

PARK PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM  
APPLICATION COVER SHEET

APPLICANT INFORMATION								
District/Agency Name: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department								
District/Agency Mailing Address: 2326 Fresno Street, Room 101								
City: Fresno	County: Fresno	Zip Code: 93721						
Name and Location of Playground: Holmes Playground		212 South First Street, Fresno, California 93702						
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Legislative District Numbers: Assembly: 31		Senate: 16						
Federal Tax Identification Number: ██████████								
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Company/Agency Name of Person Completing Application: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department		Phone: 559/498-4919						
Applicant Type: (circle or check one)		Funding Information:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Park District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Joint venture between park district and other agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Grant Funds Requested</td> <td>\$ 50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matching Funds (at least 50% of grant requested or 25% [if qualified - see p. 18])</td> <td>\$ 84,625</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sum of grant plus match</td> <td>\$134,625</td> </tr> </table>	Grant Funds Requested	\$ 50,000	Matching Funds (at least 50% of grant requested or 25% [if qualified - see p. 18])	\$ 84,625	Sum of grant plus match	\$134,625
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Provide a concise project summary: What; When; How; and Why – Limit 5 sentences.

The project will improve access to Holmes Playground children's play area for the mobility-impaired by the installation of park perimeter sidewalk curb-cuts, on-site parking lot signage and stripping; walkway access to the children's play area; removal of the existing children's play equipment and surface material and installation of new recycled-content equipment and surface material which comply with all State and Federal health/safety laws and regulations and provide full access to the mobility-impaired. Project will commence immediately upon execution of a contract with the CIWMB and be completed within a 12 month timeframe.

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Certification: I declare, under penalty of perjury, that all information submitted for the CIWMB consideration for allocation of grant funds is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant - Authorized Signature: R. Primavera Date: 1/29/01

Type or print name and title: Ronald P. Primavera, Parks and Recreation Director

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Forms and questions included in this application are self-explanatory and contain instructions; furthermore, the appendices provide a Budget Itemization sample form; Procurement Policy samples; term and word definitions; an application checklist; and scoring criteria. A completed application should include answers to all ten (10) criteria as well as all pertinent forms. See application checklist in Appendix C.

**GENERAL CRITERIA  
NEED**

**(Criterion #1 – 25 points)**

**The Grant Application must clearly describe and demonstrate the local need, the benefits, and expected end results for the project:**

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(10 pts.) Why is the project needed and how will it benefit the community?  
(Describe the district or agency funding needs, customer needs in terms of mobility-impaired accessibility to the playground/equipment, and/or facilities and barriers to mobility in the existing facility, etc.)

The City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department manages 43 parks (3 Mini, 33 Neighborhood, 5 Community, and 2 Regional), which includes one or more children's play areas. A recently completed safety inspection of children's play equipment at 43 park sites by the Parks Manager, a certified National Playground Safety Institute inspector, resulted in ranking 33 park sites with play equipment that need to be removed or modified to satisfy the regulations set forth by the California Department of Health Services. The City is requesting a grant of \$50,000 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)—Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program for the removal and replacement of the children's play equipment and surface material at Holmes Playground, a 9.75-acre neighborhood park located at 212 South First Street, Fresno, CA 93702. The lot at Holmes does not currently meet State nor Federal Americans With Disability Act requirements to provide access for the mobility-impaired. The park was constructed in 1959 and the original play equipment remains in use today—constructed primarily of metal. The equipment was not designed to serve the needs of the mobility-impaired. In addition, access to the park from adjacent public sidewalks and from the parking lot to the children's play area do not meet user needs in terms of providing access for the mobility-impaired. This project will address the full range of needs for the mobility-impaired—from sidewalk curb-cuts to parking lot signage, to walkways leading to the children's play equipment, to access points into the play area, and to multiple access points onto the play equipment.

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The service area population for Holmes Playground is primarily low-to-moderate income residents. Holmes is located in a Federally designated eligible area for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds and an area which is specifically designated as an "Enterprise Zone" by the California Trade and Commerce Agency. Many area residents, from young children to senior citizens, depend on the services offered at Holmes to provide them with social and recreational opportunities, which they may not be able to access elsewhere.

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(5 pts.) Address identified gap in service and current unmet need for the mobility-impaired. (Describe the length of time that the playground, equipment and/or facilities may not be available if it is not refurbished and the resulting lack of services, equipment or facilities for mobility-impaired children or the target population.)

The existing children's play area and equipment at Holmes Playground are not accessible to the mobility-impaired. The equipment was installed in 1959 and was not designed to serve the recreation needs of the physically challenged population. Approval of this grant application will provide resources to retrofit access to the play area and install new equipment and surface material that meets all State and

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Federal health/safety and access requirements, and complies with CIWMB guidelines for the use of recycled-content materials. This project will be completed within 18 months from grant approval and contract execution.

<sup>4</sup>  
(5 pts.) Describe existing barriers to and within the playground. Describe in specific terms how the district or managing agency will correct the problems and barriers to accommodate mobility-impaired children.

Support the existence of the problem and project need (described in the first question) with data from surveys, maintenance and safety reports, studies, and accident reports, etc.

Provide statistics about the targeted population, such as number of children and number of mobility-impaired children who may use the refurbished equipment and facilities. (Note: pictures of equipment and pictures illustrating problems and barriers to access will be accepted, but do not replace the description.)

Existing barriers to and within the playground include the lack of sidewalk curb-cuts, parking lot signage and stripping, walkway access to the play area, access into the play area, and access onto the play equipment. The existing children's play equipment was installed in 1959, is constructed primarily of metal, and was not designed to accommodate mobility-impaired children or adults. Holmes Playground provides a daily Recreation Program staffed by two Recreation Leaders. Daily attendance averages 300, with peak attendance during the spring and summer months and during periods when children attending area year-round elementary schools are off tract and on break. The Parks and Recreation Department operates a Therapeutic Recreation Program and presently conducts activities for physically challenged children at park sites located elsewhere in the community which provide proper access. Providing improved access to the children's play area and replacing the equipment will allow the Therapeutic Recreation Program to provide programs at Holmes for the mobility-impaired. The Department's approach to rehabilitating children's play areas also includes the replacement and/or installation of accessible picnic tables to accommodate those who want to rest, picnic, or participate in arts and craft activities. Additionally, a parent(s) confined to a wheelchair or using a walker can relax while supervising their children using the play equipment.

<sup>4</sup>  
(5 pts.) Describe health and safety threats or environmental concerns for the mobility-impaired on the existing playground, such as problems with animal feces, lead-based paints, splinters from decaying wood structures, potential burns from metal slide surfaces, debris on playground, hard fall surfaces, or other existing health and safety hazards due to equipment design or to inappropriate equipment (be specific).

