



Frequently Asked Questions

Fisheries Habitat Restoration
2018 Proposal Solicitation Notice

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Can I submit paper copies of my application by mail or bring it to your office?

No. All applications, including attachments, must be submitted online at <https://watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov>.

Can CDFW suggest project partners that can help develop a project for an applicant?

Due to the competitive nature of the solicitation, CDFW is unable to offer project development guidance to applicants while the Solicitation is open.

Can I copy and resubmit my application from last year under the current 2018 Solicitation?

Not in this application cycle. The ability to copy and edit previous year's applications may be available in future solicitations, however questions may change with each grant cycle.

As an eligible applicant, can I submit more than one proposal in response to the Solicitation?

Yes. The program will evaluate each submitted proposal independently and on its individual merit.

Can I submit a proposal application with more than one project focus, e.g., both FRGP and SHRRC focus?

No. An applicant must submit a proposal to one project focus only.

I want to submit a proposal application with more than one Project Type. Is this allowable?

No. An applicant will identify in the application, only one project type that best describes the proposed project.

Will a project required as mitigation or other compliance obligations be eligible for funding in this program?

No. Funding cannot be used for projects required to meet required environmental mitigation or compliance measures. Similarly, any project that is under an enforcement action by a regulatory agency will not be considered for funding.

Why is my waterway and/or watershed not included in the 2018 FRGP Focus Table? How can I get the watershed added to the table?

It takes a coordinated effort of State and Federal agencies to develop the FRGP Focus Table and mostly prior to the Solicitation release. Suggestions on adding a waterway and/or watershed into a future table shall be sent to the appropriate recovery plan coordinator (see contacts in Appendix C of the Solicitation).

Can I use Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act (HRE) approval in lieu of a Lake and Streambed Alteration, if my project includes dewatering and fish exclusion/relocation?

Yes. An applicant may use HRE approval for a qualified project. If awarded funding, the applicant/grantee will also need to obtain any additionally required permits.

Is cost share or match required for me to apply to your program?

No. Neither cost share nor match is required. However, the proportion of cost share/match relative to the total project cost is assessed points in the scoring criteria.

What criteria are used to score proposals?

The criteria used to score proposals are in Appendix D (click [here](#)).

I want to charge less overhead in my budget than allowed through my NICRA and use the unclaimed portion as cost share or match. Can I do that?

No. An applicant or subcontractor that already has a federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) must use the approved rate. If the applicant does not have a federally approved rate, then the prevailing federal de minimis rate must be used. It is the responsibility of the applicant to comply with all applicable laws and regulations for their project.

Is it possible to increase the requested funding amount, after proposal application or before, during, or after the grant execution?

Due to the competitive process, grant award is limited to the amount requested in the proposal. CDFW is unable to increase the requested funding amount.

If awarded a grant, are sub-recipients/subcontractors required to follow the same indirect rules as the grantee?

Yes. All recipients of the grant fund including sub-recipients/subcontractors must follow the same federal uniform guidance.

Where can I find more guidance on interpreting the Federal Uniform Guidance?

The Federal Uniform Guidance 2017 (2 CFR 200) is available online (click [here](#)). Additional helpful resources on 2 CFR 200 can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions prepared by the Office of Management and Budget (click [here](#)).