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Leveraged funding is a key program goal in the Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance (Chapter 18.04). Watershed Coordinators play a supporting role in “identify[ing] potential partners and additional sources of funding to augment and leverage SCW Program revenues” for Safe, Clean Water Regional Program projects (Chapter 18.07). This funding report provides a landscape overview of recent funding policy highlights and shares currently active and upcoming funding opportunities that may be relevant to Safe, Clean Water Program infrastructure projects.

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## POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

### **Federal Highlights**

The funding landscape within the United States has changed drastically within the last few years. Bipartisan efforts in government have prioritized “generational investments” in response to aging infrastructure across industries and geographies, while simultaneously addressing increasing social, economic, and environmental needs.

Currently, the United States federal funding landscape is aligned with the Biden Administration's “Build Back Better” approach. Two of the largest investments are the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), which commits over \$973 billion, and the [Inflation Reduction Act](#), which commits over \$370 billion. Federal agencies such as the [U.S. Department of Energy](#), [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#), and the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#) are structured under these programs, and have increased capacity and responsibility to support infrastructure improvements, climate action, and social or economic progress using a combination of incentives, tax credits, direct investment, and competitive grants. The funding programs offered by these, and all other federal funders, have varying amounts allocated to them, shifting deadlines, and unprecedented demand as they continue to distribute funds from a renewed nation-wide federal investment in social, physical, and natural infrastructure.

### **State Highlights**

At the state level, California has followed suit, not only leveraging funds allocated by the federal government, but also by aligning its own state budget with federal priorities. These budget priorities include [climate action](#) (which commits \$50B+ over five years starting in 2021), [labor and workforce development](#) (which commits over \$2 billion), and [infrastructure](#) (which commits over \$51 billion through funds allocated to the state through federal legislation in conjunction with state funds). California has also included several “urgency” bills in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget that provide a more streamlined path to mitigating the impacts of extreme weather events and other environmental factors. These policies include Senate Bills 145, 146, 147, 149, and 150 which, respectively, streamline implementation of mitigation measures for Caltrans projects, give the state’s Department of Transportation more compliance authority over NEPA regulations, provides the state’s Department of Fish and Wildlife with more flexible permitting abilities surrounding the taking of species, streamlines CEQA litigation procedures, and adds workforce and community benefit requirements into infrastructure investments related to federal funding under the state’s management.

On January 10, 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom released the [proposed Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024-25 proposed budget](#). This proposed budget will undergo revisions and will be implemented beginning July 1, 2024. The Governor’s FY24-25 proposed budget will manage a statewide budget shortfall of \$37.9 million through funding reductions, delays, shifts, and reversions (Table I).



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**Table I. FY24-25 Proposed Budget Percent Reduction Compared to 2021 and 2022 Budget Act Allocations\***

Topic Area	Percent Reduction
Water	16
Nature-Based Solutions	13
Wildlife and Forest Resilience	4
Extreme Heat	78
Community Resilience	37
Coastal Resilience	49

*\*Comparisons made to 2021 and 2022 budgets, as stated in FY24-25 Proposed Budget Summary text.*

In order to maximize the potential for success, it is important to stay apprised of legislative trends and funding opportunities, how they interact with one another, and most importantly, how they may affect an applicant's eligibility or a project's development and cost.

## ACTIVE & ONGOING FUNDING OPPORTUNITES

The programs highlighted below are potential funding opportunities that may be the most relevant to Safe, Clean Water Program projects. These programs are currently open and accepting applications, updated through January 23, 2024. See the attached funding matrix for a more extensive list of relevant funding opportunities.

**[California Department of Water Resources' \(DWR\) Urban Streams Restoration Program \(USRP\)](#)** funds projects to restore streams, impacted by urban development, to a more natural state. Project types include stream cleanups, bank stabilization projects, revegetation, recontouring of channels to improve floodplain functions and localized flood protection, and acquisition of strategic floodplain properties. Grant administration for the USRP is now combined with the [Riverine Stewardship Program](#); however, each program has separate grant guidelines. The USRP funds projects across California and has a **continuous application cycle**. A major objective of the USRP is community engagement and support. Grant applications must have two applicants: one local public agency or non-profit organization and one local community group. There is a 20% non-state cost share requirement for projects funded with Proposition 68 funds. The cost share requirement may be waived for disadvantaged communities.

