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Leveraged funding is a key program goal in the Safe, Clean Water (SCW) 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.

For more information, please contact SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov

POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

State Highlights

The [California Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2025-26 Budget](#) was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 27, 2025. The budget responds to previously unanticipated spending, including the fires in Los Angeles in January 2025 and “the imposition of federal policy changes [that] have significantly slowed growth in the California economy, most notably, [due to] broad-based tariffs.” The Budget addresses a \$11.8 billion General Fund deficit through significant reductions or fund shifts, including a \$1 billion fund shift in FY25-26 from the General Fund to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) operations. The Administration is continuing to work with the Legislature to enact a [Climate Bond \(Proposition 4\)](#) appropriations package throughout the summer.

Federal Highlights

The “[One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)” (OBBA) was signed into law by President Donald Trump on July 4, 2025. OBBA includes several cuts to federal climate and environmental programs, including those that previously funded projects and provided technical assistance to low-income and disadvantaged communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (i.e., Sec. 60002), and will impact U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant programs. The Act will also impact conservation, protection, and land resiliency funding from the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management (i.e., Sec. 50304).

ACTIVE & UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITES

The programs highlighted below are funding opportunities that may be the most relevant to Safe, Clean Water Program projects. As of August 11, 2025, these programs are currently open and accepting applications or are forecasted to open. See the attached funding matrix for a more extensive list of relevant funding opportunities.

[Google’s Water Efficiency and Quality Infrastructure Projects Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) seeks to identify shovel-ready and early-concept water infrastructure projects eligible for co-funding that could be under construction by 2028 to support our water replenishment goals. Any project that conserves, restores, or keeps water in the watershed that would otherwise be lost, flow out of the watershed, or be inaccessible due to water quality concerns may be considered “replenishment.” Through this RFI, Google seeks to identify partners and projects that can advance water saving or quality in one or more of the following ways: Reduce finished water loss; Improve water use efficiency; Replenish groundwater and recharge aquifers; Reuse or recycle treated wastewater; Capture, attenuate, or treat stormwater flows. Projects must be constructed and operational by 2030. This RFI seeks to identify projects or project elements that can generate volumetric benefits below \$12,000 per Million Gallons per Year (MGY). Funding can be used for upfront capital expenditures, operation and maintenance costs, and annual reporting.

Eligible applicants include those that have the capacity to implement voluntary water infrastructure projects within the focal geography. California is identified as one of the priority locations across the nation. This includes, but is not limited to, water utilities and water agencies; municipal governments; water conservation districts; flood control districts; state agencies; Native American Tribes; non-profit organizations; and basin



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collaboratives. Eligible organizations must be able to accept corporate funding. Round 1 submissions are due on **September 30, 2025**. Select candidates will receive a Request for Proposal (RFP) on October 31, 2025.

[Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District's Planning and Design Competitive Grant Program](#) supports early-stage work that leads to Measure A-eligible, shovel-ready projects under Category 3 (Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation & Protection) and Category 4 (Regional Recreation, Multi-use Trails & Accessibility). The program helps applicants advance their projects to a stage where they are eligible and competitive for future development funding—from Regional Parks and Open Space District (RPOSD) or other funders. This includes pre-construction efforts such as design, permitting, environmental review, feasibility analysis, and meaningful community engagement. Eligible applicants include public agencies authorized to acquire, develop, improve, or restore parkland and open space within the County (includes Agencies of Record, cities, special districts, and Joint Powers Authorities), nonprofit organizations, and public or nonprofit schools.

The minimum grant award is \$100K and the maximum award is \$500K. Projects may be evaluated across the following cost brackets: I) Small: \$100K-\$249K; II) Medium: \$250K-\$399K; III) Large: \$400K-\$500K. A total of \$18M is available, \$9M of which will support work that leads to Category 3 projects and \$9M of which will support work that leads to Category 4 projects. There is no cost-share requirement. The period of performance is two years. Grant applications are due on **October 30, 2025**. This competitive grant cycle occurs every three years.

[Los Angeles County RPOSD's Category 3 and 4 Competitive Grant Programs](#) combined are the District's largest competitive grant programs in history. Category 3 projects will fund Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation & Protection and Category 4 projects will support Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails & Accessibility.

Category 3 eligible projects must result in the development, improvement, or restoration of multi-benefit parks, trails, and open space that provide meaningful public access while promoting community health, clean local water supplies, habitat protection, biodiversity, and environmental resilience. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, river and stream parkway development, recreational facilities and flood control infrastructure, natural lands, wildlife corridors, stormwater capture and watershed protection. Funds must be used for capital development, improvement, or restoration of parks, trails, open space, recreational land, and facilities.

