CRGP Solicitation & Application Workshop

April 22, 2022

Outline

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- Draft Solicitations
  - Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation
  - Watershed Enhancement Solicitation

- Submission Process

- Application Overview

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Background

Revenue And Taxation Code Section 34019(f)(2):

- Focus on the clean up, remediation, restoration of environmental damage in watersheds affected by cannabis cultivation and related activities

- Department may allocate funds for this purpose through a grant program

Draft Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation

Anticipated Total Funding: up to $10 million

Application Period: 5/2 - 6/3/22 (TENTATIVE)
Deadline for public comments: April 26, 2022

- Eligibility

- Funding Priority

- Project Type & Category

- General Program Conditions and Requirements

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation - Eligibility

- **Public agencies**
  - Federal
  - State
  - Local Public Agency

- **Nonprofit organizations**

- **California Native American tribes**

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation - Funding Priority

Priority:

Cleanup and Remediation of Illicit Cannabis Cultivation Impacts on Qualified Public Land

Qualified Public Land:

Land owned in fee simple title and managed by a federal, state, local government, or institution, or California Native American tribal government. It also includes land held by the United States in trust for a California Native American tribe.

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation – Project Type

Project Type: Cleanup and Remediation

- Reduce delivery of contaminants and waste to the environment

- Remove refuse and infrastructure

- Cleanup and remediate aquatic, riparian, and/or upland native species habitat

- Minimize risk of fish, wildlife, and human exposure to toxic materials

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation - Project Category

Project Category: Cleanup and Remediation

- Categorically exempt CEQA and categorically excluded NEPA activities

- Eligible activities:

  – Finalizing site selection

  – Submitting a Notice of Exemption and/or Categorical Exclusion

  – Acquiring permits

  – Hazardous material testing and disposal

  – Infrastructure removal

  – Training and capacity building to increase cleanup efforts

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation - Geographical Focus

- State Water Resources Control Board's Cannabis Priority Watershed

- CA Water Action Plan

Legend
Priority Watershed

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation - Proposal Conditions

- Environmental Compliance and Permitting

- Project Monitoring and Reporting

- Management and Maintenance

- Coordination with Law Enforcement

- Hazardous Materials Assessment

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation - Summary

- **Anticipated Total Funding:** $10 million

- **Eligibility**: Public agencies, non-profits, and CA Native American Tribes

- **Funding Priority:** Cleanup and Remediation of Illicit Cannabis Cultivation Impacts on Qualified Public Land

- **Project Type:** Cleanup and Remediation

- **Category:** Cleanup and Remediation

Draft Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation

Questions & Comments

Draft Watershed Enhancement Solicitation

Watershed Enhancement Solicitation

Anticipated Total Funding: up to $10 million

Application Period: 5/2 – 6/3/22 (TENTATIVE)

Deadline for public comments: April 26, 2022

- Eligibility

- Funding Priority

- Project Types & Categories

- General Program Conditions and Requirements

Watershed Enhancement Solicitation - Eligibility

- **Public agencies**
  - Federal
  - State
  - Local Public Agency

- **Nonprofit organizations**

- **California Native American tribes**

Watershed Enhancement Solicitation - Funding Priority

Priority: Enhance Watersheds and Communities

- Restore or enhance aquatic, riparian, and/or upland native species habitat or habitat connectivity.

- Protect aquatic, riparian, and/or upland native species.

- Alleviate a limiting factor within the watershed.

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation – Project Type

Project Type: Road treatments

Project Type: Cleanup and Remediation on Private Land

Project Type: Wildlife & Habitat Enhancements

Project Type: Water Conservation

Watershed Enhancement Solicitation - Project Categories

Planning

- Provide funding for activities that will lead to a specific on-the-ground implementation projects.

Cleanup and Remediation

- Categorically exempt CEQA and categorically excluded NEPA activities, which result in the cleanup and remediation of environmental damage on private land in watersheds affected by cannabis cultivation.

Implementation

- Fund construction and monitoring of shovel-ready restoration and enhancement projects. Applicants must demonstrate CEQA compliance, and submit 65% or higher design plans.