**[California Wildlife Conservation Board \(WCB\) General Grants](#)** funds planning, implementation, acquisition, technical assistance, and scientific study projects that provide one or more of the following benefits: 1) Protect or enhanced biodiversity; 2) Climate change resiliency and connectivity; 3) Support State Wildlife Action Plan priority habitats; 4) Conserved or enhanced working landscapes; 5) Conserved or enhanced water-related projects; and 6) Enhanced public access. The **application cycle is continuous**, and it is recommended that applicants first consult WCB staff prior to completing a Pre-Application. Award amounts vary based on current available funds and the application pool. Funding amounts are determined by the WCB voting board and grants manager. There is no cost-share requirement.

**[Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District's \(RPOSD\) Community-Based Park Investment - Measure A Annual Allocations Grant Program](#)** funds development, acquisition, planning, and design projects that promote community-based park investments. Project types can include but are not



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limited to: community and local parks (including pocket parks, playgrounds, and park equipment), community recreational centers, park safety, greenspace and greenway development, gardens, and urban canopy development. This RPOSD grant program is part of Measure A Annual Allocations and is funded annually by 13 percent of the Measure A expenditure plan. Allocations are calculated for each Study Area. Funds are replenished each fall **with a rolling grant application period**. There is no cost-share requirement.

**[California State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\)](#)** offers low-cost financing for a wide variety of wastewater and water quality projects, including funding for water reuse and stormwater projects. Financing is offered through low-interest loans (at half the general obligation bond rate, currently 3% as of October 2023). Stormwater mitigation projects are also eligible for loan forgiveness. California's CWSRF receives annual funds from principal and interest on past loans, federal allocations, periodic allocations to the State Water Board from the California annual budget, and other funds approved by California voters such as Proposition 1 and Proposition 68. The California CWSRF offers an average of \$736 million in financing annually. Applications are accepted on a **rolling basis and are reviewed at the end of the calendar year**. Projects in small (defined as less than 20,000 people) and/or disadvantaged communities are prioritized for grant funding and principal loan forgiveness. Specific funding percentages and caps change by the year but are developed annually through a stakeholder-driven process and released in that year's [Intended Use Plan](#). Some public entities are unable to apply for the CWSRF financing due to conflicting requirements with existing debt.

**[United States Environmental Protection Agency's \(US EPA\) Community Change Grant](#)**

The Community Change Grant Program (CCG) is the US EPA's largest funding program coming out of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), with approximately \$2 billion in funding. The CCG will support comprehensive community and place-based approaches to address environmental and climate injustices for communities facing legacy pollution, climate change, and persistent disinvestment. These concentrated local investments will fund community-driven, change-making projects that center collaborative efforts for healthier, safer, and more prosperous communities. Two funding tracks are available: Track I – Community-Driven Investments for Change and Track II – Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance. Track I grant awards will range from \$10-20 million and Track II awards will range from \$1-3 million. Eligible entities include a partnership between two community-based organizations (CBOs) or a partnership between a CBO and a federally recognized tribe, local government, or higher education institution. The grant opened November 21, 2023 and will be **accepting applications on a rolling basis through November 21, 2024** or earlier, when all funds are awarded. The period of performance cannot exceed three years and all funds must be awarded by September 30, 2026. There are no cost-share requirements.

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## UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The programs highlighted below are upcoming funding opportunities that are expected to open in the future and may be the most relevant to Safe, Clean Water Program projects. These programs are not yet open nor are accepting applications, as of January 23, 2024. Tracking upcoming funding opportunities can be advantageous in strategizing future funding. If an upcoming opportunity is a strong match, consider providing a public comment on draft grant guidelines or Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), or establish early connections with the grant program manager. See the funding matrix attached for a more extensive list of relevant funding opportunities.

