Department is seeking public comments for the Draft Guidelines for Proposition 68 and 2018 Propositions 1 & 68 Project Solicitation.

Redding, October 1
Los Alamitos, October 3
Sacramento, October 5
Proposition 68 - Overview

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Access for All Act of 2018

- On June 5, 2018, California voters passed a general obligation bond pursuant to Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) of the Public Resources Code, relating to a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.
- $4.1 Billion across multiple chapters.
Proposition 68 – Overview

Funds to be invested in projects that:

• Improve a community’s ability to adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change

• Improve and protect coastal and rural economies, agricultural viability, wildlife corridors, or habitat

• Develop future recreational opportunities

• Enhance drought tolerance, landscape resilience, and water retention
Proposition 68 - Overview

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Chapter 10

Climate Preparedness, Habitat Resiliency, Resource Enhancement, and Innovation

• $443,000,000 available as competitive grants

• Projects that: plan, develop, and implement climate adaptation and resiliency
Proposition 68 - Overview

Chapter 10
(PRC §§80130-80137)

Climate Preparedness, Habitat Resiliency, Resource Enhancement, and Innovation

PRC §80132(d) $25,000,000
Projects that restore rivers and streams in support of fisheries and wildlife

PRC §80132(e)(2) $30,000,000
Projects that are consistent with the CDFW Steelhead Restoration and Management Plan and the National Marine Fisheries Service’s Southern California Steelhead Recovery Plan

PRC §80132(g) $30,000,000
Projects that improve conditions for fish and wildlife in streams, rivers, wildlife refuges, wetland habitat areas, and estuaries
Projects that restore rivers and streams in support of fisheries and wildlife (PRC §80132[d])

- Reconnecting historical floodplains
- Installing or improving fish screens
- Modernizing stream crossings, culverts, and bridges
- Providing fish passage
- Acquisition of conservation easements for riparian buffer strips from willing sellers
- Improving local watershed management
- Restoration and protection of upper watershed forest and meadow systems
- Removing sediment or trash
Southern Steelhead

Projects that are consistent with the CDFW Steelhead Restoration and Management Plan and the National Marine Fisheries Service’s Southern California Steelhead Recovery Plan (PRC §80132[e][2])

- Providing fish passage
- Modernizing stream crossings, culverts, and bridges
- Restoring or enhancing habitat
Projects that improve conditions for fish and wildlife in streams, rivers, wildlife refuges, wetland habitat areas, and estuaries (PRC §80132[g]).

- Acquisition of water from willing sellers
- Acquisition of land that includes water rights of contractual rights to water
- Short- or long-term water transfers or leases
- Provision of water for fish and wildlife
- Improvement of aquatic or riparian habitat conditions
Guidelines

General Outline

Eligibility

General Program Requirements

Solicitation Notice, Submittal, and Evaluation

Award of Grant Funding

Solicitations

Includes detailed information regarding how to apply, priorities, and evaluation criteria specific to each solicitation
Eligible Entities

• Public agencies (federal, state, local)

• Nonprofit organizations

• Federally recognized Indian tribes and State Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List

*(Fish and Game Code Section §1501.5[b]*)
General Program Requirements

- Funding Requirements
- Environmental Compliance
- Monitoring and Reporting
  - Metrics of Success
  - Data Requirements
- Consultation with California Conservation Corps or a Certified Local Conservation Corps
- Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC)
Proposal Solicitation Notice
Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Watershed Restoration Grant Program
Delta Water Quality & Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program

Rivers and Streams Restoration Grants
Southern Steelhead Grants
Habitat Improvement Grants
FY 2019 -20 Solicitation Funding

$24M - Watershed Restoration Grant Program
$ 7M - Delta Water Quality & Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program

$4.4M - Rivers and Streams Restoration Grants
$8.8M - Southern Steelhead Grants
$8.8M - Habitat Improvement Grants
Solicitation Overview:

- Request project proposals under competitive grant programs
- Approximately $49 million available for grants in FY 2019/2020
- Grants will be executed ~6 months from award
- Grant term will be 2-3 years
Watershed Restoration Grant Program

Solicitation Priorities:

- Large-Scale Wildfire Recovery Response and Prevention
- Manage Headwaters for Multiple Benefits
- Protect and Restore Mountain Meadow Ecosystems
- Protect and Restore Anadromous and Other Non-Game Native Fish Habitat
- Protect and Restore Coastal Wetland Ecosystems
- Protect and Restore Cross-border Urban Creeks and Watersheds
- Rivers and Streams
- Southern California Steelhead Habitat Improvement
Anticipated Solicitation Priorities:

- Improve Water Quality
- Improve Habitats in the Delta
- Planning for Multi-Benefit Restoration Through Regional Partnerships

(CWC §79738 and California Water Action Plan)
Planning

Support necessary activities that lead to future on-the-ground implementation projects, including environmental review, design, and project development.

Implementation

Construction of restoration and enhancement projects and new or enhanced facilities.

Acquisition

Purchases of land and interests in land or water.
Proposal Requirements

California Conservation Corps Consultation
- Must consult prior to submitting proposal

Environmental Compliance and Permitting
- Applicant is responsible for obtaining all permits

Project Monitoring and Reporting
- Plan required for Implementation and Acquisition Projects

Land Tenure/Site Control
- On the ground projects should be improved or restored for 25 years
Online Submission
Proposal application submittal through WebGrants
https://watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov

Application
All fields of the proposal application form must be completed

Application Workshop
Will include WebGrants training, guidance for complete applications
Proposal Process

Review Process

Solicitation

Administrative

Technical

Selection Panel

Approval Process

Director of CDFW Review and Final Approval

Proposals Awarded
Timelines

Public Comments Deadline
Draft Guidelines: October 10, 2018
Draft PSN: October 17, 2018

Final Solicitation Release
Late-October 2018

Application Workshops
TBD November, 2018

Proposals Due
Mid-December 2018

Awards Announced
April 2019
Email
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https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants