

City of Huntington Park

Grant Opportunities

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Huntington Park currently has about 12 Grants that they are using primarily for “brick-and-mortar” projects. Ten of these Grants, totaling \$3,491,938, have no “Matching” required of the City. \$1.8 million has gone into the construction of the new Community Center at Salt Lake Park. This project is now complete.

Two of the 12 Grants totaling \$379,185.00 require a 30% Match from the City.

There are many Grants that Huntington Park would be eligible for, based on their demographics, which combine brick-and-mortar improvements with programming opportunities. One of those is the LA Rivers & Mountains Conservancy Grant. As a local example, this is a Grant that the neighboring community of the City of Bell has used to develop some new parklands and then provide funds to program the project.

Another grant that is currently available is the Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant. The Land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress in 1965 to assist eligible government units in the provision of new park areas. The appendix of this document includes the procedural guide for this grant. The application deadline is March 8, 2008.

An additional grant that the City of Huntington Park should be aware of and apply for, when the program has been finalized, is California Prop. “84”. The bond is part of the 2007-2008 State of California budget, which was passed in July 2007. The California State Parks Office of Grants & Local Services is waiting for the guidelines to be finalized. As soon as that happens, they will produce the procedural guide for the funding, which can be obtained by calling the State Office at 916-653-7423. The funding for this grant is set at \$400 million.

To review updates on this grant and others that would be beneficial for the City of Huntington Park, visit the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services web site, www.parks.ca.gov.

There is also a web site, www.grants.gov that is very helpful in reviewing the many grant opportunities that would allow Huntington Park to fund some of the new and different programs that the community is suggesting in their Community Surveys, as well as the Community meetings that were held. Since nearly all grants are time sensitive, to list other grants in this document which are a guideline for the next several years, would be of very limited benefit. There is a grant website that lists many grants which might be of benefit to Huntington Park. This website will provide time sensitive current information. The website is www.grants.gov.

This website, along with the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services (listed above) will be a helpful tool for finding a list of grants for Huntington Park’s consideration.

The City of Bell has a part-time Grants Consultant that has helped them not only secure several Grants, but then makes sure that the paper trail and follow up that is needed on all major Grants is completed.