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Bidwell Mansion to Receive Matching Funds

California State Parks is pleased to announce the signing of a Matching Funds Agreement with the Bidwell Mansion Association to support Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park. The Association has made a generous donation of \$25,000 to keep the Mansion open and operating by providing interpretation and educational programs and tours. That donation has now been matched with another \$25,000 in matching funds. This agreement is made possible by the AB 1478 Match Program, which appropriated \$10 million to the department to be used for matching funds in donor and operating agreements.

According to Kay Brandt, President of the Bidwell Mansion Association, "The entire Board of Directors is excited at this opportunity to bring much-needed funds to the Mansion". She added, "We are pleased at the spirit of cooperation that State Parks brought to this agreement".

The Bidwell Mansion association joins 19 other partners who have secured funds under the Match Program. The Department has allocated \$2.6 of the \$10M available in matching funds.

"State Parks' partners and supporters are our strongest allies, and we thank their commitment to helping us to continue to serve the people of California and park visitors by providing them with the best experience possible," said Major General Anthony L. Jackson, Director of California State Parks. "We are encouraged by the positive outcome of these negotiations, and with the collaborative efforts of all parties involved to support parks across the state."

"I want to congratulate the California State Parks and the Bidwell Mansion Association for all their efforts to ensure that the Bidwell Mansion will continue to be available to the public and preserve this historic symbol for the people of the North State, said Assembly Member Dan Logue (R-Linda) representing the 3rd Assembly District of California.

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Assemblyman Dan Logue helped bring the Association and State Parks together to facilitate this partnership. Director Jackson acknowledged he “appreciates the Assembly Member’s hands-on involvement and support of State Parks.”

The basis for all of the agreements for non-profits and matching funds began with the passage of Assembly Bill 42, and Assembly Bill 1478. AB 42 allowed State Parks to seek out partnerships with nonprofit organizations and AB 1478 appropriated the surplus money back to State Parks to be used in a one-time match program. Of the \$20 million appropriated back, \$10 million was mandated for matching funds in the donor and operating agreements.

The Bidwell Mansion Association is a non-profit community-based organization supporting Bidwell Mansion, the 1868 home of John Bidwell, founder of the city of Chico, California. Founded in 1956, the BMA has been a constant advocate for the Bidwell Mansion, operating under contract with State Parks.

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