The existing children's play equipment at Holmes Playground was installed in 1959 at a time when safety and access standards were virtually non-existent. (See Exhibit A—Site Pictures) This equipment does not comply with State or Federal health/safety laws and regulations and is not accessible to the mobility-impaired. The play equipment is all-metal; and during the hot summer months, between May and September when air temperatures exceed 90 degrees on a regular basis and 100 degrees frequently, the metal surfaces become extremely hot and, if touched, could result in a serious skin burn. Also, although no longer used, lead-based paint remains on the metal equipment posing a possible health threat. Additionally, the existing sand surface material does not meet current safety standards for providing a safe fall area; and often, animal feces is found when Parks Division staff removes debris from the sand—this, too, could pose a health threat. The safety of children using the play equipment was not in integral part of the design process when the equipment was manufactured and installed in 1959; but based on current health and safety standards, the equipment at Holmes is no longer safe or appropriate for use at a public park.

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**GENERAL CRITERIA  
OBJECTIVES  
(Criterion #2 – 5 points)**

**The Work Statement and project plan needs to be sufficiently detailed in order to determine that the project meets its goals and objectives. Describe, in the sections below, how this was determined:**

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(2 pts.) How was identified need for this project as described in Criterion 1 determined? (community workshops, planning sessions, user input, etc.)

In 1992, the Parks and Recreation Department conducted a self-evaluation of all Department facilities to determine compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. All park children's play areas were surveyed and a determination made regarding improvements needed to comply with the ADA. Since then, the Department's annual Major Capital Improvement Program Budget has included funding requests to replace the equipment at sites that ranked highest for safety and access deficiencies. Also, in August 2000, all children's play areas in the City parks were inspected to determine compliance with the California Department of Health Services regulations. Of the 43 parks inspected, Holmes Playground ranked 10<sup>th</sup> relative to safety and access deficiencies. Additionally, the Department regularly presents progress reports to the Mayor's ADA Commission about park improvements, which enhance accessibility to the mobility-impaired. At the meetings, ADA Commission members provide feedback from the community regarding accessibility issues and concerns and usually request a staff follow-up status report.

(3 pts.) Describe specific goals and objectives for the project. (The goals should reflect what you wish to accomplish by refurbishing this playground. The related objectives should be specific, measurable, relevant to the project, and time-limited.)

Goal: To provide access to the children's play area at Holmes Playground area for the mobility-impaired to include public sidewalks, parking lot, walkways, children's play area/equipment, and picnic tables.

Objective #1 Beginning September 2001 to November 2001 – Conduct environmental assessment, prepare preliminary project design, and prepare and review of bid documents.

Objective #2 December 2001 - Award of project to lowest responsible bidder.

Objective #3 Beginning January 2002 to February 2002 – Demolish and remove children's playground equipment; account for unknown subsurface conditions; and submit project plans and specifications to secure building permit.

Objective #4 Beginning March 2002 to May 2002 – Install multi-component play structures and swings; oversee the construction of the project on a day-to-day basis, process pay requirements, change orders, and conduct inspections.

Objective #5 Beginning May 2002 to August 2002 – Install recycled shredded tires throughout playground area; account for unknown playground installation and site problems; pour concrete access points and picnic tables slabs; and install picnic tables. Open and dedicate playground to the general public.

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WORK STATEMENT**

If additional space is needed, the Work Statement form may be reproduced as necessary.

Task #	Task Description	Budget		Product or Results	Staff/Contractor	Time Period
		Grant	Match			
1	<p><b>PRE-INSTALLATION PHASE</b></p> <p>Preparing project design &amp; bid documents:</p> <p>1) Conduct Environmental Assessment as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City of Fresno Municipal Code. Submit plans &amp; specifications to Development Department and secure a Building Permit before proceeding with construction activities. (Task 2, Subtasks #3, #4 and #5 below are exempt from permit requirements.) Prepare preliminary design and bid documents (plans &amp; specifications.</p> <p>2) Send preliminary design and bid documents to City Purchasing Division for review and compilation.</p> <p>3) Send bid documents to City Attorney's Office for final review and approval to go out to bid ("Request For Proposal").</p> <p>4) Advertise &amp; send bid documents to bidders; and open &amp; analyze bid proposals.</p> <p>5) Award bid to lowest responsible bidder.</p>		4,325	Plans, specifications, bid documents, and approved contractor(s).	<p>Parks Planning Coordinator &amp; Parks Manager</p> <p>Parks Planning Coordinator &amp; Parks Manager</p> <p>Purchasing Division</p> <p>Purchasing Division</p> <p>City Council</p>	<p>Sep 2001 to Nov 2001</p> <p>Dec 2001</p>
2	<p><b>INSTALLATION PHASE</b></p> <p>Demolishing existing playground equipment:</p> <p>1) Daily monitor progress of project, process pay requests, change orders, and conduct inspections.</p> <p>2) Rent equipment to demolish existing play equipment and remove sand.</p>		11,400	Demolition of existing playground equipment and excavation of existing sand and soil material.	PW/Construction Management inspector	Jan 2002 to Feb 2002

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3	<p>3) Remove old steel-pipe playground structures and concrete footings from project site. Steel piping and other materials will be offered to local fish habitat groups to assist in their project to provide aquatic habitat for young fish on lake bottoms.</p> <p>4) Excavate out the existing sand and soil to create a void deep enough to accept new resident surfacing.</p> <p>5) Clean site and prepare for concrete pour. Account for unknown subsurface conditions by allowing a small nominal contingency.</p> <p>Constructing project:</p> <p>1) Monitor daily progress of project, process pay requests, change orders, and conduct inspections.</p> <p>2) Conduct on-site inspections for compliance with original intent of the plans and process requests for information from the contractor to the City.</p> <p>3) Install multi-component play structures and swings:</p> <p>3.1) Set poles and pour concrete footings. Allow concrete to dry and harden.</p> <p>3.2) Install rubberized resilient surfacing to specific access points.</p> <p>3.3) Install recycled shredded tires as general purpose attenuating surface throughout the playground area (only).</p> <p>3.4) Conduct 90-day maintenance period.</p> <p>3.5) Install interpretive, parking, and other appropriate signage as required by Government Codes.</p> <p>3.6) Pour concrete access points and picnic tables slabs per plans &amp; specifications.</p>	45,000	5,000	68,050	<p>Construction and installation of play equipment</p>	<p>Fresno County EOC Local Conservation Corps (LCC)</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>PW/Construction Management Inspector</p> <p>Parks Planning Coordinator/ Landscape Architect</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>Contractor</p> <p>Contractor</p> <p>Contractor</p> <p>PW/Streets Division</p> <p>PW/Streets Division</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>Mar 2002 to May 2002</p> <p>May 2002 to Aug 2002</p>
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4	<p>3.7) Install picnic tables (blot down modes).</p> <p>4) Dedicate and open playground to the general public.</p> <p>POST-INSTALLATION PHASE</p> <p>Managing and maintaining project:</p> <p>1) Staff will be trained to inspect and repair playground equipment.</p>		850		<p>Parks &amp; Recreation Department</p> <p>Parks Division</p>	<p>Aug 2002</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
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**GENERAL CRITERIA  
METHODOLOGY  
(Criterion #3 – 5 points)**

**What do you need to do, by task, to achieve the objectives and complete this project?**

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(2 pts.) Describe how the proposed tasks in the Work Statement will fulfill the need for this project as defined in Criterion 1.

