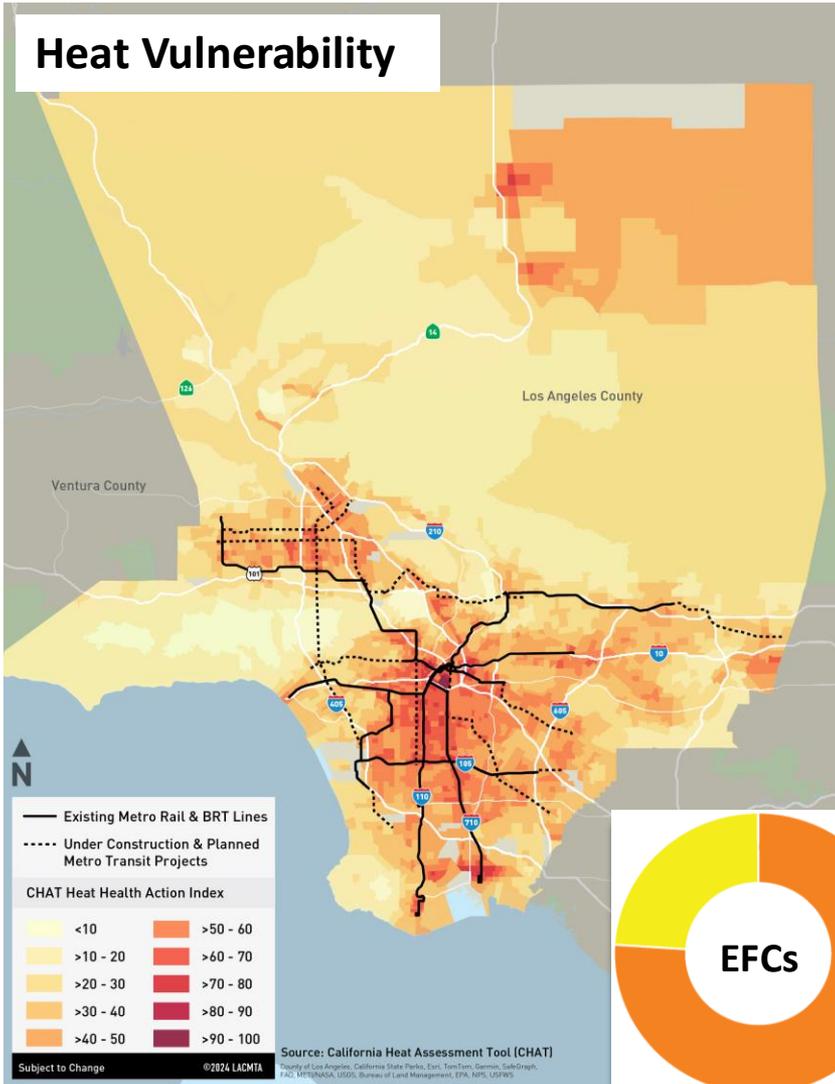


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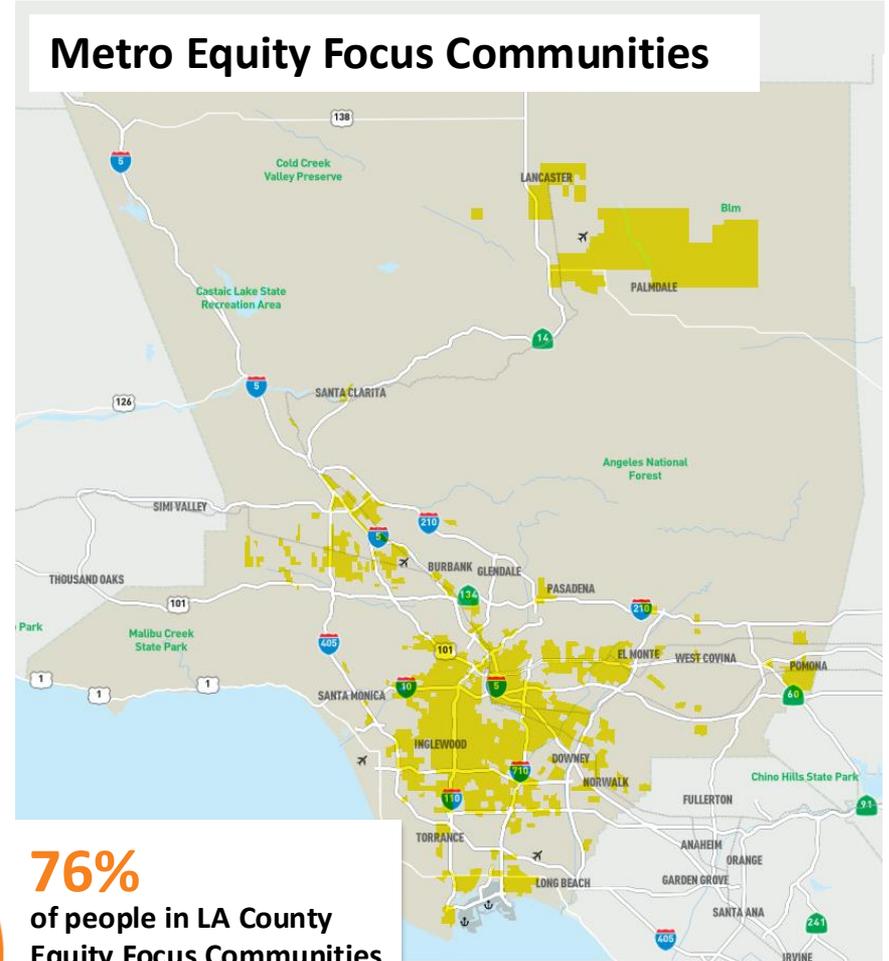
