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Natural Resources Agency Announces Awards for the Urban Greening Grant Program

SACRAMENTO – The California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) today announced \$76 million in funding for 39 green infrastructure projects through the state’s Urban Greening Program. Funded by Cap-and-Trade revenues, the grants support projects that aim to reduce greenhouse gases by sequestering carbon, decreasing energy consumption and reducing vehicle miles traveled. The projects also convert built environments into green spaces that improve air and water quality and provide opportunities for walking, biking and recreation.

“These innovative projects will improve the state’s urban areas and create green spaces that are more sustainable and enjoyable,” California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird said. “Urban greening projects help meet our greenhouse gas emissions targets while contributing to healthy and vibrant communities.”

The Agency evaluated 143 applications and recommended funding for 39 projects identified below. Ninety-two percent of the funding was awarded to projects in disadvantaged communities as defined by SB 535 of 2012.

California’s Cap-and-Trade program, along with other state carbon reduction measures, ensures the state will meet its SB 32 target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

Grant awardees by county include:

Alameda County:

- **Alameda County, \$4,100,000**, *San Leandro Creek Urban Greenway, Phase 1.*
- **Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment, \$469,749**, *Coliseum College Prep DAC High School Greening Project*

Butte County:

- **City of Chico, \$1,530,929**, *Comanche Creek Greenway, Phase 2.*

Contra Costa County:

- **East Bay Regional Park District, \$2,100,000**, *San Francisco Bay Trail Lone Tree Point Urban Greening.*
- **City of Richmond, \$4,100,000**, *Greening the Yellow Brick Road.*
- **City of San Pablo, \$3,999,540**, *Rumrill Complete Green Streets Phase II and Community Urban Tree Program*

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- **Trust for Public Land, \$3,114,025, Richmond Wellness Trail, Phase 1.**

Fresno County

- **City of Sanger, \$166,050, Sanger Veterans Park – Community Green Spacd Development**

Imperial County

- **City of El Centro, \$648,000, City of El Centro Construction of Plank Park.**

Kern County

- **City of Arvin, \$527,447, Pathways to a Greener Arvin – One Step at a Time.**
- **City of Delano, \$527,762, Eleventh Avenue Center Greening Project**

Los Angeles County

- **Amigos de los Rios, \$920,625, Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo Phase II**
- **California Greenworks, Inc., \$150,000, South Los Angeles Urban Community Greening and Citizen Forestry Project**
- **City of Compton, \$1,207,921, Alameda-SR 91 Urban Greening and Water Reclamation Project**
- **From Lot to Spot, \$104,166, Watts Urban Tree Canopy & Rain Garden Parkways**
- **City of Huntington Park, \$4,700,000, Huntington Park Greenway Project**
- **County of Los Angeles, \$2,500,000, East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project**
- **Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, \$2,500,000, The Wishing Tree Park (Formerly Del Amo Neighborhood Park)**
- **City of Lynwood, \$2,853,000, Lynwood Urban Bicycle Trail**
- **North East Trees, Inc., \$1,200,000, Ramona Gardens Green Connections Project**
- **City of Pomona, \$1,390,069, City of Pomona - Phil & Nell Soto Park**
- **City of Rosemead, \$520,533, Duff Park Improvement Project**
- **City of South Gate, \$1,779,200, Long Beach Boulevard Complete Street Greening Project**
- **Trust for Public Land, \$3,700,000, Zamora Park Renovation Project**

Madera County

- **Madera County Public Health Department, \$686,382, The Health Trail**

Mendocino County

- **City of Ukiah, \$1,780,307, Closing the Gap: Northwestern Pacific Rail Trail Phase 3**

Orange County

- **City of Westminster, \$2,324,140, The Mendez Historic Trail & Green Street Bikeway Project**

Riverside County

- **Desert Recreation District, \$3,086,000, North Shore Community Park Project**

Sacramento County

- **City of Sacramento, Department of Community Development, \$2,000,000, Railyards Green Streets**
- **City of Sacramento, Department of Parks and Recreation, \$1,800,000, Sacramento Northern Parkway & Bike Trail Enhancement**

San Diego County

- **City of Imperial Beach, \$1,134,853, Imperial Beach Blvd Green Streets**
- **City of National City, \$1,151,265, Paradise Creek Park**
- **San Diego Unified Port District, \$4,800,000, Sweetwater Bicycle Path and Promenade**

San Francisco County

- **California State Parks Foundation, \$894,705, Yosemite Slough Restoration & Development Project at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area**

Santa Clara County

- **City of Morgan Hill, \$1,761,980, Butterfield Boulevard Connector Path Project**

Stanislaus County

- **City of Modesto, \$3,193,401, Virginia Corridor Trailway, Phase 7 Project**

Tulare County

- **City of Visalia, \$199,267, Mill Creek Beautification at Burke St.**

Ventura County

- **City of Oxnard, \$1,200,000, Oxnard La Colonia Green Alleys Project**

Yolo County

- **City of West Sacramento, \$5,178,684, Sycamore Trail (Phase II/III) Extension Project**

For more information on grant programs overseen by the California Natural Resources Agency, including the Urban Greening Grant Program, please visit <http://resources.ca.gov/grants/>.

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