**[California Transportation Commission's Active Transportation Program \(ATP\)](#)** funds both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that promote increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP program held a kick-off workshop on August 16, 2023 for the next round of funding (Cycle 7). More information on Cycle 7 is forthcoming.



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[Integrated Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Program’s \(ICARP\) Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program](#) funds planning and implementation projects that reduce the impacts of extreme heat and build community resilience. Administered by the California Office of Planning and Research, the Program will build frameworks for change and invest in local, regional, and tribal projects that strengthen communities that are vulnerable to heat. The ICARP program plans to award a total of \$36 million in grants for the first funding round, with 40% of total funds allocated to planning grants and 60% of total funds for implementation grants. Draft Grant Guidelines were released on October 12, 2023, and the following information is subject to change in the Final Grant Guidelines. Final Grant Guidelines are expected to be released in Quarter 1 of 2024. The ICARP Program’s funding categories are: Small Planning Grants (\$100,000 and \$250,000), Large Planning Grants (\$300,000 and \$750,000), Small Implementation Grants (\$100,000 and \$450,000), and Large Implementation Grants (\$500,000 and \$5 million). No match funding is required. Implementation grants may fall under four tracks: Track A) Build Public Awareness and Notification, Track B) Strengthen Community Services and Response, Track C) Increase Resilience of Our Built Environment, and Track D) Utilize Nature-based Solutions. More information on this program is forthcoming.

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## SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FUNDING HIGHLIGHT

### **Round 5 Infrastructure Program Funding Memos**

Funding Memos are now part of Round 5 of the Safe, Clean Water Program Infrastructure Program projects. Memos were shared with project proponents and Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) for all Infrastructure Program projects that receive a passing score by the Scoring Committee. Funding memos can be found on the Safe, Clean Water Program website under the respective WASC page.

Many Round 5 Infrastructure Program projects claimed Open Space/Recreation, Vegetation, and Extreme Heat Benefits in their project applications. Based on these trends, the top relevant funding opportunities identified included [Los Angeles County RPOSD Measure A Allocation Grant Programs](#) and [ICARP’s Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program](#).

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Funding programs change frequently. The identified funding opportunities compiled are a list of potentially relevant opportunities, updated as of January 23, 2024. Further research should verify project-specific eligibility requirements, latest funding levels, and appropriate timelines. Use the links attached to research these programs further. If you are unsure about your project eligibility or competitiveness, reaching out to program coordinators via contact emails or webinars is a good way to get your questions answered. The [Federal Grants Portal](#), [California Grants Portal](#) and [California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fairs](#) can serve as additional resources to identify funding opportunities.

