



## Wildlife Conservation Board Lower American River Conservancy Program 2021 Proposal Solicitation Notice WCB Staff Consultation Announcement

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) is preparing to release the 2021 Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for the Lower American River Conservancy Program (Program). We are seeking high quality grant proposals that result in enduring benefits to the lower American River Parkway. The Program allows for the following project types:

Land acquisitions and planning and implementation projects for capital improvements that expand, restore, enhance, interpret, or protect the Parkway's natural, cultural, historic, recreational, and educational resources, consistent with the American River Parkway Plan.

Eligibility requirements, the proposal process, proposal evaluation procedures, and other pertinent topics are described in the Program Guidelines and PSN. These documents and additional information are available on the <u>Program web page</u>.

The 2021 PSN will be released on April 1, 2021 and will be posted on the Program web page. All application materials will be provided at that time. Grant applications will be due **May 14**, **2021**. Up to \$2 million will be available through the 2021 PSN. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2025.

Eligible applicants include local public agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Priority areas include:

- Implementation projects and land acquisitions,
- Projects that improve the quality of water that flows into and within the American River Parkway,
- Projects that restore or enhance fish and wildlife habitat and other natural resources,
- Projects located in the Cal Expo or Woodlake plan areas

Potential applicants are welcome to contact Program staff until **March 31, 2021**, to consult with us about your project ideas and developing competitive proposals, and to ask questions about the Program, the solicitation, and grant process. Please note that the WCB staff consultation period closes once the PSN is released.

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