

RichPEP

Richmond Park Equity Project

A Black and Brown resident-led movement for park equity in Richmond, California

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Who takes care of Richmond's parks and who pays for it?

The responsibilities for planning, funding, building, improving, maintaining, and activating parks are distributed across **three different departments** in the City of Richmond. This diagram does not account for the important and influential role that community organizations play in all parts of the parks ecosystem in Richmond. As a part of RichPEP, **the community-based advisory group will produce a diagram that reflects the full network of parks stewardship.**



General fund revenue comes in part from local property taxes and sales taxes, and it funds the city's core government services, including parks and recreation.

Grant funding administered by regional, state, and federal agencies can be an additional source of park funding, especially for bigger projects.

While both of these are current sources of funding for parks in Richmond, **they can change from year to year, making planning difficult and leaving parks underfunded.**



Are there other ways to fund parks in Richmond?

New residential and mixed-use development projects are generally required to provide new green space and often pay impact fees that can be used to support parks. Commercial development may also present opportunities to create new park funding sources through

other taxes or fees. While new development can provide some funding opportunities, it is relatively small when compared to the costs of new park development. **The Richmond Park Equity Project is studying a wide range of funding strategies and mechanisms for parks in Richmond.**