The proposed tasks listed in the Work Statement will fulfill the need for this project, as defined in Criterion #1, by providing a proven systematic method to design, bid, award, demolish the existing features, and install a new playground in place. The City of Fresno has constructed numerous other playground projects similar to the replacement project proposed at Holmes Playground. The process and methodology proposed in the Work Statement have proven to be effective because the process: (1) accounts for the required permitting constraints (environmental analysis and building permits); (2) involves "in-house" expertise such as Parks and Construction Management staff who are experienced and well trained in the discipline necessary to provide a safe, exciting playground for all ages and physical capabilities; and (3) incorporates local programs such as the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission Local Conservation Corps (LCC) and the Federal Americorps training programs along with local contractors in a way that provides training for young people and puts money back into the community.

(1 pt.) Identify staffing required to complete the proposed playground project (district or agency staff, architect, engineer, contractor, etc.).

Parks Division Manager Michael McHatten, a certified National Playground Safety Institute inspector, will manage this project. Parks Planning Coordinator Dimitrios Georges, who is a Landscape Architect, will oversee the daily project operations. The Public Works Department will provide staff and material to install sidewalk curb-cuts, parking lot stripping, signage, and walkway improvements. The Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission LCC, a youth development and training organization, will provide the workforce to remove the existing play equipment, install new equipment and benches, and install picnic tables. The Department will retain a private contractor to install the resilient surface material.

(1 pt.) Describe involvement of cooperating individuals and organizations. For example, the Rotary Club, neighborhood volunteers, parents, a private business that will provide volunteer services or staff, etc.

The City of Fresno will involve the services of the Fresno County Economic Opportunity Commission LCC to perform the tasks of removing the existing play equipment, installing the new equipment and benches, and installing adjacent picnic tables. This project will provide vocational skill development for the LCC youth, which will hopefully lead to future job opportunities.

(1 pt.) Present a specific funding plan for future maintenance and operational costs.

The Parks Division will be responsible for managing the improvements resulting from this project. Maintenance will include a daily visual inspection of the children's play area and equipment by Parks Division and/or Recreation Division staff, which will include removal of any surface debris and reporting any obvious safety concerns and a monthly recorded mechanical inspection to ensure the integrity and safety of the play equipment and surface material. Any equipment failures or damages will be immediately reported and subsequent corrective action taken. The Parks Division annual operating budget includes funding to maintain the children's play equipment and surface material at all 43 parks with these improvements. The Department is committed to maintaining park and recreation facilities in a safe and operating condition.

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**GENERAL CRITERIA  
EVALUATION  
(Criterion #4 – 5 points)**

**Describe your methods to evaluate the project and determine whether the goals, objectives and tasks will be accomplished successfully:**

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(2 pts.) How will you determine if the goals, objectives and tasks for this project have been met? (post-construction inspection, use by the targeted population, user surveys etc.)

All phases of project construction will be inspected to ensure bid specifications are fully met and all identified problems will be resolved, including the use of a project construction change order. After the project has been accepted by the Department, the Therapeutic Recreation Program will inform local organizations serving the mobility-impaired (i.e., Friendship Center for the Blind, California Association for the Physically Handicapped, home care providers) of the improvements and encourage use by their clients. Also, the Therapeutic Recreation Program will begin to schedule activities at Holmes Playground for the physically challenged. Additionally, as a part of the annual Department Performance Measures Program, the Recreation Division will conduct a client survey to determine user satisfaction. The survey will have questions designed specifically for the mobility-impaired.

<sup>1</sup>  
(2 pts.) How will you measure the project's impact on the community and the playground users.

The on-site client survey noted above will help determine the impact of this project upon the community, as will attendance counts taken daily by the site Recreation Leaders. We anticipate a noticeable increase in usage of the play equipment especially by the physically challenged.

(1 pt.) Describe any evaluation reports that will illustrate the success of the project:

The client survey and the daily attendance counts will illustrate the success of this project which will become the model for the complete rehabilitation of approximately 22 children's play areas at other park sites. The Department will continue to survey and analyze subsequent projects and modify the design and construction approach as new and improved materials and construction methods are developed.

List staff responsible for the project evaluation and evaluation reports:

Name: Michael McHatten, Parks Manager Phone Number: 559/498-4913

Name: Forrest Dean, Recreation Manager Phone Number: 559/498-4929

Name: Mary Jane Fitzpatrick, Community Recreation Supervisor II Phone Number: 559/454-2608

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**Budget Itemization Form  
(Criterion #5)**

**Pre-Installation Phase**

(See Appendix B – Budget Sample )

Task #1	Item	Description (detailed)	Grant	Hard Match	Soft Match	Total
	Personnel	1 Landscape Architect @ \$45/hr		1,350		1,350
		1 Certified Playground Inspector @ \$55/hr		275		275
	Bid Advertising	City Purchasing Division City Attorney fees (review documents)		2,000 500		2,000 500
	Materials & Supplies	Bid documents and plan reproduction		200		200
	Consultants/Contractors					
	Contingency Costs					
	Other					
		<b>Task 1 Total</b>				<b>4,325</b>

