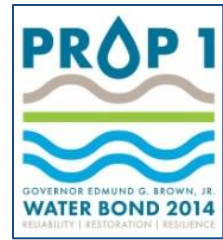




Frequently Asked Questions
Proposition 1
Watershed Restoration &
Delta Water Quality and
Ecosystem Restoration Grant Programs
August 28, 2015



- Q1:** Can funds from other CDFW grant programs (e.g., Fisheries Restoration Grant Program) be counted as cost share for Proposition 1 Grant Programs?
- A1:** Yes.
- Q2:** Can costs incurred after grant award but prior to execution of grant agreement be reimbursed?
- A2:** No, only costs incurred after execution of the grant agreement may be reimbursed.
- Q3:** For acquisition projects, is a completed appraisal due at the time of proposal application?
- A3:** A completed appraisal is not required at the time of application; however, if awarded, the appraisal must be completed prior to execution of a grant agreement (current projection of grant execution is June 2016). Note: CDFW funds up to the appraised Fair Market Value only.
- Q4:** For acquisition projects, can appraisal costs, title, or escrow costs be reimbursed through Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Program funds?
- A4:** No.
- Q5:** Can CDFW provide letters of support for proposed projects?
- A5:** CDFW cannot provide letters of support, nor can they assist with the development or editing of grant proposals.
- Q6:** Is there a limit to the number of different proposals an entity can submit?
- A6:** There is no limit.
- Q7:** One or more permits that are applicable to my proposed project are not identified in [Attachment 3 - Environmental Compliance Checklist](#). What does that mean and what steps should I take?

- A7:** The *Environmental Compliance Checklist* identifies a number of common permits, but is not meant to serve as an exhaustive list of potentially applicable permits. The applicant is responsible for identifying all permits applicable to the project and their status. In instances where an applicable permit for your project is not identified in the *Environmental Compliance Checklist*, it should be identified using the “Other(s)” field at the end of the table.
- Q8:** My project type is considered exempt from the requirement to consult with the California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps. Do I still need to submit a completed [Appendix A – California Conservation Corps Consultation Review Document](#) as part of the application?
- A8:** Yes. In all instances, even when the proponent has determined that a project type is exempt from the consultation requirements, the Corps Consultation Review Document must be completed and uploaded with the application. Failure to submit this document will result in the proposal being deemed incomplete (i.e., “Fail” Administrative Review) and it will not be considered for funding for the current Solicitation.
- Q9:** Is an authorizing resolution required to apply for grant program?
- A9:** An authorizing resolution is not required in order to apply for the Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs. However, if awarded, a resolution (or order, motion, ordinance or other similar document) from the local governing body authorizing execution of the agreement will be required prior to grant execution.
- Q10:** Where do I address letters of support?
- A10:** Letters of support can be uploaded in Section 6 of the application (Evidence of Public and Institutional Support).
- Q11:** Are proposed projects restricted to a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be requested under the Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs?
- A11:** Minimum and maximum grant award sizes for individual projects have not been defined. CDFW anticipates funding up to \$24 million for the Watershed Restoration Grant Program and up to \$7 million for the Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program in the current grant cycle (Fiscal Year 2015/2016). A funding breakdown between priorities or proposal categories has not been predetermined.
- Q12:** How is the ‘Delta’ defined spatially?
- A12:** The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) means the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as defined in California Water Code (CWC) §12220 and the Suisun Marsh as defined in Public Resources Code §29101(CWC §79702[e]).

Q13: I have a potential project that may be a good fit for this Proposal Solicitation Notice. Is there someone from CDFW with whom I could discuss the project to see if it is eligible?

A13: The Department is unable to discuss with applicants regarding potential projects, at this time.

Q14: In order to apply for an implementation grant, must CEQA be completed prior to submitting an application?

A14: As stated in the Proposal Solicitation Notice, CDFW will not award implementation grants until the lead agency has completed CEQA/NEPA compliance for the project. Therefore, an eligible entity may apply for an implementation grant in circumstances where CEQA/NEPA compliance has not been completed, provided it will be complete at the time of award notification (anticipated to occur in December 2015).

Q15: Are proposals for all Proposal Categories (Proposal Solicitation Notice, Section 2.2) subject to the requirement of consultation with the California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps prior to submittal?

A15: The California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps (collectively referred to as Corps) have determined that it is not feasible to use their services on projects that solely involve either planning or acquisition. Therefore, applicants seeking funds for planning or acquisition projects are exempt from the consultation requirements. The Corps have also clarified that Scientific Studies, Monitoring, and Assessment projects that do not include any field work are exempt from consultation requirements. However, in instances where a proposed project is exempt, the applicant is still required to check the appropriate box on the Consultation Review Document and submit the form through the application process (refer to Appendix A in the PSN and the FFAST application).

Applicants seeking funds for project types that have not been explicitly exempted by the Corps are required to consult with the California Conservation Corps AND the California Association of Local Conservation Corps (the entity representing the Certified Community Conservation Corps) prior to submitting a proposal and attach a completed Corps Consultation Review document to the application. Non-exempt applications that do not include the required documentation demonstrating that the Corps have been consulted will not be considered for funding.

Q16: Are universities included as eligible entities to apply for Proposition 1 grant funds?

A16: Public colleges and universities are eligible and considered public agencies under Section 3.1, Eligible Applicants, of the Proposal Solicitation Notice.

Q17: What is the timeframe for cost share? Can funds already spent on an existing project prior to grant award be counted as cost share on that same project?

A17: To be considered eligible, cost share must be used to support the proposed project, must be spent during the proposed project term, and must be secured prior to grant award.