



CONCEPTS

PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

A PARK AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS' GLOSSARY

WORDS, PHRASES AND ACRONYMS

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Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – A program for expanding the capital assets of an organization through the acquisition of real property or the development of facilities permanently fixed to the land. See **Acquisition, Capital Outlay, Development, Labor /Supply Offset** and **Land Use Element**.

Capital Outlay/Capital Equipment – Typically a “large ticket” item in terms of its cost, such as office furniture, fleet equipment, data processing equipment, park maintenance equipment etc. See **Acquisition** and **Capital Improvement Program**.

Capital Outlay Budget – The financial plan of capital project expenditures for the fiscal year, including land acquisition, facilities construction, major rehabilitation, modification of existing facilities, and the equipment which is related to such construction. See **Budget, Expenditure, and Fund**.

Capital Projects – The acquisition or development of a park facility, parkland or community center.

Capital Support – Funds provided for endowment purposes such as buildings, construction or equipment. See **Endowment**.

Carrying Capacity – The level of land use, human activity or development for a specific area that can be accommodated permanently without an irreversible reduction in the quality of air, water, land, or plant and animal habitats. It may also refer to the upper limits beyond which the quality of human life, health, welfare, safety, or community character within an area will be impaired. Carrying capacity is a concept used to determine the potential of an area to absorb development and use. See **Allowable Use Intensity** and **Development**.

Carryover – Appropriated funds that remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year and are retained by the department and re-appropriated so that they may be expended in the next fiscal year. See **Ending Fund Balance, Fiscal Year, and Fund**.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance – Official 5-digit identification number assigned to a Federal program and published in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. This entry also identifies the official program title of the Federal program.

Categorical Exemption – A CEQA determination for the potential environmental impacts of a project on the environment. A categorical exemption can only be used when the project fits within one of the 32 classes of projects determined to be usually exempt from CEQA under the State CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines Code § 15301 – 15332). An exemption cannot be used when a project may result in a significant impact to the environment (Guidelines Code § 15300.2). See **Alternatives** and **CEQA**.
<http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/> and <http://opr.ca.gov>

Categorical Grant – A grant given to support an activity in a specific category such as health, the arts, education, transportation, public safety, etc. Some categories may be broader than others, i.e., health – adolescent pregnancy prevention, or general, i.e., health – senior citizen.