**Installation Phase**

Task #2	Item	Description (detailed)	Grant	Hard Match	Soft Match	Total
	Personnel	Construction Inspector to supervise demolition (City employee) @ \$45/hr		450		450
	Materials & Supplies	Equipment rental		2,000		2,000
	Consultants/Contractors	Local Conservation Corps (LCC) to do site demolition		5,000		5,000
	Contingency Costs	Unknown subsurface conditions		750		750
	Other	City Building Division fees & permits		3,200		3,200
		<b>Task 2 Total:</b>				<b>11,400</b>
Task #3	Item	Description (detailed)	Grant	Hard Match	Soft Match	Total
	Personnel	City Construction Inspection @ \$45/hr		4,500		4,500
		Landscape Architect @ \$45/hr		450		450
	Equipment	2 Multi component play structure(s) & swings	45,000			45,000
		Resilient surfacing access points	5,000			5,000
	Signage	Handicapped and playground		1,000		1,000
	Consultant/Contractor	Installation of equipment by LCC		15,000		15,000
	Contingency/Costs	10% of City Match		6,500		6,500
	Other	Shredded tire surfacing		13,000		13,000
		Picnic tables		2,400		2,400
		Concrete access for handicapped ramps, walks & parking lot improvements		25,200		25,200
		<b>Task 3 Total:</b>				<b>118,050</b>

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**Post-Installation Phase**

Task #	Item	Description (detailed)	Grant	Hard Match	Soft Match	Total
	Personnel	1 Recreation Leader @ \$0.00/hr for 17 hours		150		150
	Materials & Supplies	Material announcing playground and recycled-content use		300		300
	Advertising					
	Contingency Costs					
	Other	Opening and dedication		400		400
<b>Task 4 Total:</b>						<b>850</b>
			50,000			

Budget tasks should match work statement tasks.

50% of grant funds must be expended on recycled-content equipment  
 Specify which materials or equipment contain recycled-content materials  
 Attach estimates

Grant Total	84,625	
Hard Match Total		0
Soft Match Total		134,625
Grand Total		

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**GENERAL CRITERIA**  
**COMPLETENESS, LETTERS OF SUPPORT, EXPERIENCE, ETC.**  
(Criterion #6 – 10 points)

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**Completeness** (4 Pts.)

- Applicant must submit: 1) an original and three (3) copies of the application; 2) application must be signed by the person whose title is designated in the resolution; 3) original and three (3) copies must be double-sided and fastened in the upper left-hand corner, do not bind; 4) application must include an approved resolution or a resolution timeline (see sample resolution) and a completed Verification of Playground Inspection Form.

**Letters of Support** (3 Pts.)

- Application packet includes at least three (3) letters of support for the project.

**Experience** (3 Pts.)

Address the ability of the applicant to coordinate contracted activities. Describe the project manager's experience with similar grants or contracted projects in the space below. Include resumes, endorsements, references, etc. (Attach items.)

Although the Parks and Recreation Department has not been a past recipient of grants from the CIWMB, the Department is currently managing State grant contracts from the Habitat Conservation Fund Program, the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program and Federal grant contracts from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. The latter two contracts are managed by LeRoy Milavich, Management Analyst III, who has been with the Department for over 21 years performing grant management services as one of his primary duties. The Parks Division currently manages contracts with private vendors for municipal tree planting and trimming and City Hall grounds maintenance, and with two non-profit organizations for the maintenance of landscaped traffic islands throughout the city. The latter contracts are managed by Michael McHatten, Parks Manager, who has an 18-year history of landscape development, maintenance, and management. (See Exhibit B—Michael McHatten's Resume, Certification as Playground Safety Inspector, and Certificate of Achievement as a fully qualified Certified Landscape Technician)

**CHECK ONE BOX**

- List past CIWMB grants received and relationship to current proposal, such as playground cover grant. (See next page.)

**OR**

- This agency has received no other playground-related grants from the CIWMB.

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**SUMMARY OF CURRENT AND PREVIOUS CIWMB GRANT AWARDS**

Type of Grant	Source of Grant	Agreement Number	Grant Award \$	Brief Program Description (1-2 Sentences)	Audit? (date/agency)
NOT APPLICABLE					

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**PROGRAM CRITERIA**  
**Recycled-Content Purchasing Policy or Directive**  
(Criterion #7 - 10 points)

**Definition of recycled-content purchasing policy or directive:** Either 1) a district's or agency's policy which specifies purchasing recycled-content products instead of non-recycled products whenever price, quality and availability are comparable, or 2) a directive or memo instructing recycled-content purchasing practices. Examples include: a re-refined oil purchasing policy, or a more general "recycled-content" procurement policy. See Appendix A – Sample Procurement Policies.

(3 pts.)

Does your organization have a recycled-content purchasing policy or directive? Yes  No

Date policy was adopted: Not Applicable (The policy may be adopted during the application process.)

(2 pts.)

Describe your recycled-content purchasing policy or directive: The City of Fresno Purchasing Division is charged with the responsibility of processing the purchase of all supplies, material and equipment for the City's 18 major departments. Purchasing adheres to a directive issued many years ago to purchase recycled or re-used products whenever quality and availability are comparable, especially when the vendor of the lowest and most responsible bid offers the product in a recycled-content. The Parks and Recreation Department recycles all green waste material either through on-site mulching and/or composting or through the City's Sanitation Division Green Waste Program, whereby the material is delivered to a central site for processing.

(3 pts.)

Check the boxes that correspond with the types of recycled or re-used products you have previously purchased or used.

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|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office paper supplies           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Furnishings: benches, tables, chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping boxes                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toner cartridges                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leisure/play equipment               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finishes: paint, wall coverings  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/building materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Floor coverings                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Re-used concrete, asphalt, brick |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Re-tread tires                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compost/mulch                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please list                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janitorial paper products       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Containers/storage systems           |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Re-refined oil                  |  |  |

Equipment/vehicles using re-refined oil: (mowers, trucks, vans etc.)

Gang mowers and tractors, refuse trucks, Police and Fire emergency vehicles, light trucks, vans, and sedans

(2 pts.)

Evaluate your Recycled-Content Purchasing Policy or Directive

1. What areas need improvement? The Purchasing Division is pursuing a more aggressive approach to informing prospective vendors of the need to provide a greater selection of re-cycled content products at a competitive price to broaden the potential selection of recycled products that the City can purchase.
2. What aspects have been successfully implemented? As noted above, the City of Fresno presently purchases numerous recycled or re-used products and will expand this practice as a greater number of these products become available. The City recently enacted a curbside Recycling Program which mandates the separation of all waste material into three containers—blue for recyclables (i.e., eligible plastic/metal containers, glass, paper products); green for green waste; and gray for garbage. This program includes single and multi-family, commercial, and industrial customers, totaling a population in excess of 416,000 people.

If your district receives a grant award, your district will be required as part of the final report to provide information on the amount of recycled-content products purchased such as paper, re-refined oil, paint, compost, etc. for the previous fiscal year.

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702

## PROGRAM CRITERIA

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### Recycling Program (Criterion #8 - 5 Points)

**The degree to which a recycling program has been developed and implemented by the district or agency. The degree to which the program lessens or avoids unfavorable environmental effects.**

Explain how the district or agency in which the playground project is located handles easily recycled internal waste such as paper, bottles, and cans. Describe other programs such as composting or use of mulch and compost in parks. Does the park district or agency integrate waste management and recycling practices into its special events or recreational programs?

