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DPR Awards \$16 Million in Grants for Local Park Projects *Funds will create new youth soccer, baseball, softball and basketball recreation opportunities*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) today announced the selection of 25 local park projects that will receive grants totaling \$16 million from the California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program. This one-time competitive grant program provides funds for new youth soccer, baseball, softball and basketball recreation opportunities in heavily populated, low-income urban areas with a high-youth-crime and unemployment rate.

Funding for the California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program comes from the 2002 Resources Bond Act, known as Proposition 40. The \$2.6 billion measure provides funds for a wide variety of parks, open space, recreation and land, air and water conservation projects across the state. Local agencies, recreation districts, school districts and community-based organization were eligible to apply. The grant program is administered by DPR's Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS).

OGALS received 166 proposals requesting a total of \$134,893,005. All proposals underwent a competitive review process by a team of professional staff members. The proposals were scored based on criteria that included community challenges and project benefits. Applicants provided demographic information (total population, median household income, and unemployment rate) using the [California State Parks Community Fact Finder – Youth Soccer](#).

The funded projects are:

Bakersfield

Jefferson Park Basketball Courts

\$350,000 to the City of Bakersfield Recreation and Parks for the renovation and expansion of basketball courts and construction of minor improvements.

Chula Vista

Lauderbach Park Soccer and Softball Field

\$1,000,000 to the city of Chula Vista for the construction of an artificial turf multi-purpose field for soccer and softball, field lighting and minor improvements.



El Centro

Carlos Aguilar Park Soccer Fields

\$960,000 to the city of El Centro for the construction of a natural turf soccer field, irrigation, perimeter fencing and restroom/concession building, renovation of an existing natural turf soccer field and minor improvements.

Eureka

Hammond Park Basketball Courts

\$403,044 to the city of Eureka for the renovation and expansion of a basketball court into two basketball courts, construction of a restroom with storage area and minor improvements.

Fontana

Fontana Central City Soccer Park Field

\$1,000,000 to the city of Fontana for the construction of an artificial turf soccer field, field lighting and water conservation measures.

Fresno

Bakman Baseball Field Renovation

\$209,098 to Sunnyside Lone-Star Little League for the renovation of a natural turf baseball field and irrigation, construction of a field house with restrooms, perimeter fencing and minor improvements.

Hinton Park Futsal Court and Soccer Field

\$563,360 to the City of Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department (PARCS) for the construction of an outdoor futsal court, field lighting and irrigation for a natural turf soccer field, restroom and minor improvements.

Romain Park Futsal and Basketball Court

\$65,000 to the city of Fresno for the construction of a multi-purpose court for basketball and futsal with lighting and minor improvements.

Huntington Park

Salt Lake Park Basketball Court

\$74,347 to the city of Huntington Park for the renovation of a basketball court and construction of minor improvements.

Lodi

Blakely Park Sports Fields and Basketball Courts

\$882,340 to the city of Lodi for the construction of a natural turf soccer field, renovation of a natural turf baseball and softball fields, irrigation, basketball court and minor improvements.

Long Beach

Seaside Park Soccer Field

\$600,000 to the City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine for the construction of an artificial turf soccer field.



Los Angeles

Belvedere Park Soccer and Baseball Field

\$1,000,000 to the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation for the construction of an artificial turf multi-purpose field for soccer and baseball, field lighting, irrigation and minor improvements.

Hollywood Recreation Center Soccer and Baseball

\$1,000,000 to the city of Los Angeles for the construction an artificial turf multi-purpose field for soccer and baseball, and renovation of a restroom.

South Park Recreation Center Soccer Field

\$1,000,000 to the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks for the construction of an artificial turf soccer field and renovation of a restroom.

Van Nuys Recreation Center Soccer Field

\$980,376 to the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks for the construction of an artificial turf soccer field and minor improvements.

Modesto

Carpenter Road Area Soccer Fields

\$1,000,000 to the city of Modesto for the construction of natural turf soccer fields, irrigation, parking lot, security lighting and minor improvements.

Oakland

Rainbow Park Soccer Field

\$380,000 to the Oakland Public Works Department for the construction of an artificial turf soccer field and minor improvements.

Pico Rivera

Rio Hondo Park Soccer Field

\$947,331 to the city of Pico Rivera for the construction of an artificial turf soccer field.

Richmond

John F. Kennedy Park Basketball Court

\$182,740 to the city of Richmond for the renovation of two basketball courts.

Unity Park Basketball Court

\$167,650 to the city of Richmond for the construction of a basketball court.

Sacramento

Howe Park Basketball Courts

\$96,450 to the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District for the construction of basketball courts.

McClatchy Park Baseball and Softball Fields

\$800,000 to the City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department for the renovation of natural turf baseball and softball fields, irrigation, batting cages and construction improvements.



Salinas

Cesar Chavez Park Soccer Fields and Basketball

\$998,264 to the city of Salinas for the construction of an artificial turf soccer field, two youth natural turf soccer fields, basketball half-court and minor improvements.

San Diego

Mountain View Park Futsal and Basketball

\$340,000 to the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation for the construction of futsal courts, renovation of basketball courts and court lighting.

Santa Ana

Santa Anita Park Soccer Field

\$1,000,000 to the City of Santa Ana Parks and Recreation and Community Services for the construction of an artificial turf soccer field, irrigation, and renovation of turf with drought-tolerant plants.

For more information about the California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program and other grant programs administered by the Office of Grants and Local Services, please visit <http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants>. You can also visit the Office of Grants and Local Services on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/caparkgrants>.

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