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Supervisor approves \$1.6 million in Keller Canyon grants

MARTINEZ (Aug. 17, 2006) -- The Board of Supervisors Aug. 15 unanimously approved the allocation plan of the Keller Canyon Landfill Mitigation Funds.

Over \$1.6 million will be distributed to 87 county agencies and East County nonprofit organizations. The grants for a wide array of projects include providing dictionaries to students and drug education programs to paying for extra personnel to enforce the building code in Bay Point and Bethel Island.

"The work being done by the nonprofit groups and the county are important to East County," said District 5 Supervisor Federal Glover. "Since there are tight restrictions on the county budget this year, the grants are even more vital. Thank goodness for the Keller funds."

The mitigation fund was established to help those communities which were most affected by the location of the Keller Canyon Landfill off of Bailey Road in Pittsburg. Former District 5 (Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley, Bethel Island) Supervisors Tom Torlakson and Joe Canciamilla, and now current Supervisor Glover, reviewed applications for the annual grants and have used the funds to help fill the needs of East County communities and organizations which serve the residents of District 5.

Some of the groups that received funds include: Ambrose Recreation and Park District, Bay Point Partnership, Youth Gang/Narcotic Intervention, City of Pittsburg, Midnight Basketball League, East County Boys & Girls Club, Give Always To Others (GATO), La Clinica de la Raza, Los Medanos College Foundation, Pittsburg

Arts Collaborative, the Municipal Advisory Committees of Bay Point, Bethel Island, Byron and the Knightsen TAC and the Discovery Bay Community Service District.



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