PROPOSITION 40
A LOCAL RECREATION GRANTS
OVERVIEW

From 2000-2006, voters passed over $2.2 billion in bond acts specifically for local recreation. These funds were administered by the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services. Across California, essential local recreation projects were completed; this would not have been the case if the public had not passed these bond acts.
PROPOSITION 40: AN OVERVIEW

2002 PARK BOND ACT (PROPOSITION 40)

In March 2002, voters passed Proposition 40, the $2.6 billion "California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002." This bond act provided $957 million for local assistance grants that are being administered by State Parks. Of these funds, 54% were allocated to the population-based “Per Capita” and “RZH Block grant” programs, 29% were allocated to competitive or need-based programs and 17% were allocated directly through the budget process or otherwise allocated as specified grants.

Program Type

- Specified: 17%
- Population-Based: 66%
- Competitive: 29%

Per Capita Program

$326.7 million awarded

This program allocated funds to cities, counties, and eligible districts through a population-based formula for the acquisition and development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreation lands and facilities in urban and rural areas. A total of 1,888 projects were completed.

MCINNES SKATE PARK IN MARIN COUNTY, A PER CAPITA PROJECT

Funds Needed Across the State

The California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services provided support to grantees across California. Over 3,000 projects were completed, providing for recreation needs statewide through the 2002 Park Bond Act.

The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) administers grant programs funding local, state, and nonprofit organization projects. Since 1964, over 7,400 parks have been created or improved through 20,000 grants administered by OGALS.
Roberti-Z’berg Harris (RZH) Program

This program consisted of three subprograms: RZH Block Grant; RZH Urbanized Area Need Basis Grant; and RZH Non-urbanized Area Need Basis Grant. Eligible projects included innovative recreation programs, acquisition, development/rehabilitation, and special major maintenance of park and recreation lands and facilities.

RZH BLOCK
$155 million awarded

This program allocated funds to eligible cities, counties, and districts based on population and location within urbanized and heavily urbanized areas. It supports high priority projects that satisfy the most urgent park and recreation needs, with emphasis on unmet needs in the most populated and most economically disadvantaged areas. A total of 1,509 projects were completed with RZH Block grant funds.

RZH URBANIZED AREA NEED BASIS
$3.9 million awarded

A total of 20 grants were awarded in this competitive program. Eligible applicants were cities with populations of 300,000 or more, or a county or regional park district serving a population of 1,000,000 or more.

RZH NON-URBANIZED AREA NEED BASIS
$27.9 million awarded

This statewide competitive program awarded 87 grants. Eligible applicants were counties with a population of 200,000 or less and the cities, and recreation districts within those counties.

Murray-Hayden Urban Youth Services
$46.7 million awarded

This competitive program funded capital projects in urbanized neighborhoods with a critical lack of parks and/or open space. Funds were also for deteriorated park facilities in an area of significant poverty and unemployment, with a shortage of services for youth. A total of 45 grants were awarded.
Cultural/Historical Opportunity
$83.7 million awarded

This program funded various cultural and historical projects identified by the Administration. A total of 51 grants were awarded.

Urban Park Act of 2001
$130.7 million awarded

This competitive program funded the acquisition and development of new parks, recreation areas, and facilities in heavily urbanized neighborhoods least served by park and recreation providers. A total of 63 grants were awarded.

California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development
$23.4 million awarded

Cities, counties, Districts, School Districts and Community-Based Organizations were eligible to apply for this competitive program which funded new soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball recreation opportunities in the state. A total of 31 grants were awarded.

State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities
$23.4 million awarded

Eligible applicants were urbanized counties and cities, special districts and community based organizations within those counties. This competitive program funds the acquisition and/or development of properties for active recreational purposes, such as youth soccer, baseball, football, basketball, tennis, or swimming. A total of 31 grants were awarded.

Other Specified Grants
$77 million awarded

These 33 grant projects were specified under the terms of Proposition 40. Types of projects funded ranged from playgrounds to sports complexes.