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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

On June 26, 2024, the State of California enacted its [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024-25 budget](#). The budget addresses a \$46.8 billion deficit through funding reductions, delays, shifts, and reversions to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. These budget constraints will result in state funding program reductions and pauses, making any remaining state funding programs more competitive. Budget actions include cuts to watershed climate resilience programs, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, water recycling, and nature-based solutions funding.

The State is exploring additional options to reinstate funding for efforts reduced due to budget cuts. The California legislature recently approved the [State Proposition 4 Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond](#) (Climate Bond) measure. The bond measure proposes that the State borrow \$10 billion “to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs.” A breakdown of the bond’s allocation is detailed below in Figure 1. Proposition 4 will be put on the November ballot for California voters to approve or deny.

Figure 1. California Proposition 4 Climate Bond Allocations by Topic Area

California Proposition 4 Climate Bond Allocations	
Safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience programs	\$3,800,000,000
Wildfire and forest resilience programs	\$1,500,000,000
Coastal resilience programs	\$1,200,000,000
biodiversity protection and nature-based climate solution programs	\$1,200,000,000
Clean air programs	\$850,000,000
Park creation and outdoor access programs	\$700,000,000
Extreme heat mitigation programs	\$450,000,000
Climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands programs	\$300,000,000
Total Bond Amount	\$10,000,000,000

Source: [Bill Text - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024](#)

Announcements about federal funding programs have not yet been released for the upcoming fiscal year. The Federal government’s annual budget cycle is underway following President Biden’s proposed budget. The budget must be finalized before October 1, 2024, the start of the next fiscal year. Federal funding programs are expected to remain stable, as the fiscal year budget would continue to complement significant investments already allocated from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also referenced as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) and the Inflation Reduction Act passed in 2021 and 2022, respectively.



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 July 22, 2024. See the attached funding matrix for a more extensive list of relevant funding opportunities.

[Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District's \(RPOSD\) Acquisition-Only Program](#)

is a competitive grant program that aims to increase parkland acreage totals through the acquisition of land for new parks and expansion of existing parks for one or more of the following purposes: multi-benefit parks, regional recreation facilities, wildlife corridors, conservation, preservation, habitat restoration, trails, multi-use trails, and access facilities such as trailheads, staging areas, roadways, and parking lots.

Eligible applicants include public agencies and nonprofit organizations with aligned focus areas (e.g., environmental protection or preservation, parks, recreation, community services, gang prevention, environmental education, tree planting, nature restoration, job skills training and educational opportunities). Grant awards will range from \$150,000 to \$2 million. \$14.5 million available, of which 30% is set aside for projects in High and Very-High Need Study Areas, as classified in the Parks Need Assessment. The application opened July 11 and **closes September 27, 2024**. This grant program cycle is every three years. There is no cost-share requirement.

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coastal Program](#) promotes ecosystem-based practices and seeks partnerships to carry out locally-led, on-the-ground conservation initiatives. The Coastal Program funds implementation projects that support the following goals: species conservation, habitat connectivity, and resilient ecosystems. Projects cannot generate compensatory mitigation credits under any federal or state regulatory program and cannot acquire a fee-title interest in real property.

Eligible applicants include state and local governments, nonprofits (with or without 501c(3) status), higher education institutions, Tribal organizations and governments, and individuals. Applicants should consult with the regional or local Coastal Program office prior to developing an application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and **will close on September 30, 2024**. **Applications submitted after May 20, 2024 may not be awarded under federal FY25**. There is no cost-share requirement.

[U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot \(RCP\) Grant Program](#) aims to improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation. The grant also seeks to foster equitable development and restoration. The pilot grant program funds technical assistance, planning, and construction projects. There are separate applications and requirements for the planning and construction grant programs. Round 3 is now open and applications are **due September 30, 2024**.

- RCP's Community Planning Grants provide funds for planning activities to support future construction projects and allow for innovative community planning to address localized transportation challenges. Projects may include community engagement activities, planning studies to assess the feasibility of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing eligible facility to reconnect communities (e.g., mobility, safety, environmental and public health impacts, etc.), conceptual or preliminary engineering or design, or other land use and zoning reform. RCP Community Planning Grants require a 20% local cost-share requirement. Eligible applicants include public agencies and Tribal governments and non-profit organizations. The maximum grant award is \$2 million.
- RCP's Capital Construction Grants fund both reconnecting-focused projects and smaller projects focused on reducing environmental harm and improving access in disadvantaged communities. Projects may address removal of a dividing facility, enhance community connectivity, or improved



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access by building or improving Complete Streets. RCP Capital Construction Grants require a 50% local cost-share requirement. Eligible applicants include an owner(s) of the eligible facility proposed for which feasibility and planning activities have been completed (Community Planning Grant applicant may submit in partnership with a facility). The maximum grant award is \$5 million.

