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Oakland Receives \$6 Million from State for Park Improvements

Oakland, CA—The State of California awarded \$6 million from a Proposition 84 Statewide Parks Grant to the City of Oakland for improvements to Durant Mini Park and Golden Gate Recreation Center Expansion and Park. Oakland competed against 400 applicants for \$184 Million in Prop 84 funding for this year.

“At a time when cuts to federal, state and local budgets provide few extras, these Prop 84 grants will help Oakland make much needed upgrades to two of Oakland’s parks. With 134 parks and open spaces, Oakland has more acres of parks per person than most other cities. We rely on volunteers, and grants such as these to keep our parks inviting, safe and well used,” said Mayor Jean Quan.

Five million dollars will be used at Golden Gate Recreation Center and Park at 1075 62nd Street in North Oakland. The project involves a new multipurpose gym, new performance stage/activity room, new teen lounge, new community living room/art gallery, new walking track, new school-age playground and new outdoor performance area. The additional, 9,700 square feet will dramatically improve existing recreational opportunities, including modernizing and expanding the kitchen, relocating a dedicated computer room, and reconfiguring the existing multi-purpose room.

“I have been working with the community for years to upgrade Golden Gate Recreation Center. I’m thrilled that with this grant we can finally give this community what it deserves – a state of the art recreation facility!” said District 1 Councilmember Jane Brunner, in whose district the recreation center is located.

One million dollars for Durant Mini Park, at 29th Street and MLK, Jr. Way, will improve lighting for safety on the plaza, a new amphitheater and picnic areas, a new community garden, a new children’s play area and tot lot, and a new walking circuit and bicycle accommodations.

“Our active Durant Park neighbors are so deserving of this much-needed boost to their West Oakland community, especially Yvette Hunt and Allie Rothschild who worked so hard on this project,” added Nancy Nadel, Council Member for District 3 where Durant Park is located.

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