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Bloomington is Among 50 California Cities to Receive Grant Funding for a New Park

**The California Department of Housing and Community Services awards
\$713,975 to create a new park in Bloomington**

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SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County was among 50 communities in California to receive grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The unincorporated area of Bloomington, which is located in the County’s 5th Supervisorial District, was awarded \$713,975. The grant can be used toward the creation or renovation of parks and recreational facilities within the area.

“I am grateful for the opportunity this funding will provide to allow us to continue investing in Bloomington. Developing a new recreational area, such as a park, will promote a better way of life and a healthier community. I’m proud of our recent accomplishments and I know that this is only the beginning of what’s in store for Bloomington,” said Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

The Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program is designed to provide financial incentives to cities and counties that have developed new affordable housing units. A part of the eligibility for the HRP Program grant includes having a compliant housing element. Earlier this year, Bloomington celebrated the grand opening of Lillian Court senior housing, Bloomington Grove family housing and the Bloomington Branch Library. The first phase of the affordable housing development created 106 apartments for low and very low-income families and seniors. The 6,597 square-foot library is the first County sponsored all-in-one capital improvement project within San Bernardino County.

“Under the Board of Supervisors’ leadership, funds have been strategically invested to spur economic reinvestment to improve our resident’s lives who live and work in Bloomington. The County was awarded the Housing-Related Parks Grant because of the Board’s efforts. We are very excited to invest the Housing-Related Parks Grant to create a community-centric park that will become the heart of Bloomington and compliment Lillian Court and Bloomington Grove mixed-generational affordable housing and the new Bloomington Branch Library,” said Dena Fuentes, San Bernardino County Community Development and Housing Director.

Out of the 50 communities awarded, Bloomington ranked 10th highest in grant amount awarded. Other San Bernardino County awardees include, the City of San Bernardino and the City of Yucaipa.

For more information about the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) visit www.hcd.ca.gov.

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