



# PROPOSITION 12

## 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.



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# PROPOSITION 12: AN OVERVIEW

## 2000 PARK BOND ACT (PROPOSITION 12)

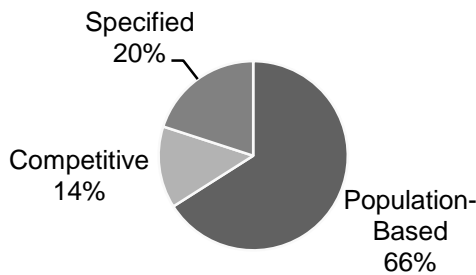
In March 2000, voters passed Proposition 12, the \$2.1 billion “Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.” This bond act provided \$845.5 million for local assistance grants administered by California State Parks. These funds were allocated to three different types of programs: 66% to the population-based Per Capita and Roberti-Z’berg-Harris (RZH) Block grant programs, 14% to “Competitive” or “need-based” programs and 20% directly through the budget process as “Specified” grants.

### Per Capita Grant Program

*\$366.5 million awarded*

This program allocated funds to cities, counties, and eligible districts on a population-based formula. Funds were used for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and development of interpretive facilities for local parks and recreational lands and facilities. A total of 615 entities completed 1,776 projects. Grantees spent 99.9% of the funds allocated for this program.

### Program Type



### 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

*\$156.8 million awarded*

This program used a population-based formula to allocate funds to cities, counties, and eligible districts in urbanized areas. A total of 367 entities received RZH Block grant funding, completing 723 projects.

# FUNDS NEEDED ACROSS THE STATE

The California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services provided support to grantees across California. Nearly 2,000 projects were completed for recreation needs statewide through the 2000 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.

## **RZH URBANIZED AREA NEED BASIS**

*\$3.8 million awarded*

A total of 19 grants were awarded through this statewide competitive program. Eligible applicants were counties, cities, recreation and park districts, and federally-recognized California Indian Tribes in urbanized areas.

## **RZH NON-URBANIZED AREA NEED BASIS**

*\$28.3 million awarded*

This statewide competitive program awarded 111 grants. Eligible applicants were counties with a population of 200,000 or less and the cities, districts, and federally recognized California Indian Tribes within those counties.

## **Murray-Hayden Urban Youth Services**

*Competitive grants – \$47.2 million awarded*

*Projects Specified by Legislature – \$47.2 million awarded*

The competitive and specified programs funded capital projects, including parks, environmental enhancement projects, and youth centers within the immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has a critical lack of parks and/or open space and/or deteriorated park facilities in an area of significant poverty and unemployment. A total of 45 grants were awarded through the competitive portion, and 63 grants in the specified program.

## **Dr. Paul Chaffee Zoological Program**

*\$7.7 million awarded*

### **ZOOS AND AQUARIUM FACILITIES (ZAF)**

Under the ZAF Program, 26 awards were made to eligible cities, counties, and non-profit organizations for the development, rehabilitation, or restoration of facilities on a pro-rata basis.

### **WILDLIFE CARE FACILITIES (WCF)**

Under the competitive WCF Program, 6 grants were awarded to zoos and wildlife care centers that care for injured or abandoned animals that cannot be returned to the wild.

## **Non-Motorized Trails**

*\$9.4 million awarded*

This program funded 30 grants for the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, and enhancement of non-motorized trails and associated interpretive facilities for the purpose of increasing public access to, and enjoyment of, public areas for increased recreational opportunities.



AQUATIC CENTER IN CITY OF EL MONTE,  
RZH BLOCK PROJECT



IRON HORSE TRAIL IN ALAMEDA COUNTY,  
A NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS PROJECT

## Regional Youth Soccer-Baseball Facilities

*\$14.2 million awarded*

A total of 30 grants were awarded to regional youth soccer facilities and/or baseball facilities operated by non-profit organizations.

## Riparian and Riverine Habitat

*\$9.4 million awarded*

This competitive program awarded 35 grants to increase public recreational access, awareness, understanding, enjoyment, protection, and restoration of California's rivers and streams. Eligible projects included the acquisition, development, or improvement of recreation areas, open space, parks, and trails in close proximity to rivers and streams. All projects included a riparian or riverine habitat enhancement element and also provided for public access.



EL DORADO NATURE PARK IN LONG BEACH, A RIPARIAN AND RIVERINE HABITAT PROJECT

## Urban Recreational and Cultural Centers (URCC), Museums and Facilities for Wildlife or Environmental Education

*\$7.7 million awarded*

This competitive program funded 22 grants for the development of urban recreational and cultural centers, museums, and facilities for wildlife education or environmental education. Applicants' projects were nominated by a member of the Legislature.

## Improvements to State Park Units administered by Local Agencies

*\$18.9 million awarded*

Administered by the Park Design and Construction Unit, this program funded 38 grants for the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, protection, and interpretation of lands and facilities of, and improved access to, units of the California State Park System operated by local agencies.

## Other Specified Grants

*\$71 million awarded*

These 36 grant projects were specified under the terms of Proposition 12. Types of projects funded ranged from improvements to science and historical exhibits to restoration of historical monuments.