[US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects](#) funds implementation and construction projects that conserve water, provide ecological benefits, support watershed health, and are connected to water resources or water resources management.

The program awards grants or cooperative agreements, with a maximum of \$3 million per project that can be completed within 3 years. Total project costs should not exceed \$6 million. Eligible applicants include Tribes, public agencies, and nonprofit conservation organizations. A 25 percent non-federal cost-share is required by the applicant or a third-party contribution. **The current application period is open and will close on March 11, 2025.**

[US Environmental Protection Agency's Community Change Grant \(CCG\) Program](#) is the US EPA's largest funding program coming out of the 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. Given the rolling deadline and strong interest in this program, it is recommended that interested applicants start identifying projects and beginning applications no later than summer 2024.

[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 enhance biodiversity; 2) Climate change resiliency and connectivity; 3) Support State Wildlife Action Plan priority habitats; 4) Conserve or enhance working landscapes; 5) Conserve or enhance water-related projects; and 6) Enhance 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.

[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**. As stated in the [CWSRF Intended Use Plan](#), "the State Water Board anticipates adding approximately \$750 million of new loan projects to the Fundable List in State FY 2024-25 and adding no new loan projects in FY 2025-26. The State Water Board anticipates new loan



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projects will be added to the Fundable List again in FY 2026-27 consistent with the CWSRF's sustainable lending capacity.”

It is still recommended that applications be submitted when ready, so the project application can be considered once funding becomes available. 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.

UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The funding opportunities below 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 July 22, 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 Local Partnership Program's Competitive Program](#) funds transportation improvement projects. Improvements include those that mitigate the environmental impact of new transportation infrastructure on water quality (i.e., urban runoff) including best management practices for capturing and treating urban runoff. Projects can receive a maximum grant award of \$25 million.

Local or regional transportation agencies are eligible applicants. **The Program is anticipated to open in August 2024.** The Program receives \$200 million annually from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account and each program cycle will include two years of funding. New cycles will be programmed every two years. More information is forthcoming.

SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FUNDING HIGHLIGHT

[City of Downey – Furman Park Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project](#)

The City of Downey entered a subrecipient agreement with Gateway Water Management Authority to receive Proposition 1 Regional Recycled Water Expansion Project grant funding. The agreement would allocate \$814,800 for recycled water components of the Furman Park Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project and allow retrofitting of the park's landscape irrigation system to use recycled water.