**Safe, Clean Water Program - Funding Matrix**

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Program	Theme	Status	Geography	Agency	Purpose / Goals	Eligible Applicants	Eligible Use of Funds	Project Type	Match Requirement	Funding Terms	Timing and Recurrence
Name of Program	Topic Area(s) of Focus	Active or Upcoming?	National, State, Regional	Name of Agency	Program Purpose / Goals	Eligible Applicant Types	Eligible use and eligible projects	Project phase (find question / page number)	Y / N?	Min & Max Award Amount and Other Considerations	Frequency and Cycles
<a href="#">Wildlife Conservation Board - Grants</a>	Habitat Restoration / Conservation	Active	National	Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	WCB funds acquisition, restoration, and public access projects throughout the State. Fish and Game Code (FGC) section 1300 et seq., authorizes the WCB Board to acquire property on behalf of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and award grants for fish and wildlife habitat conservation, restoration, and for development of compatible public access facilities. WCB envisions a future in which California's wildlife, biodiversity and wild places are effectively conserved for the benefit of present and future generations.	Nonprofit, local government agencies, federal agencies, state agencies, CA Native American Tribes	The program provides funding support for planning, implementation, acquisition, technical assistance, and scientific studies. All projects shall provide one or more of the following benefits, as identified in WCB's Strategic Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protected or enhanced biodiversity;</li> <li>Climate change resiliency and connectivity;</li> <li>Support of the State Wildlife Action Plan priority habitats;</li> <li>Conserved or enhanced working landscapes;</li> <li>Conserved or enhanced water-related projects; and / or</li> <li>Enhanced public access.</li> </ul>	Planning / Implementation / Acquisition / Technical Assistance / Scientific Studies	Not required.	Not specified.	Continuous application cycle. Pre-application process and selected applicants invited to complete full application.
<a href="#">Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program - ICARP</a>	Urban Heat	Upcoming	State	CA Office of Planning and Research	The Program will build frameworks for change and invest in local, regional, and tribal projects that strengthen communities that are vulnerable to heat.	Public agencies, Academic Institutions, California Native American tribes, Community-based organizations, non-profit organizations	Implementation grants may fall under four tracks: Track A) Build Public Awareness and Notification, Track B) Strengthen Community Services and Response, Track C) Increase Resilience of Our Built Environment, and Track D) Utilize Nature-based Solutions.	Planning / Implementation	Not required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Planning Grants (\$100,000 and \$250,000)</li> <li>Large Planning Grants (\$300,000 and \$750,000)</li> <li>Small Implementation Grants (\$100,000 and \$450,000)</li> <li>Large Implementation Grants (\$500,000 and \$5 million).</li> </ul>	Cycle: Three phases. Draft guidelines were released on October 12, 2023. The ICARP program plans to award a total of \$36 million in grants for the first funding round, with 40% of total funds allocated to planning grants and 60% of total funds for implementation grants.
<a href="#">Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program</a>	Habitat Restoration / Conservation / Education	Active	National	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	The Program focuses on the stewardship and restoration of coastal, wetland, and riparian ecosystems across the country. Its goal is to meet the conservation needs of important species and habitats, providing measurable and meaningful conservation, and educational outcomes. The program requires the establishment and / or enhancement of diverse partnerships and an education / outreach component that will help shape and sustain behavior to achieve conservation goals.	Public agencies, tribal communities, educational institutions	Funding priorities for this program include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-the-ground wetland, riparian, in-stream, and / or coastal habitat restoration</li> <li>Meaningful education and training activities, either through community outreach, participation, and / or integration with K-12 environmental curriculum</li> <li>Measurable ecological, educational and community benefits</li> <li>Engage a diverse group of community partners to achieve ecological and educational outcomes</li> </ul>	Planning / Implementation	1:1 matching to be considered competitive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum: \$20,000</li> <li>Maximum: \$50,000</li> <li>Average size of \$40,000 and about 50 grants awarded per year.</li> <li>Grants should span 12 to 18 months.</li> </ul>	Uses federal budget appropriations from US EPA, NFWF, and USFS. Matches using corporate sponsor dollars. Annually. Current round closes January 31, 2024.