The Category 4 Program supports shovel-ready capital projects that expand or improve regional recreation, multi-use trail systems, and public accessibility to parks and open space across Los Angeles County. Projects must demonstrate regional significance by serving diverse populations across multiple communities, enhancing multi-jurisdictional trail systems, or delivering substantial recreational improvements that benefit the county at large. Regional projects often connect jurisdictions, serve destination users, or represent a unique resource of countywide value. Funds must be used for capital development, improvement, or restoration of parks, trails, open space, recreational land, and facilities. Construction should be scheduled to begin within 24 months of grant agreement execution. Eligible activities include but are not limited to: development of a new or improved multi-use trail, regional park improvements (at least 100 contiguous acres and have three or more active recreational amenities), American Disabilities Act compliant paths or enhancements, rehabilitation or upgrade of substantial public recreational facilities that serve regional or multi-community populations. Projects must demonstrate regional-scale benefits.

Eligible applicants include public agencies authorized to acquire, develop, improve, or restore parkland and open space within the County (includes Agencies of Record, cities, special districts, and Joint Powers Authorities), nonprofit organizations, and public or nonprofit schools. Construction should be scheduled to



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begin within 24 months of grant agreement execution. Both Category 3 and 4 Grant Programs have a minimum grant award of \$500K and a maximum award of \$4M. Projects may be evaluated across the following cost brackets: I) Small: \$500K-\$1.49M, II) Medium: \$1.5M-\$2.99M, III) Large: \$3M-\$4M. A total of \$24M and \$16M is available for Category 3 and Category 4 grants, respectively. The period of performance is 4 years from execution date. There is no cost-share requirement. The grant deadline for both Category 3 and 4 Programs is **October 30, 2025**. These competitive grant cycles occurs every three years.

California Department of Toxic Substances Control's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant Program provides grants for two types of brownfield sites: hazardous substance release sites and petroleum sites. Grantees may also use funds for pre-cleanup site assessments and for environmental cleanup. Eligible applicants include local governments, Tribal entities, and nonprofits, and developers not liable under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 107. The program has an **ongoing, rolling application period**. More information can be found by scheduling a meeting with the Program Manager to discuss eligibility.

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy Consolidated Grant Program includes a single grant application for multiple funding sources, including non-bond priorities grant programs and Proposition 1, 68, and 4 funds. A full listing of funding sources and amounts is published on the Local Assistance and Support Budget report on the [RMC Board Meetings page of the website](#), updated at each meeting. Applicants do not need to specify which funding source they are applying to. Once an application is submitted, RMC staff will determine the most appropriate funding source(s) based on project's alignment with funding sources and duration of the project. This program has an ongoing, rolling application .

Eligible applicants include State and Federal agencies, Tribal entities recognized by the US Federal Register or as a California Native American tribe, local public agencies (including water districts and school districts), local conservation corps, nonprofit organizations, and Joint Powers Authorities. Eligible projects including planning, implementation, acquisition, and technical assistance.

Caltrans' Stormwater Treatment Partnership Programs provide funding to stormwater projects that improve regional water quality and facilitate partnerships with municipalities to achieve compliance with Caltrans' National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. There are two partnership programs, the Cooperative Implementation Agreements (CIA) Program and the Financial Contribution Only (FCO) Program. Both programs are **ongoing**, and annual funds are determined in March of each fiscal year based on Caltrans' Stormwater operating expenses. Projects that are not awarded funding in the current round remain eligible for funding in future rounds. For more information, please contact Los Angeles County Caltrans Stormwater Coordinator [Anand Maganti](#).

California Wildlife Conservation Board 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 Wildlife Conservation Board (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. Stormwater mitigation projects are also eligible for loan forgiveness. California's CWSRF



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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 Propositions 1, 68, and 4. The California CWSRF offers an average of \$940 million in financing annually. Section 91011 of Proposition 4 allocated \$610 million in grants or loans that improve water quality or help provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water.

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.

SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FUNDING HIGHLIGHT

On July 12, the City of South Gate celebrated the grand opening of [Urban Orchard Park](#). The 7-acre park integrates community-driven design with green infrastructure to deliver environmental and public health benefits, including a community orchard with fruit trees, a constructed wetland, an education garden, and walking paths and native landscaping.

