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MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT MAKING GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

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The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) is making grants available for environmental preservation and protection projects within its boundaries.

Local public agencies and community groups within the district may apply for funding for projects that improve community or neighborhood parks, protect open space resources or preserve coastal areas.

The funding was made available by voter passage in 2004 of The Park District's Parks, Open Space and Coastal Preservation measure. The deadline is Friday, September 16, to apply for fiscal year 2011-2012 funding.

A total of \$70,000 is available.

For applications and more information, contact Shuran Britton at The Park District at 372-3196, ext. 1, or you can download the form and guidelines at <http://www.mprpd.org/index.cfm/id/6/News-Announcements/>.

Since approval of the measure in 2004, The Park District has awarded about 30 grants totaling \$418,500. Amounts have ranged from \$5,000 to \$52,500. Projects have included park improvements, trail and habitat restoration, walkway repair, landscaping, a children's garden and nursery, and

Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades.

The MPRPD boundaries include the all seven cities on the Monterey Peninsula – Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City and Seaside -- as well as the unincorporated areas of Big Sur, Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach.

The Park District was created by area voters in 1972. It has preserved and protected over 20,000 acres of parklands and open space, contributing significantly to the quality of life for local residents and visitors alike.

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