The City of Fresno Waste Management Division manages a citywide recycling program, which provides residential and commercial pickup of recyclable (paper, glass, metal, plastics) and green waste material as mandated by State law. The City of Fresno also has an internal recycling program for paper, which has been very successful. The Parks and Recreation Department mulches all grass clippings on-site at the 51 parks where turf maintenance activity occurs, and leaves and plant clippings are either mulched on-site, or centrally through the Waste Management Division's Green Waste Recycling Program.

The Parks and Recreation Department integrates waste management and recycling practices into its special events and recreation programs through the use of recycling bins and the distribution of educational material at special recreation events. The Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission Local Conservation Corps (LCC) operates a recycling program for cans and bottles at several park sites by placing recycle bins at the parks and providing scheduled pickup. The LCC has designed and manufactured a special collection bin specifically for this program, which can be emptied easily and provides maximum protection from vandalism and theft.

### Age of Playground (Criterion # 9 - 10 points)

Applicant verifies that the playground was installed prior to January 1, 1990 (CHECK ONE BOX):

- The playground was installed prior to 1970. (10 Points)
- The playground was installed between and including 1970 and 1979. (7 Points)
- The playground was installed between and including 1980 and 1989. (5 Points)

Comments: The existing children's play equipment was installed in 1959, is constructed primarily of metal, and was not designed to accommodate mobility-repaired children or adults.

### Economic Need (Criterion #10 - 10 POINTS)

- The Playground is located within an Enterprise Zone (10 points)
- The Playground is not located within an Enterprise Zone (0 points)

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702

## VERIFICATION OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

This form must be included in your application

Health and Safety Code § 115730(3)(c) states that all public agencies operating playgrounds and all other entities operating playgrounds open to the public shall have a playground safety inspector, certified by the National Playground Safety Institute, conduct an initial inspection for the purpose of aiding compliance for upgrades and improvements specified in this section and in the Playground Safety and Recycling Act.

To be eligible for this grant, this inspection has to have occurred after January 1, 1998.

Do not include the inspection report with your application.

Name of playground: Holmes Playground

Name of district or agency managing the playground: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Date the playground was inspected: August 17, 2000

Name of playground inspector: Michael McHatten, CPSI #4947-1102

Mailing address of playground inspector: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

2326 Fresno Street, Room 101, Fresno, California 93721-1824

Telephone number of playground inspector: 559/498-4913

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702

Please submit an approved resolution with your application or indicate a date when your governing body will approve the resolution and a date when you will submit an approved resolution.

Approved resolution enclosed in the application.

Our governing body will meet on: \_\_\_\_\_.

We will submit the approved resolution to the CIWMB on or about: \_\_\_\_\_.

**SAMPLE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The voters of California passed the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act). This act authorized the California Integrated Waste Management Board to establish a grant program to: 1. assist local agencies in meeting the state and federal accessibility standards relating to public playgrounds; and 2. conserve resources and develop markets for recycled-content materials and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Board has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, businesses and non-profit organizations under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Integrated Waste Management Board require the applicant to certify by resolution approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, if awarded a grant, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California for development of the project;

\*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ (*Title of Governing Body*) ) authorizes the submittal of an application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for a 00/01 Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program. The \_\_\_\_\_ (*Title of Official*) of the (*Name of Jurisdiction*) is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the (*Name of Jurisdiction*) all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ (*Title of Governing Body*) this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. Effective \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title of Official Authorized to Sign)

\* The wording in this paragraph is appropriate for a jurisdiction applying individually. See below for alternative wording for regional program resolutions.

**Lead Applicant for a Joint Agreement:** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ XXX XXXX authorizes the submittal of a regional application on behalf of XXXXX of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for a Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program. The XXXX of \_\_\_\_\_, or their designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the above named XXXXX all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

**Cooperative Project Participants:** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the XXXX of \_\_\_\_\_ authorizes the XXXX of \_\_\_\_\_ to submit to the California Integrated Waste Management Board a regional application for the Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program on its behalf. The XXX of \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby authorized and empowered to execute all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702

## Enterprise Zone Verification Form

### Complete This Form Only If You Are Applying For Extreme Financial Hardship Status And A 25% Match

#### Enterprise Zone Facts

- ◆ An area that is specifically designated as an "Enterprise Zone" by the California Trade and Commerce Agency.
- ◆ The Enterprise Zone Program targets economically distressed areas throughout California. The purpose of the program is to provide tax incentives to businesses and allow private sector market forces to revive the local economy.
- ◆ There are 39 Enterprise Zones located throughout California. Enterprise Zones last 15 years from their original date of designation. Information regarding Enterprise Zones may be obtained from the California Trade and Commerce Agency at 801 K Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA , 95814, (916) 324-8211.

**To be eligible for the financial hardship status, your playground project must be located within an Enterprise Zone.**

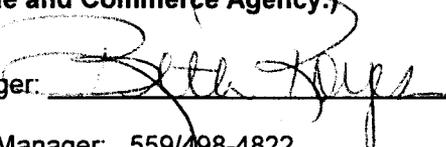
Name of Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Playground: Holmes Playground

Address of Playground: 212 South First Street, Fresno, California 93702

Name of Enterprise Zone: Fresno Enterprise Zone

**By signing this form, I certify that this playground is located within an Enterprise Zone as designated by the California Trade and Commerce Agency.)**

Signature of Enterprise Zone Manager:  Beth Royer

Phone Number of Enterprise Zone Manager: 559/498-4822

**Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department**

**Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2001-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PARK PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM TO REFURBISH THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AT HOLMES PLAYGROUND**

WHEREAS, the voters of California passed the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act). This act authorized the California Integrated Waste Management Board to establish a grant program to: (1) assist local agencies in meeting the State and Federal accessibility standards relating to public playgrounds; and (2) conserve resources and develop markets for recycled-content materials and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Board has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, businesses and non-profit organizations under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is submitting a grant application to refurbish the children's play area at Holmes Playground located at 212 South First Street, Fresno, California 93702; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Integrated Waste Management Board require the applicant to certify by resolution approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, if awarded a grant, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California for development of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fresno hereby:

1. Authorizes the submittal of an application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for a 00/01 Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program to refurbish the children's play area at Holmes Playground; and
2. Authorizes and empowers the Parks and Recreation Director, or his/her designated authorized representative, as agent of the City of Fresno to conduct all negotiations and to execute in the name of the City of Fresno all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, amendments and payment

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved 1/23/01 \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective \_\_\_\_\_

2001-17

requests hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of January, 2001.

