



Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Grant Program

**Under the
2002 Resources Bond Act**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What are the program intent and priorities?

- A. As stated in the legislation: "To provide grant funding for capital projects, including parks, park facilities, environmental enhancement projects, youth centers, and environmental youth service centers that are within immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has been identified by the Department as having a critical lack of parks and/or open space and/or deteriorated park facilities, that are in an area of significant poverty and unemployment, and have a shortage of services for youth.

Priority shall be given to capital projects that employ neighborhood residents and at-risk youth."

Q. Who can apply for these funds?

- A. The following are eligible applicants (see page 4):
- Heavily urbanized counties (a county with a population of 700,000 and above)
 - Heavily urbanized cities as *either* a city with a population of 200,000 and above (Modesto and Stockton) *or* a city located in a heavily urbanized county.
 - Non-profit organizations and eligible districts within heavily urbanized counties and heavily urbanized cities

The determination of heavily urbanized cities and counties is based on the City/County Population Estimates prepared by the California Department of Finance. The Department used the most recent verifiable data to allow the maximum number of entities to be eligible to apply for funding.

Q. Can eligible public entities partner with a non-profit organization, and can two or more non-profit organizations partner together?

- A. Yes. Partnerships are encouraged. Applicants must provide detailed information on the roles and responsibilities of each partner. See Criteria 9 in the Procedural Guide for more information.

Q. How do I determine the Neighborhood Service Area?

- A. Draw a circle with a one-mile radius, which includes the project site. Place the project site anywhere within that circle.

Q. Can I submit applications for more than one project?

- A. Yes. However, each project must have its own application.

Q. What can these funds be used for?

- A. Funds can be used for the following:
- Acquisition and development
 - Development
- Acquisition-only projects are not eligible.
- Q. How much is available in the competitive program, and what are the minimum and maximum amounts?**
- A. Approximately \$46 million is available for competitive projects. The minimum grant award is \$100,000, and the maximum grant award is \$2,500,000.
- Q. Does the 2002 Resources Bond Act Murray-Hayden Program have a matching requirement?**
- A. No. AB 1747 eliminated the matching requirement for the 2002 Resources Bond Act Murray-Hayden Program.
- Q. Is there still a matching requirement for the 2000 Resources Bond Act Murray-Hayden Program grants?**
- A. Yes. Grantees must still comply with the requirement that at least 30% of the total project cost must be provided by local applicants, with at least one-third coming from private or non-state sources, unless a match waiver was requested and approved.
- Q. When is the application deadline?**
- A. Project applications must be received by the Office of Grants and Local Services by 4:30 P.M. on, or postmarked no later than, December 15, 2003.
- Q. When will projects be reviewed?**
- A. Project reviews generally take six months from the application deadline.
- Q. What are the general land tenure requirements?**
- A. For development projects, the applicant must certify adequate tenure to, and site control of, the facility/venue to be improved. The land tenure requirement only applies if the applicant does not have fee title. All less than fee simple agreements must have a renewal clause and can only be revocable by mutual consent or for cause. Grants require at least 20 years of land tenure and public recreation operation.
- Q. How do I determine the latitude and longitude of the project?**
- A. Latitude and longitude can be determined by use of a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) device, or research on the Internet. On the Internet, go to www.terraserver-usa.com, click on "Advanced Find", then on the "Address" link within the text, enter the full address the project site, click on "Go," click on "Topo Map", and then click "Info". The latitude and longitude numbers will be indicated on the sides of the map.

If you do not have access to a GPS device or the Internet, you may indicate the precise location of the project on the required topographic map. Office of Grants and Local Services staff will determine the latitude and longitude and insert the

information on the application. If a project includes more than one site within a park or recreation area, i.e. a soccer field, baseball field and lighting on another field, indicate a point central to all proposed developments as the project's latitude and longitude.

Q. Why is a Fidelity Bond required?

A. Non-profit grantees must obtain a Fidelity Bond to protect the applicant and the state against any theft, forgery, larceny or embezzlement of any portion of the state grant amount. In order to insure against any loss or misuse of state funds, the state must be named as a beneficiary on the bond. (See Fidelity Bond Q and A – [add Link](#))

Q. Where can I get a copy of the 2002 Bond Act text?

A. You can download the text from our web site (www.parks.ca.gov) or from the Official California Legislative Information web site at: www.leginfo.ca.gov and search for Public Resources Code Section 5096.600, or you may call (916) 653-7423.

For more information, please contact your project officer. A list of project officers can be found on our web site at www.parks.ca.gov or by calling (916) 653-7423.

Eligible Applicants

The following Applicants may apply for Murray-Hayden funds:

- Heavily Urbanized Counties, which are those counties with a population of 700,000 or more. These counties are: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Ventura.
- Heavily Urbanized Cities, which are those cities with a population of 200,000 or more, *or* cities within a Heavily Urbanized County. These cities are Modesto and Stockton, and any city within the counties of: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Ventura.
- Nonprofit Organizations within Heavily Urbanized Counties or Heavily Urbanized Cities. These cities are Modesto and Stockton, and the counties are: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Ventura.
- Eligible Districts within Heavily Urbanized Counties or Heavily Urbanized Cities. These cities are Modesto and Stockton, and the counties are: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Ventura.