# Project Context



## Heat Vulnerability



## Metro Equity Focus Communities

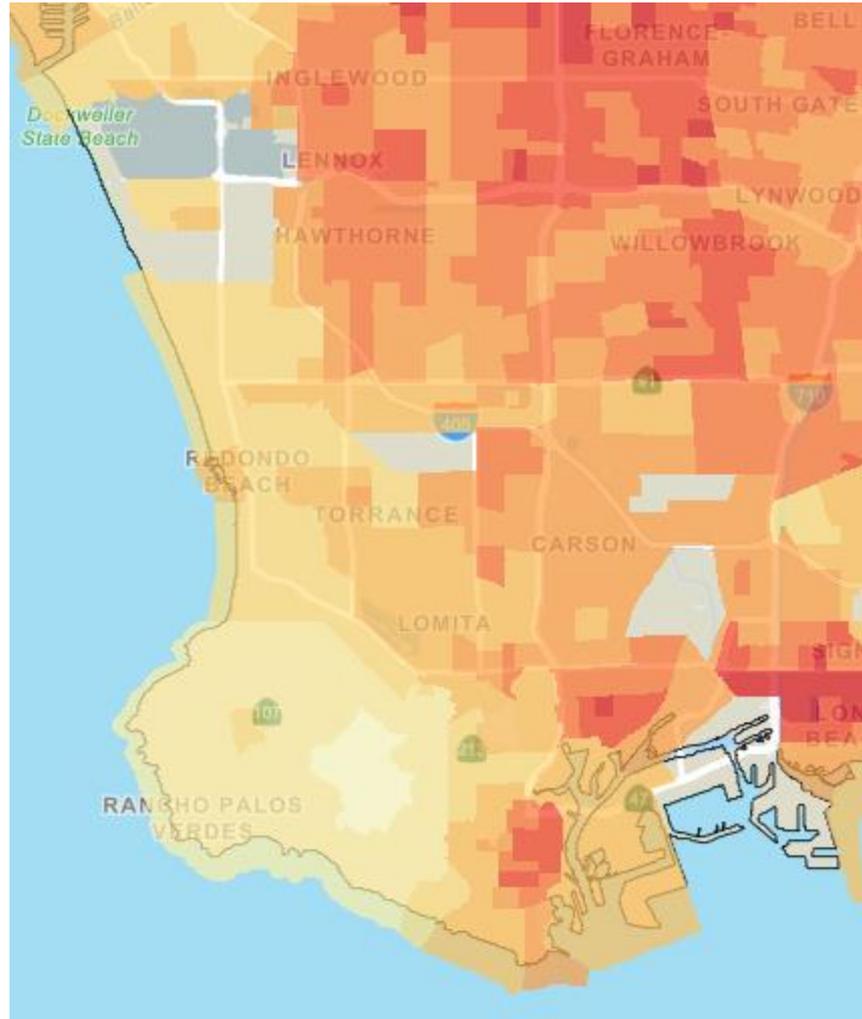
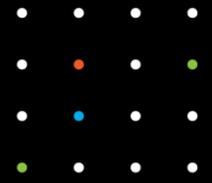


