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## **California State Parks Makes Available Application Guide for \$254.9 Million Statewide Park Grant Program** *Statewide Application Workshops to be Hosted*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks today released the final Application Guide (Guide) for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program that offers \$254.9 million to create new parks and recreational opportunities in underserved communities across California. This final guide reflects feedback from the public over several months.

To assist potential applicants, State Parks will be hosting 15 application workshops statewide from **Feb. 19, 2019 - March 1, 2019**. The Application Workshops are highly interactive; participants will be encouraged to ask questions. You can find the workshop schedule [here](#).

The **deadline to apply for these grants is Aug. 5, 2019**. Applications must be postmarked by this date. The Application Guide provides instructions to prepare and send applications.

Parks are unique places where children play, people exercise, families and friends bond, seniors socialize, cultures share and celebrate their differences and everyone connects with nature. The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program helps communities invest in parks, increasing recreational opportunities. Examples include aquatic centers, athletic fields, community gardens, outdoor gym equipment, public art, amphitheaters, etc. The competitive grant program was made possible through the passage of Proposition 68: *California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018*, the state's largest investment in grant funding history targeted for underserved communities in California. The bond also provides funds for aging infrastructure, amenities and improvements to parks that will help attract new and diverse visitors.

For more information on the guide and application workshop schedule, please visit [www.parks.ca.gov/spp](http://www.parks.ca.gov/spp).

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**Office of Grants and Local Services** provides local assistance grant funding. Since 1965, more than 7,400 parks throughout California have been created or improved through grant programs administered by the Office of Grants and Local Services. For more information on the Prop. 68 Statewide Park Program and other grant programs, visit [www.parks.ca.gov/grants](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants).