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San Jose Parks Foundation Awards Grants to Local Organizations for Clean and Healthy Guadalupe and Coyote Watershed Program

San Jose Parks Foundation has awarded funding to a handful of local groups as part of the first round of funding for the **Clean and Healthy Guadalupe and Coyote Watershed Program**. The program seeks to address these three objectives:

1. Mitigate the impact of trash and bacteria discharges in Coyote Creek or the Guadalupe River;
2. Improve water quality in Coyote Creek or the Guadalupe River;
3. Restore habitat on Coyote Creek or the Guadalupe River.

San Jose Parks Foundation has been involved in providing administrative and funding support for several groups that have been involved in cleaning both waterways. A \$1 Million fund created by a settlement negotiated by **San Francisco Baykeeper** has been designated for these purposes and will be allocated over the next 5 years under the direction of **San Jose Parks Foundation**.

San Jose Parks Foundation designed the grants program, establishing criteria, measurement and monitoring. A panel of environmental experts volunteered to help create guidelines for the grants program, developed a process for submission and review. Finally, the panel reviewed the applications and decided on funding. The panel selected the following groups for funding for the initial funding cycle from December 2016 through June 2017:

Awards for the Clean & Healthy Guadalupe and Coyote Watershed Grants

Guadalupe River Park Conservancy to purchase equipment that will allow GRPG to expand its ongoing river cleanup activities.

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful for two cleanup and restoration projects.

South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition for the Team 222 project which involves organized volunteers cleaning watershed areas.

Santa Clara County Clean Creek Coalition for the educational components of its Trash Removal and Community Engagement projects.

San Jose Bike Party for the proposed “Guadalupe/Coyote Cleanup” project.

San Jose Parks Foundation is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for San Jose's parks and trails and the programs within them, by empowering residents and volunteers and securing private donations.

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