

Proposition 84 – Statewide Park Program Frequently Asked Questions

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What's the timeline?

The final version of the Application Guide was completed and posted on this website on April 1, 2009.

The round one application deadline is March 1, 2010. Applications for the \$184,000,000 first competitive round must be post marked or hand delivered to OGALS no later than March 1, 2010.

Grant awards will be announced by September, 2010.

What should I be doing right now?

You should begin several steps using the Application Guide, such as:

- 1.** Start by selecting a project location and type of project that will fit the intent of the program. The most competitive option is to find property to create a new park in a low income, park deficient community. The grant can pay for both acquisition and development. If the creation of a new park is not possible, try to find an existing park that can be expanded or improved. Use the Community Fact Finder on our website to help locate low income, park deficient communities.

For more information about step 1, read Project Selection Criteria #1, #2, and #3 and the related technical assistance in the Application Guide. Note that words in CAPS are key terms and concepts defined in the definition section of the Application Guide.

- 2.** After completing step 1 above, you may begin the meetings with community residents. Read Project Selection Criteria #4 and its related technical assistance in the Application Guide for more information about the community based planning meetings.

Also read Project Selection Criteria #5 through #9 and the related technical assistance in the Application Guide.

Bottom line: Start using the Project Selection Criteria and technical assistance as a guide to formulate a competitive project. Predetermined, “off the shelf” projects may not be eligible or compete very well.

- 3.** After formulating the project following steps 1-2 above, complete the application packet requirements. The application checklist (page 7) in the Application Guide lists each requirement.

Will there be a geographic split of funds, and are rural areas eligible?

There are no north/south or urban/rural splits. All areas of the state are eligible. The Statewide Park Program will award grants on a competitive basis to the most critically underserved communities throughout California. Many urban and rural communities in California have poverty and a lack of park space.

Can a future freeze on bond funds affect the Prop. 84 Statewide Park Program?

The 2009/10 Budget Act appropriated \$184,000,000 for the first competitive round. The bond freeze relates to the selling of bonds; OGALS has no way of predicting the status of the economy and state’s ability to sell bonds in the future.