<a href="#">Neighborhood Parks, Health Communities, Urban Greening Program - Measure A Annual Allocation Grant Program</a>	Parks / Green Space / Recreation	Active	Regional	Los Angeles County Regional Parks Open Space District	Measure A funds are derived from an annual special tax on property within LA County. Measure A funds go into seven funding categories. Each funding program category supports specific funding programs, one of them being annual allocations. Annual allocation grant programs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community-based park investments, neighborhood parks, health communities, and urban greening;</li> <li>County cultural facilities;</li> <li>County priority projects (i.e., the District's Board of Directors may allocate up to 2% of total Measure A funds collected each year for eligible projects);</li> <li>The allocation to the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation;</li> <li>The allocation to the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors; and</li> <li>Innovation Grant Program.</li> </ul>	LA County public agencies that oversee parks. High-need or very-high-need study areas are identified in the most current Park Needs Assessment or Urban Park Needs Assessment.	Project types can include but are not limited to: community and local parks (including pocket parks), playgrounds, and park equipment; community recreational centers; park safety; greenspace and park development; gardens; and urban canopy development.	Planning / Implementation	Not specified.	Annual funding allocated to High-Need or Very-High-Need Study Areas.	Funds replenish every fall. Can only apply for available funds. Rolling application, no deadline. 13% of Measure A expenditure plan
<a href="#">Community-based Park Investment Program - Measure A Annual Allocation Grant Program</a>	Parks / Green Space / Recreation	Active	Regional	Los Angeles County Regional Parks Open Space District	Measure A funds are derived from an annual special tax on property within LA County. Measure A funds go into seven funding categories. Each funding program category supports specific funding programs, one of them being annual allocations. Measure A annual allocation funds go into five funding categories: Community-based park investment; neighborhood parks, healthy communities, and urban greening; county cultural facilities; county priority projects; the allocation to the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation; the allocation to the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors; the Innovation Grant Program.	LA County public agencies that oversee parks	Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is in the Study Area or meets the requirements for shared funds;</li> <li>The project is a capital project; or</li> <li>The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool.</li> </ul> Project types can include but are not limited to: community and local parks (including pocket parks), playgrounds, and park equipment; community recreational centers; park safety; greenspace and park development; gardens; and urban canopy development.	Development / Acquisition / Planning / Design	Not specified.	Annual allocation amounts per Study Area are calculated based off a formula-based allocation.	Funds replenish every fall. Can only apply for available funds. Rolling application, no deadline. 35% of Measure A expenditure plan.
<a href="#">County Priority Projects Program - Measure A</a>	Parks / Green Space / Recreation	Active	Regional	Los Angeles County Regional Parks Open Space District	County Priority Projects grants will fund projects that are determined to be priorities by the Board of Supervisors (BOS).	Applicants must provide proof that the project meets all the following Project Eligibility requirements to apply for a grant award: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is a capital project or the planning and design for a capital project.</li> <li>The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool.</li> </ul> Applicant should submit a 2-page Letter of Intent (LOI) to Office of the District Supervisor or the project location to determine priority level and funding eligibility.	Below is a non-exhaustive list of projects that may be eligible for grant funds under the County Priority Projects program. This list is intended to assist the BOS in understanding the types of projects County Priority Projects Program funds can be expended on, not to limit or direct projects chosen for completion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community and local parks, including pocket parks, playgrounds, playground equipment, dog parks, and picnic areas, especially those that connect and restore underutilized spaces;</li> <li>Community and senior recreational centers;</li> <li>Park safety, graffiti removal, facility safety lighting, safe routes to schools, and other safety improvements;</li> <li>Greenspace and park development;</li> <li>Gardens;</li> <li>Urban canopy development to reduce the heat island effect, especially in heavily urbanized, tree poor areas of the County;</li> <li>Refurbishment, updating, expansion of current parks and park amenities; and</li> <li>Planning and design related projects.