**76%** of people in LA County Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) live in areas in the 50th percentile or greater for heat vulnerability

Sources: Metro Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, EPA Social Vulnerability Report, California Heat Assessment Tool

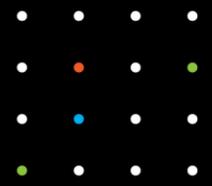
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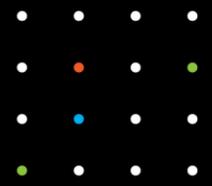


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# Urban Greening Examples



# Conceptual Grant Categories



## 1. Large Urban Greening Projects (>\$500k)

## 2. Small Infill Urban Greening (\$250k-\$500k)

Scaled requirements for applicant type, match, reporting requirements, and performance measures.



*Pico Rivera Green Transit Streets*



*LADOT Livable Streets Parklet*

# Example Projects

## LARGE PROJECT CATEGORY

### Merced Avenue Linear Park and Greenway, South El Monte

**Project Elements:** Tree plantings, new open space (converted roadway median to linear park), native plantings, bioswales, seating and high albedo bikeway

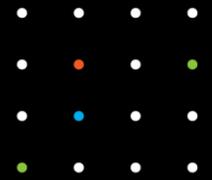
## SMALL INFILL CATEGORY

### LADOT Livable Streets Parklet

**Project Elements:** Street trees, low water plantings, parklet, shade, seating



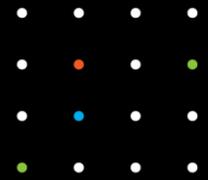
# Eligible Applicant Considerations



## Applicant Types

- **Large Urban Greening Projects (>\$500k):** Allow lead applicants to be public agencies with jurisdiction over the public space or right-of-way
  - Require lead applicants to partner with a CBO or non-profit
- **Small Infill Urban Greening Projects (\$250k - \$500k):** Allow lead applicants to be public agencies or community-based organizations/non-profits with a public agency partner

# Resource Contribution Considerations



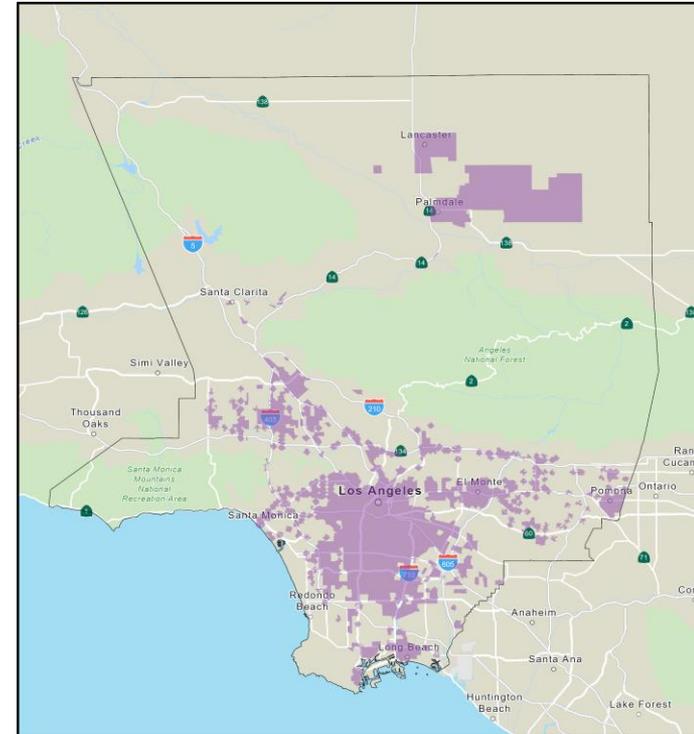
## Match Requirements

- **Large Urban Greening Projects (>\$500k):** Require applicants to specify a 20% match in their grant proposals
- **Small Infill Urban Greening Projects (\$250k - \$500k):** Require applicants to specify a 10% match in their grant proposals