Funding programs change frequently. The identified funding opportunities compiled are a list of potentially relevant opportunities, updated as July 22, 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/Cost Share 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	Y / N?	Min & Max Award Amount and Other Considerations	Frequency and Cycles
WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I	Water Conservation / Sustainability	Active	Federal	US Bureau of Reclamation	For projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently while accomplishing other benefits that contribute to sustainability in the Western US. Goal is to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to water management needs in order to reduce conflict and stretch limited water supplies.	Applicants can be new or existing watershed groups which includes: states, Tribes, local / special districts, interstate organizations, and nonprofits. A "watershed group," as defined in Section 6001(6) of the Cooperative Watershed Management Act is a grassroots, non-regulatory entity that addresses water availability and quality issues within the relevant watershed, is capable of promoting the sustainable use of water resources in the watershed, makes decisions on a consensus basis, and represents a diverse group of stakeholders, including hydroelectric producers, livestock grazing, timber production, land development, recreation or tourism, irrigated agriculture, the environment, municipal water supplies, private property owners, Federal, state and local governments, Tribes, and disadvantaged communities.	Include Watershed Group development activities, watershed restoration planning activities, and watershed management project design activities.	Development, Planning, and Management Design	Not required.	Grants or cooperative agreements. Minimum award: \$10K Maximum award: \$300K over 3 year period (no more than \$100K to be available per year). Approximately 25-30 project awards per cycle.	Second application period is open and closes on September 3, 2024.
Acquisition-Only Competitive Grant Program - Measure A Grant Program	Parks / Green Space / Recreation	Active	Regional	Los Angeles County Regional Parks Open Space District	The purpose of this Program is to increase parkland acreage totals through the acquisition of land for new parks and expansion of existing parks for one or more of the following purposes: multi-benefit parks, regional recreation facilities, wildlife corridors, conservation, preservation, habitat restoration, trails, multi-use trails, and access facilities such as trailheads, staging areas, roadways, and parking lots.	Public agencies and nonprofit organizations with aligned focus areas (e.g., environmental protection or preservation, parks, recreation, community services, gang prevention, environmental education, tree planting, nature restoration, job skills training and educational opportunities).	Acquisition must be for one or more of the following project types: new parks, pocket parks, expansion of existing parks, multi-benefit parks, regional recreation facilities, wildlife corridors, conservation, preservation, habitat restoration, multi-use trails, access facilities for parks (trailheads, staging areas, roadways, parking lots).	Acquisition	Not specified.	Minimum award: \$150K Maximum award: \$2M \$14.5M available, of which 30% is set aside for projects in High and Very-High Need Study Areas as classified in the Parks Need Assessment.	Application opens July 11 and application deadline is September 27, 2024. Cycles open every 3 years.
Coastal Program	Coastal Resilience / Protection / Climate Resilience	Active	Federal	U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Promote ecosystem-based practices and seeks partnerships to carry out locally-led-on-the-ground conservation. Strives to achieve the following goals: species conservation, habitat connectivity, resilient ecosystems.	Nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3) status), state governments, for profit organizations, local government, individuals, private/public higher education institutions, Tribal organizations/ government, individuals Applicants should request consultation with regional or local Coastal Program office before developing or submitting an application.	Projects should strive to achieve species conservation, habitat connectivity, or resilient ecosystems. Projects cannot generate compensatory mitigation credits under any federal or state regulatory program. Cannot acquire a fee-title interest in real property.	Implementation	Not required.	Maximum award: \$500K. Expected number of awards: 150	Total funding available is \$6M. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications opened October 1, 2023 and will close September 30, 2024. Applications received after May 30, 2024 may not be awarded until FY25.
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program	Transportation / Recreation	Active	Federal	US Department of Transportation	Focuses on improving access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation. The grant also seeks to foster equitable development and restoration. Funding is allocated for Planning Grants and Construction Grants.	Community Planning Grants: state, local, or Tribal government, Metropolitan Planning Organization, nonprofit. Capital Construction: owners of eligible facility proposed for which feasibility and planning activities have been completed (Community Planning Grant applicant may submit in partnership with a facility)	Community Planning Grants: To provide funds for planning activities to support future construction projects and allow for innovative community planning to address localized transportation challenges. Capital Construction Grants: To fund both reconnecting-focused projects and smaller projects focused on reducing environmental harm and improving access in disadvantaged communities. Priority for the following: benefit to disadvantaged communities, access, facility suitability, community engagement, equitable development, climate change mitigation / resilience, among others.	Planning, Construction, Technical Assistance	20% local match for Community Planning Grants; 50% local share for Capital Construction Grants.	Up to \$607M is available for funding, total is allocated across 3 FYs, between Planning, TA, and Construction Grants. Community Planning Maximum award: \$2M; Capital Construction Minimum award: \$5M. Anticipated to award funding to 100 projects.	Up to \$607M is available for funding, total is allocated across 3 fiscal years and between Planning Grants and Technical Assistance vs Capital Construction. Round 3 is now open and applications are due September 30, 2024. There are separate applications for Capital Construction and Community Planning projects.
Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant (Community Change Grant)	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.
Natural Community Conservation Planning 30x30 Grants (Land Acquisition)	Habitat Restoration / Conservation	Active	State	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife	This program supports 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 Conservation Plan through land acquisition projects (e.g. acquisition of fee title or conservation easement)	Land Acquisition	Not required.	No grant maximums or minimums stated in the solicitation package	Up to \$28.5M will be available to support NCCP and / or Habitat Conservation Plan via land acquisition projects. Currently only accepting applications for land acquisitions. Pre-applications will be considered until December 2024 or until funding has been fully allocated.