</li> </ul>	Planning / Implementation	Not specified.	Granted on a request-basis. LOIs evaluated on a rolling basis by each Supervisor's Office and may or may not be recommended for funding.	Up to two percent of annual Measure A revenue is allocated to this program. Available funding for each of the five Supervisorial Districts will be declared by September 15th of every year. This includes new and un-awarded funding from prior years.
<a href="#">Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP)</a>	Parks / Green Space / Recreation	Active	State	CA Department of Parks and Recreation (initial screening) / National Park Service	ORLP focuses on communities with little to no access to publicly available, close-by, outdoor recreation opportunities in urban areas. ORLP funds the acquisition or development of new parks, or substantially renovate parks in economically disadvantaged cities or towns of at least 30,000 people.	Projects must be located in urban cities and towns with at least 30,000 people. Projects must involve land acquisition or development for outdoor recreation. Projects must be in a community with a poverty rate at least 20% or at least 10% greater than the city, county and state poverty rate. It must meet all three of those. Project sites that have received LWCF funding and were closed out in the last seven years are not eligible. Project sites that have one active ORLP grant are eligible to apply for one additional grant at that site. At least 50% of the total project cost must come from an eligible match source. All non-federal (state, local, or private) sources. The only federal sources that are eligible as match for this program are Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act funding, and Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) funding. For Round 6 A and B, ORLP requires applications that already have complete Section 106 and NEPA Environmental documents.	The national priority for this program is to create new parks, or, to create new outdoor recreation features that are not available in an existing park.	Acquisition / Planning / Implementation	Up to 50% of total project cost can be covered through ORLP.	Maximum: \$10,000,000	Current cycle closes January 31, 2024.
<a href="#">Coastal Conservancy Grants</a>	Habitat Restoration / Conservation, Hazard Mitigation / Resilience	Active	State	State Coastal Conservancy	The Coastal Conservancy funds a wide variety of projects along the California coast, San Francisco Bay, and in coastal watersheds to increase availability of beaches, parks and trails for the public, protect and restore natural lands and wildlife habitat, preserve working lands, and increase community resilience to the impacts of climate change. Multi-benefit projects, projects that serve disadvantaged communities, and projects that advance the objectives in their 2023 - 2027 Strategic Plan and regional and statewide plans will receive higher priority for funding.	Public Agencies, including Joint Power Authorities and Federally-Recognized Indian Tribes; Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status; Other community-based organizations and non-federally-recognized tribes may apply with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor.	Projects that benefit public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resiliency at the coast, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay. The Conservancy will fund most stages of a project including: pre-project feasibility studies, property acquisition, project planning including community involvement, design, environmental review, permitting, construction, and project-related monitoring.	Acquisition / Planning / Implementation	Not specified.	There are no maximum or minimum grant amounts for this funding; however, it is anticipated that most grants will be between \$200,000 and \$5,000,000.	Receives annual appropriations through the Coastal Conservancy's budget cycle. Also channels increased State investments in Coastal Conservancy appropriated through the Budget Acts. Rolling pre-application solicitation. The Conservancy also holds periodic grant rounds related to specific programs or fund sources. Information on those grant rounds and their deadlines are posted on the program website and emailed to the listserve when they are open. All applicants are encouraged to request a technical assistance consultation with the Regional Manager covering your project area to discuss project eligibility before beginning the application process.

