

# Sierra Creek Park Grant

## Proposition 68

### Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP)

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Statewide Park Program (SPP) competitive grants will create NEW PARKS and NEW RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES in critically underserved communities across California. The types of projects Prop 68 will fund includes New Parks, Expand an Existing Park or Renovate an Existing Park. There is a maximum grant of \$8,500,000 and a minimum grant of \$200,000. The NHRPD submitted a grant request in the amount of \$2,850,000.

The North Highlands Recreation and Park District has submitted a Prop 68 park grant application to California State Parks to construct a New Park at the Sierra Creek Park site located at Watt Avenue and Davidson Drive, Antelope. This is the vacant 7.2 acre site visible from Watt Avenue and adjacent to Spinelli Elementary School.

The North Highlands Recreation and Park District, as well as the Sierra Creek Park community, started working on this project approximately 3 years ago. A completed CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Study was a prerequisite before the district could submit its grant application. Further setbacks were the result of State Parks delaying the Round 4 grant application process, and of course, impacts cause by Covid-19 which created additional delays statewide.

Now, the good news. The NHRPD completed grant application to design and construct Sierra Creek Park was submitted last spring to State Parks. Our district has been notified that our grant application has gone through the review process and that State Parks plans on making a formal announcement in early September 2021 of the successful cities, counties and special districts who have been awarded a SSP grant.

As previously stated, Prop 68 SSP is a highly competitive grant process. Approximately \$500 million has been allocated to be dispersed to those communities receiving the highest total points. However, approximately 500 applications have been received by State Parks for Round 4 funding with a total request exceeding \$2.2 billion. As you can tell, this is a highly competitive process.

Once State Parks has announced the Round 4 grant award recipients in September, NHRPD will post the results on the district's website. Please check back and keep your fingers crossed!

Sincerely,

Larry Mazzuca  
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North Highlands Recreation and Park District