Proposition 68: Developing and Enhancing Local Park Opportunities!
Presentation Goals

1. Identify Prop 68 local assistance grant programs.
   • Eligible applicants, timelines, technical assistance resources.

2. Recognize the importance of engaging partners, stakeholders, and the community.
   • Identify how engagement strategies can assist in developing parks without having a large amount of land or money in hand.
Icebreaker Activity

1. How many applications were submitted for Proposition 84, Statewide Park Program, Rounds 1 and 2?
   a. 675
   b. 723
   c. 821
   d. 881

Answer = 881
Icebreaker Activity

2. How much money was requested for Proposition 84, Statewide Park Program, Rounds 1 and 2?

a. $2.6 billion
b. $2.7 billion
c. $2.8 billion
d. $2.9 billion

Answer = $2.9 billion
Prop 68 Overview

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 – SB 5 – Passed June 5, 2018

- Authorized $4 billion in general obligation bonds for creation and rehabilitation of state and local parks, and other climate, water and flood projects.

- Requires non-state matching funds for certain projects and favors disadvantaged communities for certain projects.

- OGALS to administer approximately $1 billion for local assistance projects.
Prop 68 Programs

Competitive
- Statewide Park Program (SPP)
- Regional Park Program
- Rural Recreation and Tourism Program

Non-Competitive
- Per Capita
- Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement Payment Program
Statewide Park Program (SPP)

- $254.9 million available for Round 3
- Application Deadline is Monday, August 5, 2019
- Eligible Applicants:
  - Cities
  - Counties
  - Districts (as defined)
  - Joint Powers Authorities (as defined)
  - Non-Profits (as defined)
Statewide Park Program (SPP)

Eligible Projects

- Creating New Parks
- Expanding Existing Parks
- Renovating Existing Parks

Projects must meet one of these thresholds:

- Project site has less than 3 acres of park space per 1,000 residents, or
- Community has median household income of less than $51,026.
FactFinder analyzes demographics and park acres within a half mile of a point you define.

Community Fact Finder
http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities
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Once the analysis is completed, you can choose "GET REPORT" to generate a pdf report on your site.
SPP Technical Assistance Resources

www.parks.ca.gov/spp

- Community FactFinder Tool
- Community FactFinder Handbook
- Competitive Chart
- Lease Agreements and Turnkey Projects
- Prop 68 Corps Consultation Process Form
- Timeline
- Best Practices
Regional Park Program

Competitive grants for regional park districts, counties, and regional open-space districts, open-space authorities (as defined), and non-profit organizations (as defined).

Program Purpose
To create, expand, improve, rehabilitate, or restore parks and park facilities, including, but not limited to:

- Trails, regional trail networks,
- Regional sports complexes,
- Low-cost accommodations in park facilities,
- And visitor, outdoor, and interpretive facilities serving youth and communities of color.
Rural Recreation and Tourism Program

For cities, counties, and districts in non-urbanized areas
Per Capita (General)

- $185 million available, $200,000 minimum allocation

- Eligible Applicants for 60% of funding: Cities, Districts (Other than Regional)

- Eligible Applicants for 40% of funding: Counties, Regional Park Districts

- 20% match for projects not serving severely disadvantaged communities

- Public hearings in Spring 2019
Per Capita (Urban County)

- $13,875,000 Available.

- **Eligible Applicants:**
  Cities and Districts in Urbanized Counties.
  - Counties with a population of 500,000 or more providing park and recreation services within jurisdictions of 200,000 or less.

- Public hearings in Spring 2019
Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement Payment Program

Eligible Applicants:
Local agencies that have obtained voter approval between November 1, 2012 – November 30, 2018 for revenue enhancement measures aimed at improving and enhancing local or regional park infrastructure.

- Awarded on a Per Capita basis
- $37 million available
- Minimum award is $250,000
- Public hearings to occur Summer 2019
Engaging Partners

Identify partners to assist with one or more strategy areas:

- Land
- Funding
- Operation and Maintenance
- Programming

Know the needs of your changing community!
Land “Re-Use” Example

Lynwood Linear Park - $4,949,957 SPP grant

Developed 5.25 acres, constructed 1 mi. trail, playground, dog park, community garden, parking, installed fitness machines, and more.

Freeway-side site
Land “Re-Use” Example
Ontario Civic Center Community Conservation Park
$2.9 million SPP grant

Developed 1.3 acres; constructed playground, garden feature, amphitheater, walking paths, art, lighting.
Funding for Serenity Park

- Vacant lot was intended for high density housing.
- Trust for Public Land (TPL) conducted 13 community outreach meetings to obtain park design/safety ideas before grant submittal.
- TPL received $4.9 million grant from OGALS Prop 84, Statewide Park Program (SPP).

Before Photo:
Watts Neighborhood, Los Angeles
El Dorado Park in Fresno was transformed from closure threat status to active park site due to:

- City of Fresno’s invitation to non-profits & businesses to operate and program the park.

- Private investment and volunteer labor that transformed the park.
Why Community Engagement is Important

Government Sector

Private Sector

Community Sector

What matters most? Who decides?
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