Neighborhood Parks, Health Communities, Urban Greening Program - Measure A Annual Allocation Grant Program	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: - Community-based park investments, neighborhood parks, health communities, and urban greening; - County cultural facilities; - 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); -The allocation to the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation; - The allocation to the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors; and - Innovation Grant Program.	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 greenway 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
Community-based Park Investment Program - Measure A Annual Allocation Grant Program	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: - The project is in the Study Area or meets the requirements for shared funds; - The project is a capital project; or - The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool. 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 greenway 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.
County Priority Projects Program - Measure 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: • The project is a capital project or the planning and design for a capital project. • The project is consistent with the most recent PNA, UPNA, or another adopted park planning tool. Applicant should submit a 2-page Letter of Intent (LOI) to Office of the District Supervisor of 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. • Community and local parks, including pocket parks, playgrounds, playground equipment, dog parks, and picnic areas, especially those that connect and restore underutilized spaces; • Community and senior recreational centers; • Park safety, graffiti removal, facility safety lighting, safe routes to schools, and other safety improvements; • Greenspace and greenway development; • Gardens; • Urban canopy development to reduce the heat island effect, especially in heavily urbanized, tree poor areas of the County; • Refurbishment, updating, expansion of current parks and park amenities; and • Planning and design related projects.	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.
Coastal Conservancy Grants	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 Conservation appropriated through the Budget Acts. Rolling pre-application solicitation for most Conservancy grants , including Climate Ready, Wildfire Resilience, and all regional grant programs. 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 listserv 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.
Wetlands and Mountain Meadows Restoration – Nature Based Solutions	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: - Protect or enhance biodiversity; - Climate change resiliency and connectivity; - Support of the State Wildlife Action Plan priority habitats; - Conserve or enhance working landscapes; - Conserve or enhance water-related projects; and / or - Enhance public access. 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 specified.	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.
Riverine Stewardship Program	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: -Innovative green infrastructure that enhances water availability, groundwater storage, fish and wildlife habitat restoration, creation of cool water refugia. -Fish-friendly intakes for agriculture diversions. -Fish passage solutions that remove barriers to fish migration or improve passage. -Increase or improve floodplain availability.	Implementation / Technical Assistance	Not required.	No minimum / maximum.	\$13M 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.

