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**California Communities Receive More Than \$27.1 Million to Create and Improve
Parks**

Sacramento – Today the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced awards totaling approximately \$27.1 million to communities that have taken steps to approve much needed housing for lower income families. Funds awarded can be used to create or renovate parks and recreational facilities within their communities

The Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program is funded through Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. The HRP Program incentivizes local jurisdictions for the creation of new affordable housing units and the rehabilitation and preservation of affordable units within their jurisdictions.

The awards for the 2015 program year incentivized fifty jurisdictions for the creation, rehabilitation and preservation of 6,784 units. The affordability breakdown of the units was 828 for extremely low income families, 3,277 for very-low income families and 2,679 for lower income families.

“These housing units along with the park projects provide families with building blocks for safe and healthy communities,” said Director, Ben Metcalf. “The HRP Program reflects the Department’s commitment to work in partnership with local governments to address California’s critical housing and community development needs.”

Grant funds may be used for a wide range of park-related capital asset projects, including new park and recreation facilities, community centers, playgrounds, restroom facilities, and pathways.

To be eligible for HRP funds, localities must have (1) a compliant Housing Element, (2) submitted an annual progress report on their Housing Elements, and (3) issued housing start approvals for units affordable to very-low- and low-income households during the designated program year.

The following illustrates some of the projects to be funded in the 2015 program year:

Berkeley: Renovation of Kennedy Park Community Center. Center serves community programs and also as a care and shelter facility in the event of an emergency.

Escondido: Washington Park will get improved lighting, new fencing, court resurfacing and major field/turf maintenance and rehabilitation of the community pool site.

Woodland: Harris Park will get replacement playground equipment, construction of walkways, picnic tables, and replacement of restroom plumbing, softball field improvements, and bleachers for softball field.

Eureka: Creation of a new park with play equipment and park amenities, which will help transform the space from a blighted area into a safe community space for recreation.

Los Angeles: Will construct new, synthetic fields at three recreation centers.

A list of awardees 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

DPY 2016 HRP Awardee List and Units Incentivized

Awardee	County	Grant Amount	Units Incentivized
City of Anaheim	Orange	\$377,200.00	75
City of Arcata	Humboldt	\$201,050.00	48
City of Berkeley	Alameda	\$1,036,700.00	269
City of Biggs	Butte	\$406,100.00	56
City of Corcoran	Kings	\$222,400.00	33
City of Delano	Kern	\$300,550.00	69
City of Dinuba	Tulare	\$160,150.00	21
City of Dublin	Alameda	\$232,075.00	73
City of Escondido	San Diego	\$161,600.00	43
City of Eureka	Humboldt	\$125,350.00	49
City of Foster City	San Mateo	\$115,775.00	39
City of Fremont	Alameda	\$407,650.00	213
City of Fresno Parks and Community Services Department	Fresno	\$1,067,250.00	192
City of Fullerton	Orange	\$364,550.00	141
City of Imperial Beach	San Diego	\$101,125.00	39
City of Indio	Riverside	\$997,400.00	152
City of Lindsay	Tulare	\$330,275.00	40
City of Live Oak	Sutter	\$410,550.00	89
City of Lompoc	Santa Barbara	\$307,450.00	101
City of Los Angeles	Los Angeles	\$3,468,450.00	945

City of Lynwood	Los Angeles	\$516,150.00	98
City of McFarland	Kern	\$295,575.00	38
City of Modesto	Stanislaus	\$782,150.00	199
City of Morgan Hill	Santa Clara	\$609,750.00	142
City of Napa	Napa	\$394,750.00	91
City of Oakland	Alameda	\$928,550.00	185
City of Pasadena	Los Angeles	\$317,850.00	108
City of Pleasanton	Alameda	\$330,900.00	144
City of Reedley	Fresno	\$847,700.00	190
City of Richmond	Alameda	\$1,248,000.00	340
City of San Bernardino	San Bernardino	\$398,200.00	75
City of San Buenaventura	Ventura	\$230,800.00	143
City of San Diego	San Diego	\$4,360,450.00	1,093
City of San Fernando	Los Angeles	\$200,050.00	47
City of San Jose	Santa Clara	\$306,500.00	70
City of San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	\$282,650.00	77
City of Vacaville	Solano	\$333,550.00	118
City of West Sacramento	Yolo	\$338,600.00	76
City of Woodland	Yolo	\$149,125.00	47
City of Yucaipa	San Bernardino	\$117,000.00	49
Contra Costa County	Contra Costa	\$162,675.00	23
County of Alameda	Alameda	\$592,950.00	160
County of Humboldt	Humboldt	\$175,375.00	41
County of LA Department of Parks & Recreation	Los Angeles	\$451,200.00	95
County of Madera	Madera	\$189,050.00	23

County of San Bernardino	San Bernardino	\$713,975.00	188
County of Tulare	Tulare	\$414,950.00	46
Kern County Parks and Recreation	Kern	\$225,050.00	80
Sacramento County	Sacramento	\$80,500.00	59
Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreations	Stanislaus	\$333,700.00	52
Total:		\$27,121,375.00	6,784