AYES: Boyajian, Calhoun, Castillo, Duncan, Quintero, Ronquillo, Perea  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

REBECCA E. KLISCH  
City Clerk

By Rebecca E. Klisch  
~~Deputy~~

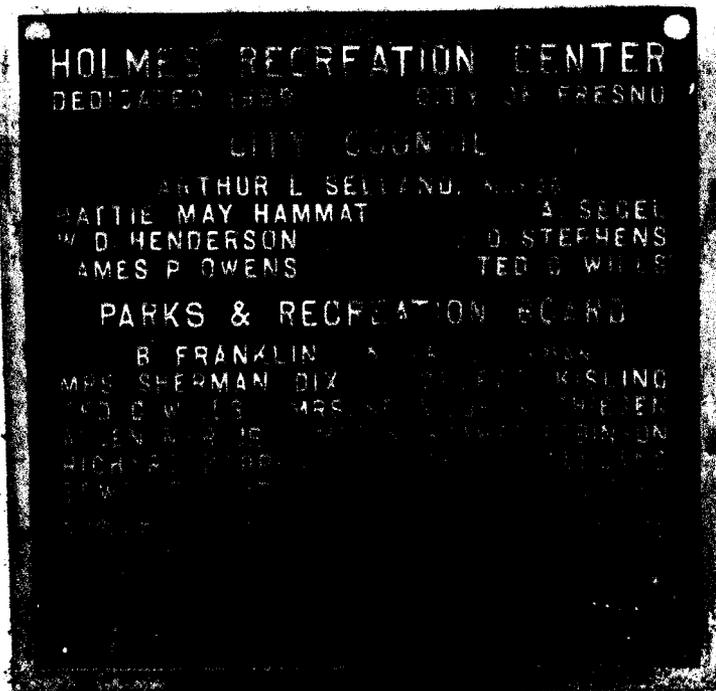
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

HILDA MONTROY-CANTU  
City Attorney

By Robert Lopez  
Deputy

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702



*Holmes Playground  
(Recreation Center)  
Dedication Plaque.*



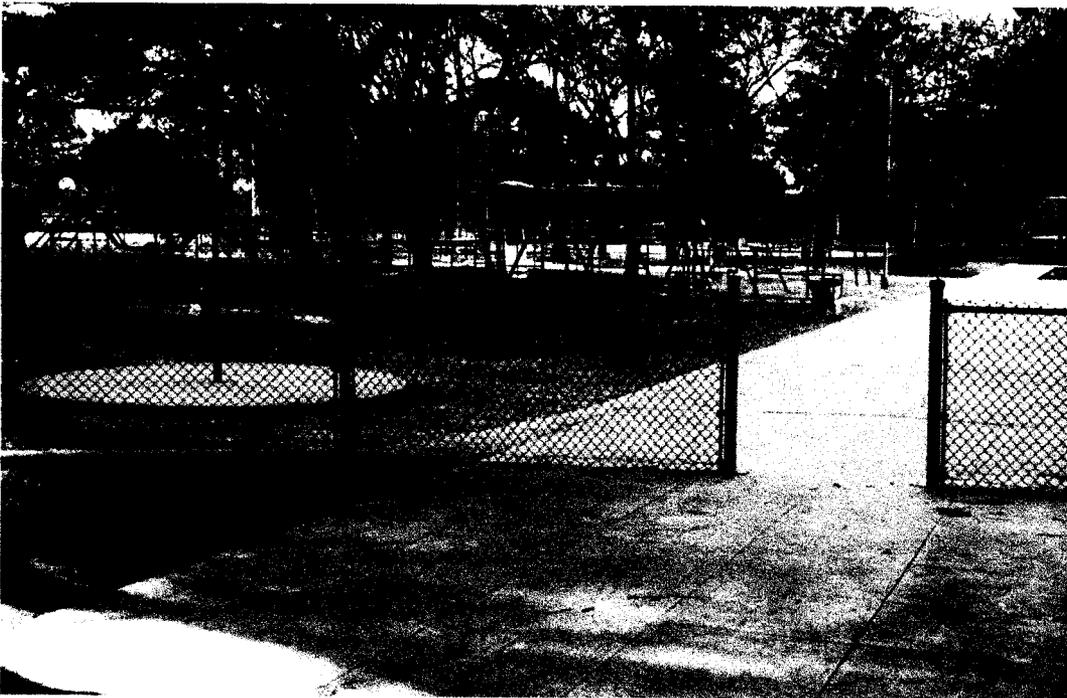
*Curb-cuts will be installed  
in order to provide  
handicap accessible ramps  
to playground perimeter.*

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702



*Parking stalls will be delineated, including additional handicap parking stalls.*



*Entrance gates to children's play area provide additional security to area.*

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Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702



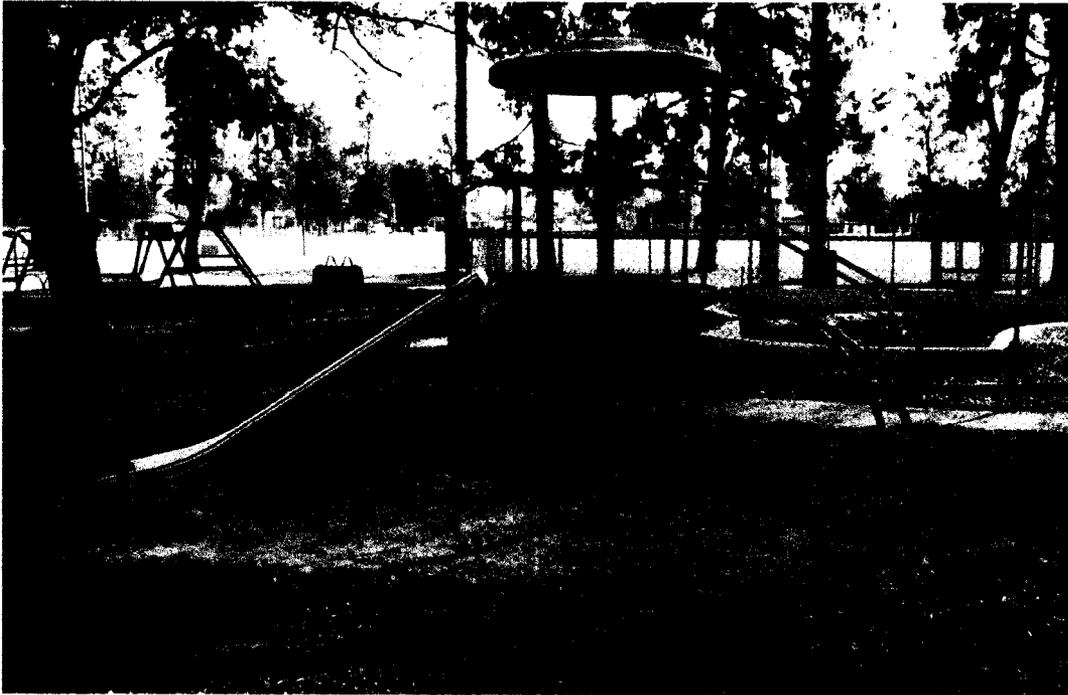
*Project will provide access for mobility-impaired to play area and onto play equipment. This is presently not provided.*



