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Oakland Receives \$6.35 Million in State Grants

Raimondi Field, Peralta Hacienda Historical Park and East Oakland Sports Complex to benefit!

Oakland, CA - The State Department of Parks and Recreation awards the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency \$6.35 million from Proposition 40 bond funds to construct and/or renovate educational and recreational facilities for youth and children. Passed by the voters in 2002, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act, (Proposition 40) designates funds for local and regional entities for projects that invest in parks, recreational facilities and the preservation and protection of natural and historical resources.

The City of Oakland's Raimondi Field, Peralta Hacienda Park and East Oakland Sports Complex at Brookfield Park will benefit from the grants. The program and building improvements provide educational and recreational opportunities for youth and children in areas that are socio-economically challenged. "Working hand-in-hand with the community we submitted grant applications that met the criteria for consideration. These projects are great examples of what community partnerships can accomplish," said Raul Godinez, II, Public Works Agency Director.

Raimondi Field's soccer and baseball fields received \$2.5 million for renovations. "Thanks to my colleagues on the council for approving the local match for our grant and the enormous support and work from community residents, businesses and the Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation. The Raimondi Field improvements will be a great asset for West Oakland and citywide," said Councilmember Nancy Nadel.

Peralta Hacienda Park received \$850,000 for partial construction of gardens and community program buildings. "This grant helps us to preserve the meaningful history of Peralta Hacienda, an important Oakland landmark on the National Register of Historical Places," said City Council President Ignacio De La Fuente.

The East Oakland Sports Complex at Brookfield Park received \$3 million toward its completion. "A special thanks to the State Parks Grant Division, and in particular, Mr. Richard Rendon for facilitating this funding opportunity that brings the development of the East Oakland Sports Complex one step closer to reality," said Councilmember Larry Reid. "The residents of the City of Oakland will benefit from a sports complex with activities for all ages," said Reid.

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