



**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**Proposition 1**  
**California Stream Flow Enhancement Program**  
September 14, 2015

- Q1:** Can funds from other WCB grant programs (e.g., Inland Wetlands Conservation 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. Note: WCB 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:** Some of the questions on the application appear to be specific to water rights projects only – can we leave them blank or do you want notations of some kind?
- A5:** Answer questions relevant to your project only.
- Q6:** Is there a limit to the number of different proposals an entity can submit?
- A6:** There is no limit.
- Q7:** 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?
- A7:** 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.

**Q8:** Is an authorizing resolution required to apply for grant program?

**A8:** 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.

**Q9:** Where do I address letters of support?

**A9:** Letters of support can be emailed to [wcbstreamflow@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:wcbstreamflow@wildlife.ca.gov)

**Q10:** Are proposed projects restricted to a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be requested under the Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs?

**A10:** Minimum and maximum grant award sizes for individual projects have not been defined. CDFW anticipates funding up to \$38.4 million for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. A funding breakdown between priorities or proposal categories has not been predetermined.

**Q11:** Does the discussion of indirect cost in the proposal apply only to labor rates or does it also apply to the overhead we add on to subcontractors?

**A11:** Incidental costs are limited to only those costs that are directly related to completion of the proposed project. See Solicitation section 6.3 (p. 23).

**Q12:** I have a potential project that may be a good fit for this Proposal Solicitation Notice. Is there someone from WCB with whom I could discuss the project to see if it is eligible?

**A12:** Staff is unable to discuss potential projects with applicants at this time.

**Q13:** In order to apply for an implementation grant, must CEQA be completed prior to submitting an application?

**A13:** As stated in the Proposal Solicitation Notice, WCB 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.

**Q14:** Are proposals for all Proposal Categories subject to the requirement of consultation with the California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps prior to submittal?

**A14:** 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.

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.

**Q15:** Are universities included as eligible entities to apply for Proposition 1 grant funds?

**A15:** Public colleges and universities are eligible and considered public agencies.

**Q16:** What is the eligibility period for match funds? Does it include time prior to the actual grant term, if a grant is awarded? How far back can it reach?

**A16:** Since we did not specify in this first year's solicitation (we expect that the program will continue at least another five years with solicitations each year), we would allow match that is "reasonable", and would need justification.