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California Communities Receive over $73 Million to Create and Improve Parks

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 Folsom will use its grant of $257,525 to upgrade facilities at the Folsom Zoo. Funds will help with the construction of a barn & outdoor space at the zoo sanctuary recreation area for animal care, public recreation, education and programs.

"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**