

North Highlands Recreation and Park District District Receives Covid Relief Funding

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The North Highlands Recreation and Park District is excited to announce that it has received \$742,013 in funding from the State of California for COVID relief. The funding is made available from a \$100 million allocation provided by the State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom in the 2021-2022 State Budget.

The funding arrives after special districts across California experienced budget and staff cuts necessitated as a result of the COVID pandemic. North Highlands Recreation and Park District revenues were hit hard as most of the district's recreation programs, services, facility and park rentals, were shut down, generating little or no revenue. The majority of the district's facility leases were reduced by the District's Board of Directors, as those businesses closed for a significant period of time due to the pandemic. Additionally, the district experienced supplementary unbudgeted costs related to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and related supplies.

Although the Covid Relief Funding is needed and welcomed, the District continues a slow recovery as revenues are still not at the level prior to Covid, and the district continues to experience PPE related costs.

We applaud Governor Newsom and our Legislature for recognizing the impact COVID has and continues to have, on special districts in our state. Special districts make a difference throughout California and this funding will make a difference in the communities special districts serve.

Special "thank you" to CSDA (California Special Districts Association) for their support in securing COVID relief funding for the many special districts serving the public throughout California.