*Existing play equipment is unsafe with numerous entrapments, fall zone, and use zone hazards.*

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

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Composite Slide



Climber

*Equipment, which is safe and accessible to the mobility-impaired, will replace existing old and dangerous equipment.*

**Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department**

**Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702**



*Potentially dangerous equipment will be replaced with safe, accessible and multi-functional play stations.*



*Existing picnic tables adjacent to children's play area will be replaced with ADA compliant tables and walkways installed to provide access to the*

*mobility-impaired.*

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702

# MICHAEL C. MCHATTEN

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Phone (559) 277-8955 • E-mail mmchatten@sprynet.com

## CREDENTIALS

Certified Landscape Technician #8793-sponsored by California Landscape Contractors Association

Qualified Applicator License #QL35053-sponsored by State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation

Hazardous Waste and Emergency Response Certification-in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120 and Cal/OSHA CCR Title 8 GISO 5192

Certified Playground Safety Inspector #4947-1102- sponsored by National Parks and Recreation Assc.

Certified Arborist #WC-5116- sponsored by National Arborist Society

## EDUCATION

1981 - 1988 California State University, Fresno Fresno, CA.

*Bachelors of Plant Science, special emphasis Ornamental Horticulture*

- Deans List 1987
- Ornamental Horticulture Club 1987-88
- Areas of knowledge: Aboriculture, Soil Science, Irrigation Science, Landscape Design, Plant Pathology, Weed Management, Entomology, Turf Production and Management

1999-9/00 California State University, Fresno Fresno, CA.

*Certificate in School Finance/Personnel Management-Emphasis in Public Administration*

- course work completed: Computer Applications, Administration, Management, Leadership, Human Resources, Finance, Budget

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1996 - current Clovis Unified School District Clovis, CA

*Manager of Grounds and Landscape Services*

- To supervise, plan and coordinate the activities and operations of the Grounds and Landscape Division within the Plant Operations Department; to coordinate assigned activities with other divisions, outside agencies and the general public; and to provide highly responsible and complex staff assistance to the Director of Plant Operations.
- Responsibilities and Duties include the following: Coordination of staff. Implementation of goals & objectives. Implementation of policy & procedure. Selection, training & evaluation of employees. Coordination & review of work. Identify opportunities for improving service. Participation in the development and administration of budget. Coordinate operations with outside agencies. Monitor preventative maintenance program. Assist District consultants in planning of new school grounds. Developed and administered Playground Safety Program

1988-1996 Harris Duley/ Harris Landscape Development Inc. Fresno, CA.

*Vice President, Operation Manager*

- Supervision and coordination of personnel for large commercial landscape construction and maintenance company. Coordinated and implemented project design, bidding, cost estimating.

purchasing, sales, and job costing. Worked with accounting department in billing, receiving, budgeting, and cost analysis. Developed employees through hiring, training, and evaluation

1987-1988 H-n-E Nursery Clovis, CA.

*Sales Representative*

- Nursery Product sales. Products included plant material, fertilizers, pesticides, and other nursery products. Advised clients in placement and care of plant material including landscape design, troubleshooting, and chemical recommendations. Compiled special orders, took inventory, and maintained vendor relations.

1984-87 Boulder Creek Landscape Company Fresno, CA.

*Construction Foreman*

- Organized and supervised the construction and maintenance of large commercial and residential landscape projects. Implemented project development. Involved in employee training, customer relations, job costing, and performance records. Familiar with all types of landscape construction and maintenance tools and equipment.
- awarded for three years of dedicated service

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Certified Landscape Technician Judge

Instructor-Monthly Landscape/Gardening Class- sponsored by Fresno Retired Teachers Association

National Playground Safety Institute- Certification Training for Certified Playground Safety Inspector

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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CASBO- California Association of School Business Official

NCTLC- Northern California Turf and Landscape Council

PAPA- Professional Applicators Professional Association

CCTL- Central California Turf and Landscape Council

STMA- Sports Turf Managers Association

CPRS- California Parks and Recreation Society

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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1998-00 Liddell Elementary Parent Faculty Club President/Treasurer- Inaugural president. Developed bylaws, organized meetings, developed agenda, maintained meeting order, organized events. Prepared newsletters, speeches, and reports. Maintained financial records, paid bills, balanced books, developed incorporation of club, filed tax returns. Addressed the School Board as parent representative.

1996-99 Central Valley Youth Soccer League Coach- Level F

1998 Keynote Speaker for Norman Liddell Elementary Dedication Ceremony

1999-00 Liddell Elementary Volunteer of the Year

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702

*National Recreation and Park Association  
National Playground Safety Institute*

*Let it be known that*

*Michael Mc Hatten*

*has met the requirements set forth by the  
National Playground Safety Institute  
and is hereby granted certification as a*

*Certified Playground Safety Inspector*



10/30/99

Date Certified

4947-1102

Certification Number

11/1/02

Expiration Date

Thomas M. Kalousek

Chairperson, NPSI Certification Committee



# California Landscape Contractors Association



Certificate of Achievement

Certified Landscape Technician

*The Certification Committee of CLCA is proud to present to*

*Michael McHatten*

*this Certificate of Achievement recognizing professional status in the Landscape Industry as a fully qualified Certified Landscape Technician.*

*The Certificate holder has met the high standards dictated by the California Landscape Contractors Association and is recognized and accepted by its Members as having achieved Certified Landscape Technician status.*

*The Certification Committee commends the successful examinee for reaching this high level of proficiency demonstrating professionalism in the Landscape Industry.*

*Sharon McGuire*  
Executive Director

*Ken Gerlach, COT* 8793  
State Certification Committee Chairman Number

**Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department**

**Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702**

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(916) 445-4641

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(559) 264-3078

901 TOWER WAY  
SUITE 202  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309  
(661) 323-0442

## California State Senate

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**JIM COSTA**  
SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



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TRANSPORTATION  
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TRADE COMMISSION

January 23, 2001

California Integrated Waste Management Board  
Special Waste Division  
1001 I Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: City of Fresno Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program**

Dear Members of the Board:

Please accept this letter indicating my support for the grant application of \$50,000 submitted to you by the City of Fresno through the "Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program."

