

Financing Sustainability: Opportunities to Fund Local Parks & Open Space Q&A

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Questions for HCD Housing-Related Parks Program Representatives

Q: How far back are housing units eligible? Can those already in the pipeline or constructed still eligible?

A: The current NOFA is for housing starts completed between January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. For the purposes of the HRP Program, the only date that is relevant is the date of the foundation inspection. When the building permits were pulled or certificates of occupancy issued is not relevant. Thus, both projects in the pipeline and completed projects could potentially be eligible for funding depending on when the foundations were poured.

Q: Can you clarify for the housing grant opportunity, should the housing portion already be built?

A: At a minimum, the foundations must have been poured since Program eligibility is based on the dates of the foundation inspections. There are no other construction benchmarks that have to be met prior to application submission. However, grant funds cannot be dispersed until the Department receives the certificates of occupancy. In addition, should some of the units not be completed, the grant award will be reduced to the amount corresponding to the actual number of eligible units completed.

Q: How does urban and community forestry play into this program. Do tree plantings on public properties count? Or do they have to be in a park?

A: Those are potentially eligible activities. Contact HCD HRP staff to explore further.

Q: Is this grant opportunity nationwide, or just for CA?

A: This is a California-only grant opportunity.