

Date of Hearing: April 19, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

David Chiu, Chair

AB 1483 (Daly) – As Amended March 28, 2017

SUBJECT: Housing-Related Parks Program

SUMMARY: Appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund to the Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks Account within the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.

Specifically **this bill:**

- 1) Appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund to the Housing Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks account in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- 2) Makes these funds available to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for grants for housing related parks in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

EXISTING LAW:

1. Establishes the Housing Related Parks Program which provides grants for the creating, development, or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities to cities, counties, and cities and counties. (Health and Safety Code Section 50701(a))
2. Administers the Housing Related Parks Program (HRPP) through HCD. (Health and Safety Code Section 50701(a))
3. Appropriated two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) in the Housing Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks Account. Funds in the account shall be available upon appropriation by the Legislature for housing-related parks grants in urban, suburban, and rural areas, subject to the conditions and criteria that the Legislature may provide. (Health and Safety Code Section 53545(d))
4. Establishes the grant criteria as based on the issuance of building permits for new housing units, or housing units substantially rehabilitate, acquired, or preserved with committed assistance from the city, county, or city and county, that are affordable to very low or low income households. (Health and Safety Code Section 50701(a))

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown.

COMMENTS: The HRPP was funded through Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. The HRPP provides funds for parks and recreation projects that benefit the community and add to the overall quality of life. It awards funds on a per-bedroom basis for each residential unit that is affordable to very low income individuals. HCD has the sole discretion to change the program's guidelines and full authority over grant award amounts.

The grant threshold criteria include three things. First, a housing element that has been adopted by the jurisdiction's governing body and that is in substantial compliance with state housing element law. Second, the jurisdiction must submit annual reports on the progress of their housing element to HCD. Third, the minimum grant amount must be \$75,000, however if an applicant is

unable to meet the minimum threshold it may combine eligible units from the designated program year with eligible units from one or more subsequent funding rounds.

Currently the program has \$36 million that was exhausted in the most recent notice of funds available (NOFA). What will be left in the fund is a \$1.9 million dollar reserve for contract management and other administrative functions. This most recent NOFA had 81 applicants which is more than the remaining funding could cover.

Double referral: If AB 1483 passes out of this committee, the bill will be referred to the Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on File

Opposition

None on File

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