Watershed Enhancement Solicitation - Geographical Focus

- State Water Resources Control Board's Cannabis Priority Watershed

- CA Water Action Plan

Watershed Enhancement Solicitation - Proposal Conditions

- Environmental Compliance and Permitting
- Project Monitoring and Reporting
- Land Tenure/Site Control
- Long-term Management and Maintenance
- Coordination with Law Enforcement
- Hazardous Materials Assessment

Watershed Enhancement Solicitation - Summary

- **Anticipated Total Funding:** $10 million

- **Eligibility**: Public agencies, non-profits, and CA Native American Tribes

- **Funding Priority:** Enhance Watersheds and Communities

- **Project Types:** Road treatments

    Cleanup and Remediation on Private Land

    Wildlife & Habitat Enhancements

    Water Conservation

- **Project Categories:** Planning

    Cleanup and Remediation

    Implementation

Draft Watershed Enhancement Solicitation

Questions & Comments

Submission Process

WebGrants - Overview

All proposal applications must be submitted via **WebGrants** https://watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov/

(Tentative) **Submission Deadline:** 4:00 PM (PST) **June 03, 2022**

WebGrants - Overview

WebGrants User Accounts

- New to WebGrants? – Please register to create an account
- You cannot apply to the Solicitation without an active WebGrants user account
  - Multiple users can work on the same application but must have their own user accounts
- Returning Applicants – Do **not** re-register. Use your existing user id and password

WebGrants – Account Registration

WebGrants – Registration Form

- **Do not provide any personal contact information**
  - Business information only
- **The Organization you are linked to affects your application**
- **Organization Tax ID is not necessary at this stage**
  - Enter "NA"
  - Tax ID will be necessary for the application

WebGrants – Account Registration

A WebGrants Admin must approve the registration before the user may login and start an application

- User will receive up to 3 confirmation emails
    1. Confirm receipt
    2. Approve/deny user registration
    3. Password

WebGrants – Starting an Application

1. Login to CDFW WebGrants
2. Select "Funding Opportunities"

WebGrants – Starting an Application

3. Select "**CRGP-Watershed Remediation and Enhancement Solicitation, 2021**"

WebGrants – Starting an Application

3. Select "**CRGP-Watershed Remediation and Enhancement Solicitation, 2021**"

WebGrants – Starting an Application

4. Select **"Start a New Application"**

Funding Opportunities

Current Applications

Any previously created applications, for this opportunity, appear below. To start a new application for this opportunity, Click the Start a New Application link or to copy data from an old application, click on the Copy Existing Application link.

ID	Application Title	Status
1725798	Test - Cannabis Restoration Grant Program	Submitted

Opportunity Details   Copy Existing Application | **Start a New Application**

Click

1728232 – CRGP- Watershed Enhancement Solicitation, 2022

CGP - Cannabis Grant Program
Application Deadline: 06/03/2022 4:00PM

Application – General Information

Enter General Information for the Proposed Project

- The Primary Contact is the only user that can update the General Information

- Please keep the "Project Title" brief

- The Authorized Official is an authorized representative of the Applicant Organization

- You can only select Organizations that your account is linked to

Select "**Save**" when done

Application – General Information

Menu | Help | Log Out   Back | Print | Add | Delete | **Edit** | Save

Application

Application: 1725908 - Cannabis Project Test 2

Click to edit current form

Program Area:	CGP - Cannabis Grant Program
Funding Opportunities:	1725197 - CRGP-Watershed Remediation and Enhancement Solicitation, 2021
Application Deadline:	05/14/2021 4:00 PM

Instructions

This page must be completed and saved before proceeding with the rest of the application process.

Please Note: *Only the person selected as the Primary Contact can make changes to the General Information form after saving.*

Also, copying and pasting information into text boxes may result in characters not saving correctly. If you notice this please manually enter the text to resolve the issue."

