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Subject: **Grant Applications Update**

The Holt Group, Inc. prepared a number of grant applications from various agencies during the past year. The following is a status summary of each of those grants.

AB617 Urban Greening and Paving Projects through the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (APCD)

Project Name	Description	Grant Amount
Children's Park Tree Planting	15 trees	\$16,421.25
Estancia Park Tree Planting	54 trees	\$23,893.50
Tito Huerta Park Tree Planting	95 trees	\$35,753.50
Wastewater Treatment Plant Trees	100 trees	\$51,997.50
Water Treatment Plant Trees	7 trees	\$15,558.50
Water Treatment Plant Paving	14,210 square feet of paving at the entrance of the WTP.	\$81,925
Total:		\$225,549.25

Status:

All grant applications have been approved by the APCD and have been submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for review. Upon approval by CARB, contracts will be forwarded to HPUD for review and execution. The Imperial County Board of Supervisors will also need to approve the contract. CARB is expected to conduct their public meeting on APCD's recommendations in November or December 2021. Based on previous program years, CARB has approved all recommendations made by Imperial County APCD.

USDA Community Facilities Grant Program

Project Name	Description	Grant Amount
Heber Recreation Center Parking Lot	Remove and repave parking lot	\$64,900

Heber Recreation Center Equipment	Purchase and install computer equipment, cabinets, and miscellaneous furniture	\$44,991
Heber Recreation Center Patio	Construct shade, handwashing station, and related items at the rear of the recreation center	\$55,932
Total:		\$165,823
Local Match:		\$41,456

Status:

USDA approved all three applications. A letter of conditions was forwarded to HPUD. The Grant Program is based on reimbursement and HPUD may now begin to purchase equipment and begin bidding on the construction projects. All funds must be expended within one year.

Statewide Parks Program (SPP) through the State Department of Parks and Recreation

Project Name	Description	Grant Amount
Correll Park	Re-grade the existing retention basin and install a small park at street level. A sports field is also planned for the bottom of the retention basin.	\$1,579,566
Amistad Park	Construct new park at the vacant 19-acre property west of the wastewater treatment plant. The new park will include soccer fields, baseball diamond, basketball courts, and an aquatic center with a splashpad.	\$8,500,000
Edward "Jiggs" Johnson Park	Installation of shaded exercise equipment and a prefabricated restroom with lighting.	\$450,125
Total:		\$10,529,691

Status:

A field visit was conducted by the State Parks and Recreation on July 2, 2021. SPP Applications are still under review by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Decisions and notifications are anticipated to go underway starting in late fall or early winter.

Alley Behind Children's Park

HPUD initiated a request with the County of Imperial to abandon the alley adjacent to Children's Park in the hopes of extending the park grounds and establishing a paved walking trail. The request was initiated in November 2020. The County responded on January 13, 2021 stating the need to address issues related to residential access, emergency vehicle access, and utility easements. The County stated that they will be bringing forth an action to the County Board of Supervisors but no action has taken place to date. Ms. Fischer followed up on April 8, 2021 with Tony Rouhoutas. The County wanted to set up a meeting between HPUD and County staff, but no meeting has occurred. The Holt Group followed up again on September 9, 2021. The County is supportive of abandoning the alley but no action has taken place.