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City of Perris Awarded \$8.5m Prop 68 Grant

PERRIS, Calif. (February 26, 2020) — The California Department of Parks and Recreation has awarded the city of Perris a multimillion-dollar grant to build a new park in the Enchanted Hills Community.

The state announced that it has awarded the City of Perris with \$8.5 million for the Enchanted Hills Park project.

Perris City Manager Richard Belmudez announced the award for the grant at the conclusion of the February 25, 2020 city council meeting.

“We are very excited about this park for our community,” said Belmudez. “We have a lot of work still ahead of us, but we are one step closer to bringing a top-notch park to a community that is truly deserving.”

Belmudez continued, “This was very good news. Congratulations to our Community Services Department, Assistant City Manager Isabel Carlos and Community Services Director Sabrina Chavez for all their hard work on this project.”

Assistant City Manager Isabel Carlos was also proud of the work accomplished and is eager to see a park come to the community and promote healthy living and active lifestyles.

“We are grateful to the Statewide Park Program and all those who were involved and supported the application process,” said Carlos. “We are excited for the health and quality of life benefits it will bring to the community, because health matters for our residents. We truly believe ‘parks make life better.’”

Under Proposition 68, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services, was authorized to allocate more than \$254 million of Statewide Park Program (SPP) competitive grant funding to create new parks and expand or renovate an existing park. The Enchanted Hills Park project was considered a competitive application, having met minimum grant criteria of having both zero park acres, per 1,000 residents and is located within a very low-income community. The maximum grant request per application is \$8.5 million and all SPP applications were submitted by August 5, 2019.

The Enchanted Hills Park project area was identified as a park deficient community and was selected after the City hosted a series of public meetings to gather community input. Additionally, the City maintained a marketing campaign of more than one year in which they supplied written stories, social media marketing and a submission video, which can be view [here](#).

Perris resident Lucia Orozco, who attended one of the community engagement events, said she was excited for the possibility of a new park in this area, which has been deficient of a park for quite some time.

“It would be a safe place for the kids to play and hang out,” said Orozco. “There are a lot of possibilities, so we are excited at the chance to finally have a park in this area.”



The goal is to create the Enchanted Hills Community Park through the acquisition of 22 acres and construct a new multi-use field, ages two to five multi-level accessible playground, and an ages five to 12 multi-level accessible playground. The park will come complete with a splash pad, two basketball courts with lighting, concrete walkways with lighting, plazas, BMX and mountain bike tracks, hiking trails, skate spot, zip line, an adventure course with exercise equipment, eight group picnic shelters, two

restrooms, public art displays, two asphalt parking lots with lighting and landscaping throughout the park.

“We could not have done this without the community support and all their feedback from our community engagement events,” said Chavez. “I am proud of our team and all the residents who participated. We are honored to bring this park to a well-deserving community. Let’s build this park!”

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