



Cannabis Restoration Grant Program Proposal Solicitation Notice Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Funding Opportunities for Watersheds Impacted by Cannabis Cultivation





Impacts of Cannabis Cultivation

- Lack of riparian and stream protection areas
- Unlawful water diversions for irrigation
- Conversion / fragmentation of lands
- Unregistered pesticides and other environmental contaminants.





Cannabis Legislation

- AB 243 (Wood)
 - Establishes a regulatory framework for the cultivation of medical cannabis in California.
 - Multi-agency approach towards regulation and addressing existing impacts
 - *“...directing the Natural Resources Agency to identify projects to begin the restoration of our most impacted areas in the state.”*
 - Governor Brown signing message



Cannabis Restoration Grant Program

CDFW currently establishing grant program for Habitat Restoration in Watersheds Most Impacted by Cannabis Cultivation (Cannabis Restoration Grant Program)

- \$1.5 million available for grants in FY 2017-18
- Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) being developed (anticipated release date June 1, 2017)
- No minimum / maximum award amount



Cannabis Restoration Grant Program

- Grants will be executed by end of 2017
- Programmatic CEQA and Permitting under Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)
- Standard grant term is 3 years
- Eligible applicants include public agencies, nonprofits, and Indian Tribes



Cannabis Restoration Grant Program

- Funding from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF)
- Under the purview of the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program
- Projects can be covered under CDFW's programmatic CEQA and Permit



Focus

1. Species Criteria
2. Geographic Criteria
3. Project Type Criteria
4. Objective Criteria for Addressing a Cannabis Cultivation Impact



Species Criteria

The proposed project must benefit specific species, including Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon, Steelhead Trout, or Coastal Cutthroat Trout.



Geographic Criteria

Targeted Geography

- *North Coast watersheds known to have been most heavily impacted by cannabis cultivation, extending from Sonoma County to the Oregon Border*





Project Types

Implementation Projects Only – no planning, scientific studies, monitoring, or acquisition.

- HU Watershed Restoration (Upslope)
- HR Riparian Restoration
- HS Instream Bank Stabilization
- HI Instream Habitat Restoration
- HB Instream Barrier Modification for Fish Passage

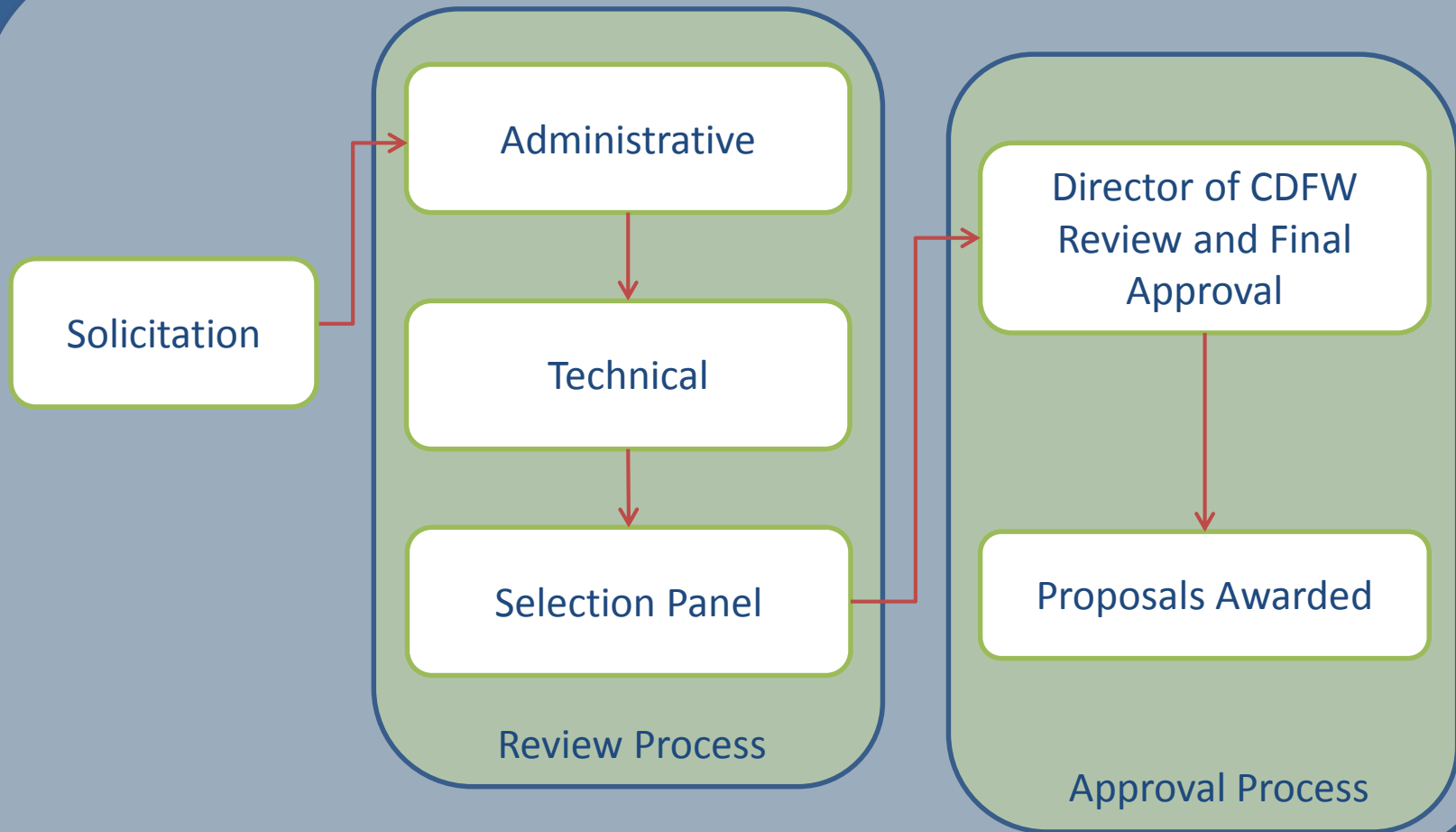


Submission Process

- Online Submission
 - Online proposal application submittal through System for Online Application Review (SOAR) via California Natural Resources Agency
- Application
 - All fields of the proposal application form must be completed



Proposal Review Process





Timelines

Solicitation Release
June 1, 2017

Proposals Due
June 30, 2017

Awards Announced
November 2017

Grant Agreements Executed
December 2017



Questions?

For more information:

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<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Cannabis-Restoration-Grant>

