



Wildlife Conservation Board Lower American River Conservancy Program Frequently Asked Questions



I. Application Questions

Q: I have a Master Plan that identifies the proposed project. Should I attach the Master Plan to my application?

A: Yes. You may attach a Master Plan (or similar planning document) for general information and reference purposes but WCB staff will not be using additional attachments, plans, or documents in their proposal review and scoring. Please include and explain any of the necessary, specific information from reference documents within your application.

II. Environmental Review

Q: Can the grant cover costs associated with project review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

A: Activities and costs to complete CEQA can be covered by a planning grant. Implementation grants may not include costs for completing environmental review in accordance with CEQA. Refer to page 2 of the 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for specific details on project categories and their eligible activities, and page 15 for information on CEQA requirements and timing.

III. Cost Share

Q: Is cost share/match a requirement?

A: A 20% match is required for any project that does not provide benefits to a severely disadvantaged community. Cost share is recommended for projects that provide benefits to a severely disadvantaged community but is not required. Refer to page 20 of the 2020 PSN for information on severely disadvantaged communities.

Q: What can be claimed as cost share?

A: Cost share is the portion of the project cost not funded by WCB and is provided by the applicant and/or other sources (e.g., private companies, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and/or other entities). Proposals providing cost share in the form of cash or other resources (in-kind services) must be used to support the proposed project, be spent between grant award and end of the proposed WCB funded project term, and secured prior to application submission. Refer to page 18 of the 2020 PSN for information on cost share and other financial criteria.

IV. Site Control/Land Tenure

Q: Does proof of adequate land tenure need to be submitted with my application?

A: When an applicant does not have tenure at the time of proposal submission but intends to establish tenure via an agreement that will be signed prior to grant execution, the applicant will submit a template copy of the proposed agreement, memorandum of understanding, or permission form at the time of proposal submission. Once a project has been awarded, the applicant must submit documentation of land tenure before a complete grant agreement can be executed. Refer to page 15 of the 2020 PSN for information on site control and land tenure.