

Will Long Beach City Gov. allow a skate park to be installed at McBride Park without allowing the homeowners and residents of the community around McBride Park an opportunity to view the skate park plans and provide input?

Will the Long Beach City Gov. use any money from the general fund to finance the skate park at McBride Park?

I have received an email from the Tony Hawks Foundation regarding their awards for skate parks. I do not see any grants for a skate park in Long Beach, Ca.

I suspect the Tony Hawks Foundation has discovered some of the things that the community around McBride Park already knew.

The park is too small to have a skate park within its borders.

The community does not want a skate park inches from homes.

The skate park would be in an area that is unsafe for skaters. MLK is the only through street in the community and the traffic makes it unsafe for skaters.

The skate park will be too close to the senior center.

The skate park will be too close to the crime infested men's gym, too close to the local church and the local high school.

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Aloha To A New Skatepark On The Big Island

Tony Hawk Foundation awards top grant to Hawaiian skaters.

12/23/10 (Vista, CA) – Members of Hawaii's Honokaa Skate Club have an extra reason to celebrate over the Holidays. Their skatepark project was chosen by the Tony Hawk Foundation Board of Directors as the organization's top award recipient for its Fall 2010 skatepark grants.

A total of \$135,000 was awarded to 15 projects across the U.S., with the Hawaiians receiving \$25,000. This is the ninth year the Tony Hawk Foundation has assisted low-income communities nationwide in the development of free, quality, public skatepark projects that serve at-risk youth. To-date, the Foundation has awarded over \$3.4-million to 467 projects in 49 states. Honokaa is the fifth project in Hawaii to receive financial assistance from the Tony Hawk Foundation, but the only one to have won the top grant.

Consisting of local skaters, as well as parents, educators, and business leaders, the Honokaa Skate Club is a truly grassroots organization that has generated support for the skatepark project throughout the community, and tapped every available resource to control costs and plan a world-class skatepark in the small town on the Big Island. Their modest budget hasn't limited the group's ambitions, as they move closer to their goal of building a 12,500-square-foot custom-concrete skate haven.

Other communities to receive skatepark grants from the Tony Hawk Foundation this season stretch from California to Maine.

Fall 2010 Tony Hawk Foundation Grant Recipients

- Honokaa, Hawaii - \$25,000 (Youth Horizons Hawaii)
- Marysville, California - \$10,000 (Sutter Yuba Friday Night Live, Inc.)
- Arvada, Colorado - \$10,000 (City of Arvada)
- Oskaloosa, Iowa - \$10,000 (Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation)
- Lewiston, Idaho - \$10,000 (City of Lewiston)
- Villa Park, Illinois - \$10,000 (Village of Villa Park)
- Gordon, Nebraska - \$10,000 (City Of Gordon)
- Burlington, Vermont - \$10,000 (Burlington Community and Economic Development Office)
- Bingen, Washington - \$10,000 (Town of Bingen)
- American Falls, Idaho - \$5,000 (AF IMPACT)
- Old Orchard Beach, Maine - \$5,000 (Town of Old Orchard Beach)
- Chatham, New York - \$5,000 (The Crellin Park Foundation, Inc.)
- Tonawanda, New York - \$5,000 (American Legion Post 0264)
- Silverton, Oregon - \$5,000 (City of Silverton)
- Altoona, Pennsylvania - \$5,000 (Central Bair County Parks and Recreation Commission)

Tony Hawk Foundation skatepark grants are offered twice annually. Applications for the Spring 2011 grant season will be available on the Foundation's Web site on January 15. Applications are due March 1, 2011. For more information about the Tony Hawk Foundation and its Grant Program, visit



Members of the Honokaa Skate Club check out their skatepark design.



Soon skaters young and old will have a place to meet and ride in town.



The 12,500 square-foot concrete dream.

<http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org>.

A charitable, non-profit organization, the Tony Hawk Foundation was established in 2002 by its namesake, professional skateboarder Tony Hawk, to promote and provide funds for high quality public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States, with an emphasis on the word "quality." Since then, the Foundation has awarded \$3,486,300 to 467 communities. The Foundation focuses on working with local officials and grassroots, community-based organizations that plan to hire designers and contractors with strong experience designing and building skateparks.

The Tony Hawk Foundation was established by a gift from Tony Hawk. Its directors raise additional funds through events, industry donations, and continuing contributions from Tony and other entities. In addition to skateparks, the Foundation also makes donations to other children-related charities, as chosen by its Board Of Directors. For more information or to make a donation, visit the Web site at <http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org>

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