<a href="#">Stream Flow Enhancement</a>	Habitat Restoration / Conservation	Active	National	Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	The Stream Flow Enhancement Program (SFEPP) funds projects that enhance stream flows across the state of California. The SFEPP defines enhanced streamflow to mean: a change in the amount, timing, and / or quality of water flowing down a stream, or a portion of a stream, to benefit fish and wildlife.	Public agencies, tribal governments, Non-profits, and individuals	The following are funding priorities for the stream flow enhancement projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation projects resulting in measurable increases in stream flow</li> <li>Acquisition projects resulting in permanent or long-term in-stream flow dedications</li> <li>Projects that are focused on a watershed or regional approach</li> <li>Projects in critical watersheds for salmonids</li> <li>Projects that help to complete previously funded projects</li> <li>Projects that evaluate stream flow conditions and stream responses to other stream flow enhancement project</li> </ul>	Acquisition / Implementation	Not required.	Not specified.	As part of general WCB grant application. Continuous cycle.
<a href="#">Wetlands and Mountain Meadows Restoration – Nature Based Solutions</a>	Parks / Green Space / Recreation, Habitat Restoration / Conservation	Active	State	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Governor Gavin Newsom's 2020 Executive Order N-82-20 outlines a comprehensive and results-oriented agenda to expand nature-based solutions across California, advancing an approach to restoration that works with and enhances nature to help address societal challenges. Two new programs within CDFW will work toward this goal: Wetlands and Mountain Meadows Restoration and Wildlife Corridors programs.	Public agencies, tribal governments, Non-profits	All projects shall provide one or more of the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect or enhance biodiversity;</li> <li>Climate change resiliency and connectivity;</li> <li>Support of the State Wildlife Action Plan priority habitats;</li> <li>Conserve or enhance working landscapes;</li> <li>Conserve or enhance water-related projects; and / or</li> <li>Enhance public access.</li> </ul> Projects should also contribute the State's priorities, such as the Pathways to 30x30	Planning / Implementation / Acquisition / Monitoring / Scientific Studies / Capacity Building / Technical Assistance	Not required.	Not disclosed.	Ongoing, rolling application. Senate Bill 155 amended the Budget Act of 2021 to provide the allocation of up to \$54 million to Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) set aside in Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24 for projects that restore or enhance wetlands and watershed ecosystems and provide co-benefits, consistent with the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy and Pathways to 30x30. The Program will also support pilot projects for CDFW's Beaver Program.
<a href="#">Active Transportation Program</a>	Transportation, Air Quality / Greenhouse Gas, Parks / Green Space / Recreation	Upcoming	State	CA Transportation Commission	Encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking	Local, regional, or state agencies, public school or school districts, tribal governments, private nonprofit	Must promote active transportation. Eligible projects include infrastructure projects, plans, educational / encouragement programs.	Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Projects	Not required.	To be announced.	Each ATP programming cycle will include four years of funding. New programming capacity for the 2023 ATP will be for state fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-2027.
<a href="#">Urban Streams Restoration Program</a>	Habitat Restoration / Conservation	Active	State	CA Department of Water Resources	The Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRPR), established by Water Code section 7048 which declared that urban creek protection, restoration, and enhancement are best undertaken by local agencies and organizations with assistance from the State. The USRP funds projects and provides technical assistance to restore streams impacted by urban development to a more natural state. <b>Grant Funding and administration is now combined with the Riverine Stewardship Program; however, each program still has separate grant guidelines.</b>	Requires two applicants, include one Local Public Agency, tribe, or non-profit organization and one local community group. Funding available for projects statewide	Project types include: Stream cleanups, bank stabilization projects, revegetation, recontouring of channels to improve floodplain functions and localized flood protection, acquisition of strategic floodplain properties.	Planning (for projects benefiting disadvantaged communities only) / Implementation / Technical Assistance	20% math funding required from non-State sources if funded with Prop 68 funds. Waived for disadvantaged communities.	Not specified. Small projects are defined as those with a total project cost of less than \$1M.	The USRP will set aside a minimum of \$2 million to fund projects that serve disadvantaged communities, which are defined as those communities with a median household income of less than 80 percent of the statewide average. DWR's Disadvantaged Community Mapping Tool and CalEnviroScreen 4.0 will be used to verify proposed project service areas. Projects that are located near a disadvantaged community may be considered to serve that community with additional justification and supporting information. The USRP has set aside a minimum of 35 percent of funding to both small and large projects.
