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Sacramento – The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced record-breaking awards totaling \$73.6 million to help more than 100 cities and counties build much needed parks and/or repair existing parks and recreation facilities within their community.

HCD's Housing-Related Parks Program uses voter-approved funds from the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 to expand and improve the availability of parks and recreation facilities within communities. The largest share of the funding, 71 percent, is allocated to communities that are both disadvantaged and park-deficient.

HCD expanded its awareness campaign for the Housing-Related Parks Program, and as a result, many more California cities and counties are applying and taking advantage of this useful grant program.

Communities can apply for the funding if they meet a threshold of requirements, including having submitted an approved Housing Element plan. The amount of the award is based on the number of new affordable housing units the city or county has permitted as well as affordable units preserved, rehabilitated and/or acquired since 2010.

One of the awardees, the City of Gridley will use its grant of \$400,650 to complete a makeover of Daddow Park. This will include demolition of aged infrastructure and an existing gazebo; construction of a central plaza, seating, pedestrian walkways and lighting; interpretive panels, bike racks, site lighting, underground infrastructure (water, sewer, storm drain), landscaping and irrigation.

"Parks are an invaluable resource for both children and adults, especially in communities that work hard to fulfill requirements for affordable housing," said Randall A. Deems, HCD Acting Director. "We are especially excited to see the supportive, innovative and environmentally-friendly ways communities plan to use this funding; many are installing ADA compliant sidewalks, ramps and trails. Others are constructing a performing arts stage or replacing natural grass with synthetic turf."

This is the third time that Housing-Related Parks Program funds have been awarded, and 109 cities and counties received funding to work on more than 200 individual projects.

A complete listing of communities receiving awards is attached.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of safe and affordable housing so more Californians have a place to call home. Our team works to ensure an adequate supply of housing for Californians and promotes the growth of strong communities through its leadership, policy and program development. For more information, please visit www.hcd.ca.gov.

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Housing-Related Parks Program Awards

Designated Program Year 2013

Applicant	County	Award Amount
City and County of San Francisco	San Francisco	\$6,352,275
City of Alameda	Alameda	\$201,200
City of Anaheim	Orange	\$1,330,800
City of Arcata	Humboldt	\$106,650
City of Avenal	Kings	\$186,200
City of Brea	Orange	\$483,650
City of Buena Park	Orange	\$375,025
City of Calexico	Imperial	\$593,925
City of Capitola	Santa Cruz	\$383,925
City of Carson	Los Angeles	\$290,000
City of Chico	Butte	\$1,032,350
City of Chino	San Bernardino	\$580,650
City of Claremont	Los Angeles	\$270,650
City of Clovis	Fresno	\$89,250
City of Coachella	Riverside	\$1,505,650
City of Colton	San Bernardino	\$214,050
City of Daly City	San Mateo	\$187,650
City of Delano	Kern	\$455,600
City of Dinuba	Tulare	\$1,046,600
City of Downey	Los Angeles	\$217,950
City of El Cajon	San Diego	\$204,450
City of El Centro	Imperial	\$336,375
City of Emeryville	Alameda	\$477,950
City of Escondido	San Diego	\$674,850
City of Farmersville	Tulare	\$170,100
City of Folsom	Sacramento	\$257,525
City of Fontana	San Bernardino	\$626,950
City of Fort Bragg	Mendocino	\$98,550
City of Foster City	San Mateo	\$154,500
City of Fresno	Fresno	\$1,486,425
City of Galt	Sacramento	\$184,400
City of Gilroy	Santa Clara	\$149,000

City of Glendale	Los Angeles	\$360,250
City of Gridley	Butte	\$400,650
City of Indio	Riverside	\$1,010,700
City of Irvine	Orange	\$308,500
City of Lake Elsinore	Riverside	\$1,102,450
City of Lakeport	Lake	\$80,825
City of Lemoore	Kings	\$120,475
City of Lindsay	Tulare	\$465,425
City of Live Oak	Sutter	\$326,975
City of Long Beach	Los Angeles	\$553,050
City of Los Angeles	Los Angeles	\$8,221,950
City of Madera	Madera	\$731,250
City of Marina	Monterey	\$456,550
City of McFarland	Kern	\$1,331,950
City of Merced	Merced	\$828,775
City of Moorpark	Ventura	\$123,850
City of Mountain View	Santa Clara	\$305,225
City of Oakland	Alameda	\$2,063,400
City of Orange	Orange	\$484,000
City of Orange Cove	Fresno	\$168,125
City of Orland	Glenn	\$115,175
City of Oroville	Butte	\$316,700
City of Oxnard	Ventura	\$956,700
City of Palm Springs	Riverside	\$266,575
City of Palmdale	Los Angeles	\$259,250
City of Pasadena	Los Angeles	\$449,050
City of El Paso de Robles	San Luis Obispo	\$804,450
City of Perris	Riverside	\$581,350
City of Petaluma	Sonoma	\$472,500
City of Poway	San Diego	\$82,550
City of Redding	Shasta	\$105,500
City of Rialto	San Bernardino	\$351,350
City of Rocklin	Placer	\$310,025
City of Sacramento	Sacramento	\$1,675,600
City of San Buenaventura	Ventura	\$584,850
City of San Diego	San Diego	\$4,460,000
City of San Fernando	Los Angeles	\$188,050

City of San Jose	Santa Clara	\$2,978,600
City of San Leandro	Alameda	\$1,376,600
City of San Marcos	San Diego	\$1,481,950
City of San Mateo	San Mateo	\$460,350
City of Santa Ana	Orange	\$1,030,800
City of Santa Monica	Los Angeles	\$2,139,850
City of Santee	San Diego	\$139,800
City of Sebastopol	Sonoma	\$134,550
City of Sunnyvale	Santa Clara	\$973,525
City of Temecula	Riverside	\$321,100
City of Thousand Oaks	Ventura	\$208,200
City of Tulare	Tulare	\$297,775
City of Turlock	Stanislaus	\$443,100
City of Tustin	Orange	\$260,700
City of Ukiah	Mendocino	\$142,800
City of Union City	Alameda	\$494,325
City of Visalia	Tulare	\$130,950
City of Vista	San Diego	\$225,275
City of Wasco	Kern	\$97,900
City of West Hollywood	Los Angeles	\$370,650
City of West Sacramento	Yolo	\$394,850
City of Winters	Yolo	\$117,275
City of Woodlake	Tulare	\$275,900
City of Woodland	Yolo	\$137,775
City of Yucaipa	San Bernardino	\$96,250
El Dorado County	El Dorado	\$158,550
Imperial County	Imperial	\$125,650
Kern County	Kern	\$978,325
Kings County	Kings	\$133,175
Los Angeles County	Los Angeles	\$447,950
Madera County	Madera	\$378,000
Monterey County	Monterey	\$589,600
Orange County	Orange	\$716,250
Placer County	Placer	\$254,150
Sacramento County	Sacramento	\$890,650
San Diego County	San Diego	\$428,250
Santa Cruz County	Santa Cruz	\$444,700

Sonoma County	Sonoma	\$483,475
Town of Yucca Valley	San Bernardino	\$168,700
Tulare County	Tulare	\$527,800
TOTAL:		\$73,605,250