

WETLANDS RESTORATION FOR GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PROGRAM 2019 PROPOSAL SOLICITATION NOTICE COASTAL TIDAL WETLAND PROJECTS



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Purpose: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GHG) Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

Objective: The CDFW GHG Program seeks to fund projects that restore coastal tidal wetlands to achieve quantifiable GHG benefits and co-benefits.

Eligible Applicants: Public agencies, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations within California

Definition of Coastal Tidal Wetlands: Wetlands that are tidally influenced and within the [coastal zone](#) as defined in the California Coastal Act or within the [San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's](#) jurisdiction.

Projects Types:

- Implementation only
- Planning followed by Implementation

Quantification of GHG Benefits: Applicants must use the following California Air Resources Board approved tools to estimate GHG benefits for wetlands restoration:

- [Quantification Methodology](#)
- [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Benefits Calculator Tool](#)

Potential Co-Benefits include:

- Improved habitat for fish and wildlife
- Sea-level rise and inland flooding adaptation
- Decreased air pollution
- Improved water quality

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2019 Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Grants Program Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) will include a two-phase application process:

- 1) Pre-Application
- 2) Full Proposal

Pre-Application Phase

The Pre-Application Phase will focus on eligibility requirements for this funding source including completion of appropriate GHG worksheets to estimate net GHG reduction benefits, applicant entity eligibility, land tenure commitment, etc. The applicant will provide a brief summary of the proposed project, an estimate of the total project costs, and grant request amount. CDFW staff will evaluate the application and provide feedback to applicants that should be addressed, if invited to submit a Full Proposal. CDFW staff will be available to support applicants in choosing appropriate calculators and working through the GHG worksheets.

Full Proposal Phase

Successful pre-applications will be invited for the Full Proposal Phase. The Full Proposal will be scored based upon various criteria including feasibility of the proposed project, completeness of the application, technical merits of the proposed project, responsiveness to staff feedback in the Pre-Application Phase/past grantee behavior.

Tentative Timeline

Activity	Date
Draft 2019 GHG Grant Guidelines and PSN public comment period	Spring 2019
Final 2019 GHG PSN Release, Pre-Application Phase begins	Late Spring 2019
Pre-Applications due on CDFW WebGrants	6-8 weeks after release
Pre-Application proposal evaluation	4-6 weeks
Request for Full Proposals	Summer 2019
Full Proposals due on CDFW WebGrants	6-8 weeks after release
Grant Awards	Late Fall 2019

CDFW GHG Grant Program Website

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Questions?

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