# Preliminary Project Site Considerations

## Require applicants to demonstrate that sites meet at least **ONE** of the following:

- Located in 50th+ percentile heat vulnerable area (per California Heat Assessment Tool); OR
- Located in a Metro Equity Focus Community (EFC); OR
- Located in a First Last Mile (FLM) area aligned with Metro's Active Transportation Strategic Plan



*Project site location eligibility*

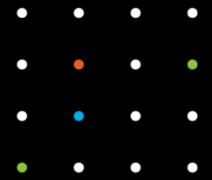
## Technical Assistance (TA)

- Provide templates and TA for project site mapping



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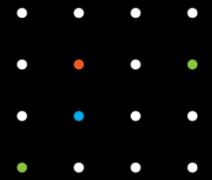
# Operations & Maintenance Considerations



## Maintenance Requirements

- **Project Establishment:** 3-year minimum establishment period following project implementation
- **Post-Grant Term:** Long-term maintenance plan required as part of the grant application
  - Grant funds will likely not be eligible to cover long-term O&M, but is being considered as local match

# Potential Technical Assistance Resources



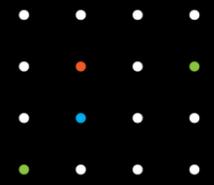
## Pre-Award:

- Topical webinars
- One-on-one consultation by request (submit online survey) offered to applicants during the application period

## Post-Award:

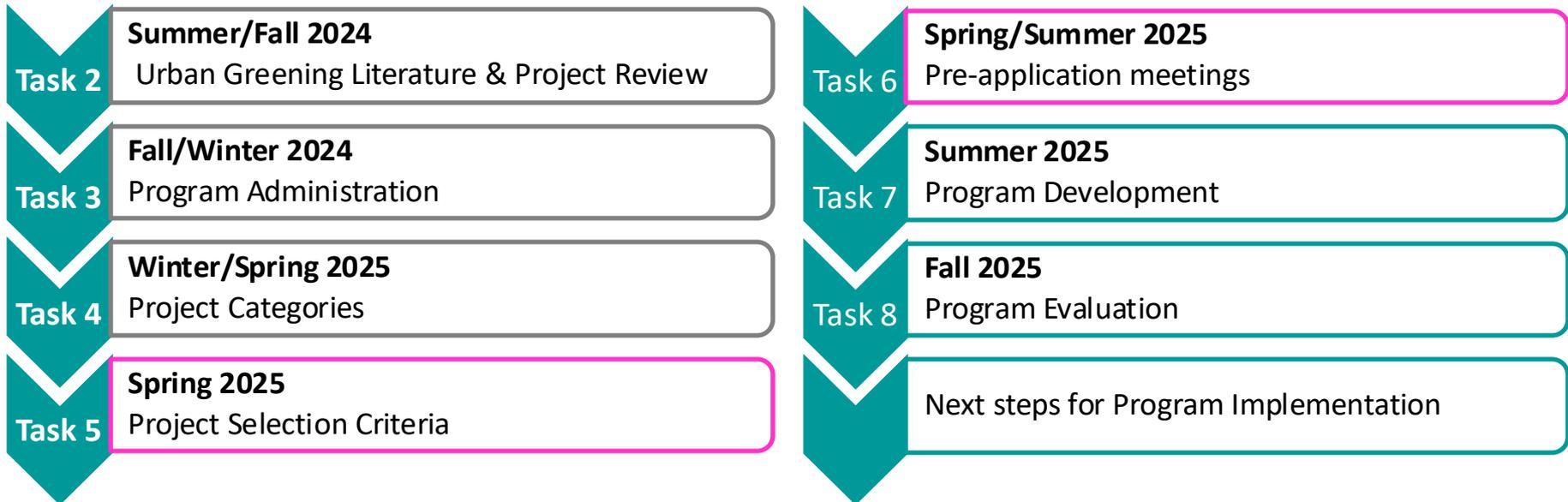
- Grant Agreement Template
- Mandatory grant management workshop

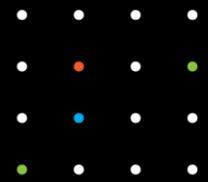
# Schedule & Scope of Work



## Program Development Schedule

Summer 2024 to Fall 2025





Thank you!

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# Questions or Comments?