The project successfully leveraged funding across multiple sources including \$5.1M from the SCW Program Regional Program, \$8M from Proposition 1 State Water Resources Control Board's Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP), \$3M from the National Parks Service/California Department of Parks and Recreation's Land and Water Conservation Fund, \$1.4M from San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 8 Statewide Parks Grant Program, and \$845K from San Gabriel Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 River Parkways and Urban Streams Grant Program.

Funding programs change frequently. The identified funding opportunities compiled are a list of potentially relevant opportunities, updated as of August 11, 2025. 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. Safe, Clean Water Program Watershed Coordinators can also support leveraged funding efforts. The [Federal Grants Portal](#), [California Grants Portal](#) and [CFCC Funding Fairs](#) can serve as additional resources to identify funding opportunities.

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| <p>County Parks Open Space Program</p> | <p>Los Angeles County Regional Parks Open Space District</p> | <p>Regional</p> | <p>Active</p> | <p>Parks / Green Space / Recreation</p> | <p>County Priority Projects grants will fund projects that are determined to be priorities by the Board of Supervisors (BOS). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is consistent with the most recent PMA, UPIA, and other adopted park planning tool. The project is a capital project for the planning and design for a capital project. This project is consistent with the most recent PMA, UPIA, and other adopted park planning tool. Applicant should submit a 2-page letter of intent (LOI) to the Office of the Director of Supervisors of the project location to determine priority need and funding eligibility. Conservation and greenway development Urban canopy development to reduce the heat island effect, especially in heavily urbanized, tree-poor areas of the County. Rehabilitation, updating, expansion of current parks and park amenities; and Planning and design related projects. </p> | <p>Below is 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 identifying potential projects. Projects may be eligible for grant funds to be expended on, not to limit or direct projects chosen for completion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community and local parks, including pocket parks, playgrounds, playground equipment, dog parks, and picnic areas, especially those that connect and restore urban parks and recreational centers. Park safety, graffiti removal, facility safety lighting, safe routes to schools, and other safety improvements. Conservation and greenway development Urban canopy development to reduce the heat island effect, especially in heavily urbanized, tree-poor areas of the County. Rehabilitation, updating, expansion of current parks and park amenities; and Planning and design related projects. </p> | <p>Not specified.</p> | <p>Granted on a request basis. LOIs evaluated on rolling basis. Funding awarded by the Office and may or may not be recommended for funding.</p> | <p>Up to two percent of annual Measure A revenue is allocated to this program. Available funding for each of the fiscal years from 2021 to 2026 is approximately \$1.5 million. This includes new and un-awarded funding from prior years.</p> |
| <p>Maritime & Services Program: Annual Allocation Grant Program</p> | <p>Los Angeles County Regional Parks Open Space District</p> | <p>Regional</p> | <p>Active</p> | <p>Parks / Green Space / Recreation</p> | <p>Projects that require REOS grant funding under Proposition A. Eligible parties include public agencies, LA County Department of Parks and Recreation, LA County Department of Public Works, joint powers authorities, and non-profit organizations. MMS cannot be used for a project that did not receive REOS funding.</p> | <p>Eligible for annual maintenance work such as mowing, blow, weeding, tree services, and supplies necessary to preserve and extend the longevity, accessibility, and usability of grant-funded improvements.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Dependent on annual allocation</p> | <p>Maritime & Services funds are allocated annually received by September 15th of each year.</p> |
| <p>Coastal Conservation Grants</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>Active</p> | <p>Habitat Restoration / Conservation / Hazard Mitigation / Resilience</p> | <p>The Coastal Conservancy funds a wide variety of projects along the California coast. San Francisco Bay and Inland Empire are the focus of the program. The program is administered separately from REOS. Other grant programs. The program is meant to offset the economic costs resulting from Proposition A-funded projects.</p> | <p>Projects that benefit public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resiliency at the coast, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay. The program supports a wide range of projects including but not limited to: design, priority acquisition, project planning, community involvement, design, environmental review, permitting, construction, and project-related monitoring.</p> | <p>Not specified.</p> | <p>There are no maximum or minimum grant amounts for the program. Grants are awarded on an individual basis that will be between \$200K and \$5M</p> | <p>Receives annual appropriations through the Coastal Conservancy budget cycle. Also channels increased funding through the Budget Act. \$48.53M allocated to the Coastal Conservancy through the Climate Bond over multiple years.</p> |
