



Frequently Asked Questions

2022 Proposition 1 Proposal Solicitation Notice

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Here is a list of frequently asked questions and their answers. This list may be updated periodically during the open solicitation.

Q1: How can indirect costs be calculated within the proposed budget?

A1: Indirect costs may be calculated on personnel, general operating expenses, and the first \$25,000 of each subcontract. Equipment and some cost associated with acquisitions are not eligible. More information on Indirect Costs can be found within the [Proposition 1 Project Solicitation and Evaluation Guidelines](#).

Q2: Does each priority (post-fire, wetlands etc.) have an allocated amount from the overall \$24M?

A2: No. Each priority does not have a predetermined allocated amount.

Q3: Can federal agencies apply for Prop 1 funds?

A3: No, Federal agencies are ineligible to apply for Proposition 1 grants per CWC §79712[a]. However, Federal entities can work as subcontractors to a grantee under a Proposition 1 funded grant project.

Q4. Will any sort of match funding be required?

A4. No match funding is required.

Q5: Is an authorizing resolution required to apply for the grant program?

A5: An authorizing resolution is not required when submitting an application. However, if awarded, a resolution (or order, motion, ordinance, or other similar document) from the governing body authorizing execution of the agreement will be required prior to grant execution.

Q6: Can Planning and Implementation projects be combined into one application?

A6: No, Planning projects are intended to ready a project for Implementation. Implementation projects must be ready to proceed with on-the-ground activities, and CEQA must be complete on the date of award.

Q7: Do projects have to be regional or will local habitat restoration projects be considered competitive?

A7: Regional and local projects are considered equally.

Q8: If an implementation project does not have CEQA currently, could we get CEQA costs paid for through the implementation or would CEQA and the costs need to happen before application?

A8: For implementation projects, the applicant should demonstrate how their project qualifies for a statutory or categorical exemption, or that a state or local agency will have filed a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research for that agency's approval before CDFW will award a grant to the project. There are instances where CDFW could delay awarding a project until CEQA is complete. Additionally, you can have a planning project that completes the CEQA for a project.

Q9: Is there a maximum or minimum dollar amount a proposal can request for funding?

A9: No, there is no maximum or minimum grant amount that can be requested by an applicant. Under the 2021 Proposition 1 solicitation we have \$24 million available for the Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program, and \$7 million available for the Proposition 1 Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program.

Q10: Would it be consistent with the Bond guidelines to allow a 12 month "look-back" period for creditable match (for land acquisitions)?

A10: The prop 1 guidelines state that eligible match requirements are allowed within the project performance period.

Q11: May we ask questions about our proposal during the Solicitation?

A11: CDFW Propositions 1 Restoration Grant Program staff can answer clarifying questions about the Solicitation process. Due to the competitive nature of the Solicitation, Program staff cannot help guide an applicant in writing a proposal. Questions can be emailed to WatershedGrants@wildlife.ca.gov.

Q12: May we schedule an individual consultation regarding our proposal?

A12: We do not provide individual consultation while the Solicitation is open or being evaluated. After proposals submitted under this Solicitation have been awarded, you may request a debriefing in order to gain information about how your proposal was evaluated.

Q13: Can an eligible applicant submit more than one proposal in response to the Solicitation?

A13: Yes. Each submitted proposal will be evaluated based on its individual merit.

Q14: Can a single proposal be submitted for more than one project category, e.g., both Planning and Implementation?

A14: With one exception, proposals must be specific to a single project category. Refer to Section 2.3 – Project Categories of the Solicitation for additional information regarding eligible activities pertinent to each project category. In instances where the project’s lead agency has already completed a CEQA analysis that addresses the proposed Acquisition and Implementation activities, these two activities can be combined in a single proposal. Outside of those circumstances, proposals for acquisition projects must be standalone (i.e., not combined with another project category).

Q15: How do we access reviewer comments on prior proposal submitted?

A15: Please contact us at WatershedGrants@wildlife.ca.gov and request a meeting to discuss your prior proposal. Be sure to include which PSN you applied to, your Application Number, and the Project Title.

Q16: Do we need to bid for subcontractors?

A16: We do not recommend how subcontracts are selected, other than the costs should be reasonable. Applicants should have some process for selecting subcontractors set by their own organization. Unless you are a government agency, that has requirements about how subcontracts are awarded. Applicants are encouraged to name the subcontractors within the proposal, if known at the application time, as it helps our ability to rate the proposal. However, if the applicant does not have subcontractors selected, they can be listed as TBD. If a subcontractor is listed as TBD, the applicant should outline the requirements and expertise they will seek in the subcontract.

Q17: Is there a link to a document that I can review to see what is required in the application?

A17: Yes, a [Microsoft Word version of the 2022 Application Template \(ZIP\)](#) is available.