CA Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)	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). Financing is for a wide variety of water quality projects.	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. Applications can be submitted for different types of projects: (a) Water / Energy Audit (focused on driving water efficiency), (b) Construction (for projects that restore or maintain water quality), and (c) for Planning / Design (focused on wastewater systems). Can also apply to these through CA state grants.	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.
Addressing Climate Impacts	Habitat Restoration / Conservation / Climate Resilience	Active	State	CA Department of Fish & Wildlife	For projects that address urgent degrading water and habitat conditions due to climate change	Nonprofit, Public Agency, Tribal Government	Includes: purchasing water from willing sellers for wildlife benefit, protecting instream flows, building water conservation projects, implementing emergency restoration activities, conservation strategies.	Acquisition, implementation, infrastructure & non-infrastructure projects	Not required.	Reimbursement funding method. Total funding available is \$35M. Period of performance extends through March 15, 2026.	Ongoing, rolling application. Awarded as often as monthly.
Small Community Clean Water / Wastewater Funding (Grant or Loan)	Clean Water, Water Quality	Active	State	CA State Water Resources Control Board	Provides low interest loans, grants, and principal forgiveness to small disadvantaged communities for planning / design and construction of projects that restore and maintain water quality.	Nonprofit, Public Agency, and Tribal Gov. Must serve small communities qualifying as DAC or SDAC. Small communities = population less than 20,000. DAC = communities with median household income less than 80% of average statewide, SDAC median household income is less than 60% of average statewide.	Focus is on water treatment solutions that ensure safe, clean, affordable, and reliable drinking water and wastewater services.	Planning, Construction	Not required.	Period of performance is 3-5 years.	Ongoing, rolling application. Program has a total of \$110M available. Funding source is the CWSRF and it is carried out as a reimbursement.
Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program	Habitat Restoration / Conservation / Water Quality	Active	State	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Funds multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection / restoration projects.	Nonprofit, public agency, tribal government.	Projects must be consistent with the purposes of Proposition 1 and contribute to the implementation of the California Water Action Plan. Proposals must address at least one of the following priorities: large-scale wildfire recovery response and prevention, headwater management for multiple benefits, protect and restore native fish habitat/coastal wetland ecosystem	Planning, Implementation, Acquisition	Not required.	Period of performance is 3 years.	Application deadline is ongoing with anticipated award announcement in the Summer 2024. There are about \$19M in funds available.
Replacing, Removing, Or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks	Stormwater / Water Supply	Active	State	CA State Water Resources Control Board	Finance up to 100% of costs necessary to upgrade, remove, or replace UST project tanks to comply with Healthy and Safety Code.	Must be UST owner / operator and also: (1) be a small business, (2) be CA based, (3) facility of project tank location must have been legally in business retailing gasoline after Jan 1st, 1999, (4) all tanks owned & operated by grant must be in compliance	Typical projects include: removing / replacing single-walled USTs or piping, UST upgrades, under-dispenser containment boxes, electronic monitoring systems, leak detection testing.	Implementation / Infrastructure	Not required.	UST Operators / Owners eligible for \$3K-\$70K. Remote public fueling stations are eligible for \$140K additional funding. No period of performance.	Ongoing basis.
Proposition 68 Rivers and Streams Grant Program (Severely Disadvantaged Communities)	Climate Resilience / Coastal Protection / Habitat Protection & Restoration	Active	State	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife	For restoring and protecting rivers and streams in support of fisheries and wildlife. Priorities include reconnection of rivers with floodplains, riparian habitat restoration, protection of upper watershed forests and meadow systems.	Nonprofit, Public Agency, Tribal Government. Additional eligibility requirements apply to public utilities, urban water suppliers, and ag water suppliers.	Examples include: restoring / protecting riparian and aquatic habitat, reconnecting historical floodplains, modernizing stream crossings, restoring river channels, improving ecological function, improving local watershed management, restoring and protecting upper watershed forests / meadows. Severely disadvantaged community has median household income of less than 60%.	Planning, Implementation, Acquisition	Not required.	Period of performance is 3 years.	Ongoing basis, some awards expected to be announced in Summer 2024. Total funding available is approximately \$10M.
Water Recycling Funding Program	Water Quality / Water Supply	Active	State	CA State Water Resources Control Board	Provides technical and financial assistance to agencies for water recycling projects that promote beneficial use of treated municipal wastewater. Applicants must comply with CWSRF policies and guidelines.	Planning grants: Only local public agencies are eligible to receive a planning grant. Construction grants: local public agencies, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public utilities, Native American Tribes, mutual water companies. Dependent on funding source.	Include: recycled water treatment / storage / distribution, groundwater recharge, indirect potable reuse, and surface water augmentation. Construction projects must offset or augment state or local fresh water supplies.	Construction, Planning	50% local cost share requirement. Cost share may be reduced for communities that meet DAC criteria under CWSRF	Period of performance through June 30, 2027. Grant is calculated at 35% of eligible construction costs up to \$15M per project.	Ongoing basis. Total funding available is \$4.6M.
Local Partnership Program Competitive Program	Transportation	Upcoming	State	CA Transportation Commission	The primary objective of this program is to provide funding to counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies in which voters have approved fees or taxes dedicated solely to transportation improvements or that have imposed fees, including uniform developer fees, dedicated solely to transportation improvements.	An eligible applicant under the Competitive Program is a local or regional transportation agency; that has sought and received voter approval of taxes, tolls, or fees which taxes, tolls, or fees are dedicated solely to transportation improvements and that agency administers those taxes, tolls, or fees; or that imposes fees, including uniform developer fees as defined by subdivision (b) of Section 8879.67 of the Government Code, which fees are dedicated solely to transportation improvements.	Includes projects that make improvements to mitigate the environmental impact of new transportation infrastructure on water quality (i.e., urban runoff) including management practices for capturing and treating urban runoff.	Implementation	Projects funded from the Local Partnership Program will require at least a one-to-one match of private, local, federal, or state funds with, Taxing authorities with voter-approved taxes, tolls, or fees, or applicants with an imposed fee, which generates less than \$2 million annually are required to provide a match equal to 25% of the requested Competitive Program funds. This exception is based on the nominating agency's (or administering agency's) generated revenue.	Maximum: \$25 million	Upcoming grant opportunity. Anticipated open date in August 2024. The Program receives \$200 million annually from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account and each program cycle will include two years of funding. New cycles will be programmed every two years.