| <p>Wildlife and Marine/Marshes Restoration: Nature-Based Solutions</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>Active</p> | <p>Parks / Green Space / Recreation / Restoration / Conservation</p> | <p>Coastal Conservancy's 2020 Executive Order 1.6.3.20 outlines a comprehensive and results-oriented approach to expand nature-based solutions across California, advancing an approach to restoration that works with and enhances nature to build resilience to the impacts of climate change. Multi-benefit projects that address both climate change and habitat and project advancement objectives in their 2023-2027 Strategic Plan and regional and statewide plans will receive higher priority for funding.</p> | <p>Projects that benefit public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resiliency at the coast, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay. The program supports a wide range of projects including but not limited to: design, priority acquisition, project planning, community involvement, design, environmental review, permitting, construction, and project-related monitoring.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Not specified.</p> | <p>Coastal Conservancy grants, including Climate Ready, Wildlife Resilience, and all regional grant programs. The Conservancy also non-periodic grants are issued through 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 meeting with the program manager to discuss project Manager covering your project area to discuss project eligibility before beginning the application process.</p> |
| <p>CA Clean Water State Allocation Grant (SAG)</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>Active</p> | <p>Wastewater / Clean Water</p> | <p>Funding is offered through low interest loans, and grants for wastewater treatment facilities, nonpoint source control, water conservation, and water reuse. The Clean Water SAG is an infrastructure bank, receiving annual capitalization grants from the EPA and state funds through annual budgets. State ballot measures have provided funding for the program. The federal SAG funds are administered through state-level SRF funds, including California DW and CWSRF, which are authorized by the California Water Code sections 13475-13485. The CA CWSRF program provides funding for wastewater treatment plants, 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 2. The program is subject to annual appropriations and a mid-cycle charge by the year but are developed annually through a stakeholder-driven process and released in a variety of ways. Funding is for a wide variety of water quality projects.</p> | <p>Projects that benefit public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resiliency at the coast, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay. The program supports a wide range of projects including but not limited to: design, priority acquisition, project planning, community involvement, design, environmental review, permitting, construction, and project-related monitoring.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Not specified.</p> | <p>Coastal Conservancy grants, including Climate Ready, Wildlife Resilience, and all regional grant programs. The Conservancy also non-periodic grants are issued through 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 meeting with the program manager to discuss project Manager covering your project area to discuss project eligibility before beginning the application process.</p> |
| <p>Addressing Climate Impacts</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>Active</p> | <p>Habitat Restoration / Conservation / Resilience</p> | <p>For projects that address urgent degrading water and habitat conditions due to climate change</p> | <p>Projects that benefit public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resiliency at the coast, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay. The program supports a wide range of projects including but not limited to: design, priority acquisition, project planning, community involvement, design, environmental review, permitting, construction, and project-related monitoring.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Coastal Conservancy grants, including Climate Ready, Wildlife Resilience, and all regional grant programs. The Conservancy also non-periodic grants are issued through 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 meeting with the program manager to discuss project Manager covering your project area to discuss project eligibility before beginning the application process.</p> |
| <p>Small Community Clean Water Grant for Clean</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>Active</p> | <p>Clean Water / Water Quality</p> | <p>Provides low interest loans, grants, and principal forgiveness to small communities that restore and maintain water quality conditions for their residents.</p> | <p>Projects that benefit public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resiliency at the coast, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay. The program supports a wide range of projects including but not limited to: design, priority acquisition, project planning, community involvement, design, environmental review, permitting, construction, and project-related monitoring.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Coastal Conservancy grants, including Climate Ready, Wildlife Resilience, and all regional grant programs. The Conservancy also non-periodic grants are issued through 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 meeting with the program manager to discuss project Manager covering your project area to discuss project eligibility before beginning the application process.</p> |
| <p>Proposition 1, Watershed Restoration Grant Program</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>State</p> | <p>Active</p> | <p>Habitat Restoration / Conservation / Water Quality</p> | <p>Funds multi-benefit ecosystem and water shed protection / restoration projects.</p> | <p>Projects that benefit public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resiliency at the coast, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay. The program supports a wide range of projects including but not limited to: design, priority acquisition, project planning, community involvement, design, environmental review, permitting, construction, and project-related monitoring.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Not required.</p> | <p>Coastal Conservancy grants, including Climate Ready, Wildlife Resilience, and all regional grant programs. The Conservancy also non-periodic grants are issued through 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 meeting with the program manager to discuss project Manager covering your project area to discuss project eligibility before beginning the application process.</p> |