<a href="#">Riverine Stewardship Program</a>	Habitat Restoration / Conservation	Active	State	CA Department of Water Resources	The RSP supports fish passage improvements & similar projects that increase ecological, stream management, climate, & community improvement benefits. Program goals include protecting, restoring, and enhancing the natural environment of riparian systems. RSP supports innovations in green infrastructure to provide habitat enhancements that benefit aquatic species and fish migration & help wildlife endure drought and adapt to climate change.	Public agencies, urban property owners, developers, local governments, Urban properties only. Geographic Limit of the "Delta export service area" and Counties within the Association of Bay Area Governments (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma), areas of the state outside the Delta that receive water from the State Water Project or the Central Valley Project, either directly or by exchange, by means of diversions from the Delta.	Eligible projects must support water quality and supply consistent with Water Code section 79205.6 and may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovative green infrastructure that enhances water availability, groundwater storage, fish and wildlife habitat restoration, creation of cool water refugia.</li> <li>Fish-friendly intakes for agriculture diversions.</li> <li>Fish passage solutions that remove barriers to fish migration or improve passage.</li> <li>Increase or improve floodplain availability.</li> </ul>	Implementation / Technical Assistance	Not required.	No minimum / maximum.	\$15M available in the current application cycle, with funds awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Cycle opened in June 2022 and is available until all funds are expended. To apply for grants through these programs project proponents must submit a concept proposal and submit a full application if invited to do so by the RSP team.  Funded through the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000, Prop 68 (2018), Prop 84 (2006), and the Budget Act of 2021.
<a href="#">Community Change Grant</a>	Habitat Restoration / Conservation, Parks / Green Space / Recreation, Urban Heat, Air Quality / Greenhouse Gas, Hazard Mitigation / Resilience, Education	Active	National	US Environmental Protection Agency	The Community Change Grant Program (CCG) is the US EPA's largest funding program coming out of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), with approximately \$2B in funding. The CCG will support comprehensive community and place-based approaches to addressing environmental and climate injustices for communities facing legacy pollution, climate change, and persistent disinvestment. These concentrated local investments will fund community-driven, change-making projects that center collaborative efforts for healthier, safer, and more prosperous communities.	A partnership between two community-based organizations (CBO) or a partnership between a CBO and a federally recognized tribe, local government, or higher education institution.	Two program tracks: Track I) Community-Driven Investments for Change; Track II) Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance.  Track I projects are multi-faceted holistic vision of projects addressing a variety of environmental and climate justice challenges along with education, engagement, workforce, capacity-building efforts. Applications must address a combination of categories to make it multifaceted and of the greatest benefit to communities.  Track II projects facilitate engagement of disadvantaged communities in governmental processes (e.g., permitting advisory boards and environmental climate justice academies) to advance environmental and climate justice.	Education / Community Engagement / Capacity-building	Not required.	Track I: \$10-20M grant awards. Expected to award \$1.96B for 150 awards.  Track II: \$1-3M grant awards. Expected to award \$40M for 20 project awards.	One cycle, 12-month rolling application. Application period opened November 21, 2023 and will close November 21, 2024 or earlier if all funds are awarded. Period of performance cannot exceed 3 years.
<a href="#">CA Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)</a>	Wastewater / Clean Water	Active	State	CA State Water Resources Control Board	Financing is offered through low-interest loans, and disadvantaged communities have the ability to apply for principal forgiveness (PF). The Clean Water SRF acts as an infrastructure bank, receiving annual capitalization grants from the EPA and state funds through annual budgets, state ballot measures, and a variety of other avenues. The Federal CWSRF has offered over \$150 billion in financing since 1988. The Federal SRF funds are administered through state-level SRF funds, including California's DW and CWSRF which are authorized under California Water Code Sections 13475-13485. The CA CWSRF receives annual funds from principal and interest on past loans, federal allocations, periodic allocations to the State Water Board from the California annual budget, and other funds approved by California voters such as Proposition 1 and Proposition 68. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and prioritize disadvantaged communities. Specific funding percentages and caps change by the year but are developed annually through a stakeholder-driven process and released in that year's Intended Use Plan (IUP).	Public agencies, tribal governments, Non-profits	The CWSRF can finance publicly owned treatment facilities, nonpoint source projects, and estuary projects. The most common types of application received are for wastewater treatment plants and sewer systems. The most successfully funded types of projects (organized by category and ranked in order of most to least funded during the 2021-2022 FY as an example) include: secondary treatment, advanced treatment, new interceptors, water reuse, sewer system rehab, and energy efficiency.	Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Projects	Not required.	\$1 million to > \$100 million  No maximum funding limit, but partial funding may be applied in annual CWSRF Intended Use Plan  Financing is offered through low-interest loans (at half the general obligation bond rate, currently 1.7% as of November 2023).  Grants and PF may be available to small communities and disadvantaged communities.	Funding available annually with applications being accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed at the end of each calendar year.
<a href="#">Natural Community Conservation Planning Local Assistance Grants And 30x30 Grants</a>	Habitat Restoration / Conservation	Active	State	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife	This program support's California's commitment to the goal of conserving 30 percent of lands and coastal waters by 2030. The Program recognizes that regionally led conservation is critical to achieve 30x30. Legal authority for the 30x30 Grant Program is provided by Fish and Game Code section 1501.5(b), which allows CDFW to grant funds for fish and wildlife habitat preservation, restoration, and enhancement.	Public agencies, tribal governments, Non-profits	Projects must implement activities in a Natural Community Conservation Plan or Habitat Management Plan.	Planning / Implementation/ Land Acquisition	Matching funds strongly encouraged.	No grant maximums or minimums stated in the solicitation package	Up to \$576,000 will be available through the NCCP LAG program this grant cycle, dependent on the availability of State funds and approval of the Budget Act.  Currently only accepting applications for land acquisitions. Pre-applications will be considered until December 2024.