If selected for funding, the City will use the grant at Holmes Playground to refurbish the children's play area and equipment. The original metal play equipment, which is 42 years old, would be replaced with new equipment which complies with all State and Federal health and safety laws. The equipment will also be accessible to the mobility-impaired. The play area surface will be refurbished with protective safe-fall materials and better access for physically challenged children and adults will also be provided. It is my understanding that a local grant match of approximately \$60,000 will be made, making the cost \$110,000.

Your favorable consideration of the City of Fresno's application would be most appreciated. Please feel free to contact my office if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

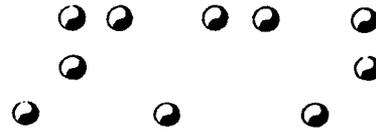
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**JIM COSTA**  
Member of the Senate  
Sixteenth District

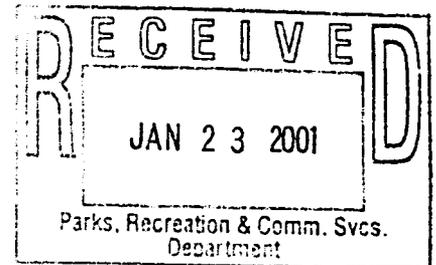
JC: ms

**NOTE:** Local match share has increased to \$84,625.

# FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR THE BLIND



January 18, 2001



Attention: Ronald P. Primavera, Director  
City of Fresno  
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Dept.  
2326 Fresno Street, Room 101  
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Mr. Primavera,

It is our pleasure to support the City of Fresno in their application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for matching funds to refurbish the children's play area and equipment at Holmes Playground.

We are especially pleased that this will enable the City to update the play surfaces and equipment to make it accessible to our clients who are both visually and physically impaired. This will make it possible for our clients who are children as well as adults to utilize the playground with the same ease as other people of all ages.

Friendship Center for the Blind has had a contractual working relationship with the City of Fresno for twenty-five years and have always appreciated their attention to the special needs of people who are blind and visually impaired. They have funded services at our Center and assisted with transportation over the years.

Please give the City of Fresno careful consideration in their application. It is clear that they support the project by the fact that they will be contributing \$60,000 in matching funds from their budget.

Sincerely,

Phillip Kimble, Director

PK:cp

**NOTE:** Local match share has increased to \$84,625.

Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702

***FIRST ARMENIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

**430 South First Street □ Fresno, California 93702-1056**

**Telephone (559) 237-6638 □ Facsimile (559) 237-9526**

*Reverend Bernard Guekguezian*  
*Senior Pastor*

*Reverend Gregory V. Haroutunian*  
*Associate Pastor*

January 19, 2001

Ronald P. Primavera, Director  
Parks, Recreation and  
Community Services Department  
City of Fresno  
2326 Fresno Street, Room 101  
Fresno, California 93721-1824

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Session and Congregation of California's oldest Armenian Church, I am pleased to endorse the City of Fresno's application for a California Integrated Waste Management Board Grant to refurbish the children's play area and equipment at Holmes Playground.

The First Armenian Presbyterian Church relocated to the Huntington-Holmes area of the City of Fresno in March, 1942. For most of the ensuing decades, we have been geographic neighbors of the Holmes Playground. Three generations of our children have played baseball and soccer on its fields, shot baskets in its recreation building, and enjoyed the equipment in the existing play area.

The members and friends of FAPC are deeply gratified by the City's application for a CIWMB grant to refurbish and enhance this neighborhood treasure. Holmes Playground, covered by verdant grass and lined with stately trees, has been a home-away-from-home for countless inner city youth, a venue for the development of athletic skills of sports enthusiasts, and a wooded public garden for weekend picnic and reunion planners.

At a Stated Meeting held earlier this week, our Elders voted unanimously and enthusiastically to concur in the City's application for CIWMB funds to enhance this invaluable recreational facility for use by the mobility-impaired. We commend the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department for its servant leadership in this matter and are happy to lend our support to this most worthy project.

May God's rich blessings be upon all those involved in the grant application process to benefit Holmes Playground and the surrounding neighborhoods. Please feel free to contact us again if we may be of further assistance.

In His Service,



Reverend Bernard Guekguezian

# Center For Independent Living



A Project of CAPH, Inc. - Fresno County Chapter

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January 18, 2001

Ronald P. Primavera, Director  
City of Fresno  
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department  
2326 Fresno Street, Room 101  
Fresno, California 93721-1824

Dear Ronald Primavera:

Our Center is in full support of your submission of a grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to refurbish the children's play area and equipment at Holmes Playground. The intent of the new equipment is to comply with all State and Federal health and safety laws and to allow accessibility to individuals with mobility disabilities. Furthermore, we fully support your efforts to re-do the play area surface, picnic tables, and parking to create equal accessibility for the mobility-impaired.

We look forward to on-going collaboration, as well as participating in future endeavors that will allow mutual opportunities for us, and, most importantly, our consumers to benefit greatly from present and future equal accessibility endeavors. If CIWMB have any questions, they are welcome to contact one of us at the above numbers.

Sincerely,

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Fran Phillips  
Co-Executive Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robin Libbee".

Robin Libbee  
Co-Executive Director

Cc: Letter of Support File

**Grant Applicant: City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Department**

**Name of Park Playground and Location: Holmes Playground, 212 S. First St., Fresno, CA 93702**



**Fresno County  
Economic Opportunities Commission**

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*"People Helping People"*

Moses Stites  
*Board Chairperson*

Roger Palomino  
*Executive Director*

January 11, 2001

Ronald P. Primavera, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department  
City of Fresno  
2326 Fresno Street, Room 101  
Fresno, CA 93721-1824

RE: LETTER SUPPORTING YOUR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE  
MANAGEMENT BOARD TO REFURBISH HOLMES PLAYGROUND

Dear Mr. Primavera:

I am pleased to hear that your department is submitting a grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board requesting support for improvements to Holmes Playground which will bring it into compliance with federal and state health and safety laws, as well as make it accessible to the mobility-impaired.

EOC's Local Conservation Corps (LCC) enthusiastically supports your proposal. As we have on numerous occasions in the past, we are prepared to support your proposal by providing professionally supervised work crews, as you wish. These projects provide valuable training to our corpsmembers and teach the importance of neighborhood investment to improve quality of life.

We are most grateful for our partnership with the city's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and wish you favorable consideration of your proposal by the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul McLain', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul McLain  
Local Conservation Corps Director