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City of Beaumont Secures \$3.1 Million for Stewart Park and \$167,000 for Traffic Enforcement Initiatives

Beaumont, CA— The City of Beaumont is pleased to announce the successful acquisition of two significant grants aimed at enhancing community spaces and bolstering public safety. A total of \$3.1 million has been secured for improvements at Stewart Park Phase II, alongside \$167,000 dedicated to police enforcement initiatives.

Stewart Park Enhancements

The \$3.1 million federal grant funding from the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program will fund a complete redevelopment of Stewart Park. As one of 54 projects selected nationwide, this funding will help support the city's ongoing efforts to create a vibrant central hub that encourages outdoor activity and social interaction in the heart of Downtown Beaumont.

Phase II will focus on a secondary playground, enhancements to the skate park, relocation of the basketball court, bandshell, pickleball striping, and picnic shelters. The project is expected to be complete by December 2025 pending the completion of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.

"This investment in Stewart Park and our pursuit of grant funding truly reflects our commitment to providing safe and enjoyable spaces for our residents," said Mayor David Fenn. "We are excited to see that our central park was among those selected to receive this ORLP grant."

Police Enforcement Initiatives

In addition to the park enhancements, the city has secured \$167,000 grant funding from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for traffic enforcement initiatives. This funding will be used to implement awareness campaigns and enforcement operations to enhance community policing efforts.

"We are extremely grateful for this grant which will enhance our ability to keep the streets of Beaumont safer for everyone," said Police Chief Sean Thuilliez. "These funds will allow us to strengthen our traffic enforcement efforts which promotes more responsible driving behaviors."

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