General Information   **Go to Application Forms**

System ID:	1725908
Project Title:	Cannabis Project Test 2
Primary Contact:	Cannabis Tester
Additional Contacts:	Cannabis Tester
	Select any additional contacts within your organization that will also manage this Grant
Organization:	California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Application – Main Menu

Application – Main Menu

- All Application Forms are listed in the Application Main Menu

- Acts as your checklist

- All forms must be complete to submit

Instructions

Application Main Menu

Before Starting

- For Eligibility and Application requirements, refer to:
  - **Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN)**
  - For additional information, see the **Cannabis Restoration Grant Program webpage**

Completing and Submitting the Application

- All application forms are required, depending on project type.
- Each form includes form-specific instructions.
- User must click **Save** to save entered information; the system does not save automatically. Save at least once an hour to ensure information is not lost if system times out.
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Application Forms	**Application Details | Submit | Withdraw**	
Form Name	Complete?	Last Edited
General Information	✓	03/29/2021
Form 1. General Info, Eligibility, and Priorities		
Form 2. Location Information		
Form 3. Project Narrative		
Form 4. Permits and Environmental Compliance		
Form 5. Land Tenure, Monitoring, and Long-Term Management		
Form 6. Timeline and Approach/Scope of Work		
Form 7a. Budget		
Form 7b. Budget Table (REQUIRED)		
Form 8. Supplementary Attachments		
Form 9. Acknowledgment and Signature		

Application – Forms

Application Form	Description
Form 1. General Information, Eligibility, and Priorities	Is the Applicant eligible for this grant and that can satisfy the general Solicitation requirements?
Form 2. Location Information	Where is the proposed project located?
Form 3. Project Narrative	What will the proposed project do? What are the goals and objectives? What is the significance of the expected benefits?
Form 4. Permits and Environmental Compliance	Has the Applicant obtained the appropriate permits and completed CEQA/NEPA for their project?
Form 5. Land Tenure, Monitoring, and Long-Term Management	Is there documentation showing adequate tenure to, and site control for on-the-ground activities? How will project effectiveness/performance be monitored and evaluated? How will the project deliver sustainable outcomes beyond the term of the grant?
Form 6. Timeline and Approach/Scope of Work	What is the project timeline? When are the work windows? Did the Applicant schedule enough time to complete the project? What are key project deliverables and milestones? What are the methods and techniques to achieve project deliverables and milestones?
Form 7a. Budget	Amount requested from Applicant to complete the project.
Form 7b. Budget Tables	Details on the requested amount and total project cost.
Form 8. Supplementary Attachments	Upload supplementary attachments that support the application or further describe the conservation goals.
Form 9. Acknowledgment and Signature	Certification that the information contained in the Application, including all required attachments, is true, accurate, and complete and that applicant is authorized to apply for the grant.

Application – Submission

Review the entire Application

- Check each Application Form

or

- Click "Applications Details" to review all Forms on one page

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Click to view entire Application

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Application – Details Page

Review entire Application

Print/Save Application

- Click "Print"
- Right-click and select "Print" or "Save as"

Click "Go to Application Forms" to return to Application Main

Click to Print or Save Application

Click to return to Application Main Menu

Application – Submission

- Review the entire Application

- Mark each Applicant Form as Complete

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Instructions

General Information, Eligibility, and Priorities

How to Fill Out Form

WebGrants navigation menu is at top right of this page.

- To enter your data into form fields, select **Edit**.
- To save your progress and leave Edit Mode, select **Save**.
- To exit form without saving, select **Back** from the navigation menu. Do not use the browser's back button.
- To enter data into a table row, you must first save your progress by selecting **Save** at the top of the page to exit Edit Mode. Click the **Add** button (at the top of the table section). When you are finished entering data, click **Save**. Repeat to add a new row to the table.
- To edit or delete a row, select the blue text in the first column.

IMPORTANT: ALL FIELDS MARKED WITH A RED ASTERISK (*) MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE SUBMITTING APPLICATION.

When you have completed the entire form, be sure to click **Mark as Complete**.

For assistance, contact the WebGrants Help Desk at **CDFWWebgrants@wildlife.ca.gov**

Form 1. General Information, Eligibility, and Priorities   **Mark as Complete** | **Go to Application Forms**

Click to Mark Complete

Application – Submission

Click "Submit"

<u>Note:</u> You cannot change your application after it is submitted

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Click to Submit Application

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WebGrants – Recommendations

- Save your progress often

- Start your application early

- Use the WebGrants "Back" button to navigate

- Work offline with the Word version of the App before completing the WebGrants version

- Attachment file names must be brief and include the application number

- Contact CDFW WebGrants Help Desk for any WebGrants questions and/or issues

Tips for Writing Proposals

Read Solicitation and Application instructions carefully

Clearly address the criteria outlined in the Solicitation
- Make a clear tie between your project and the Solicitation Priorities

Connect the dots
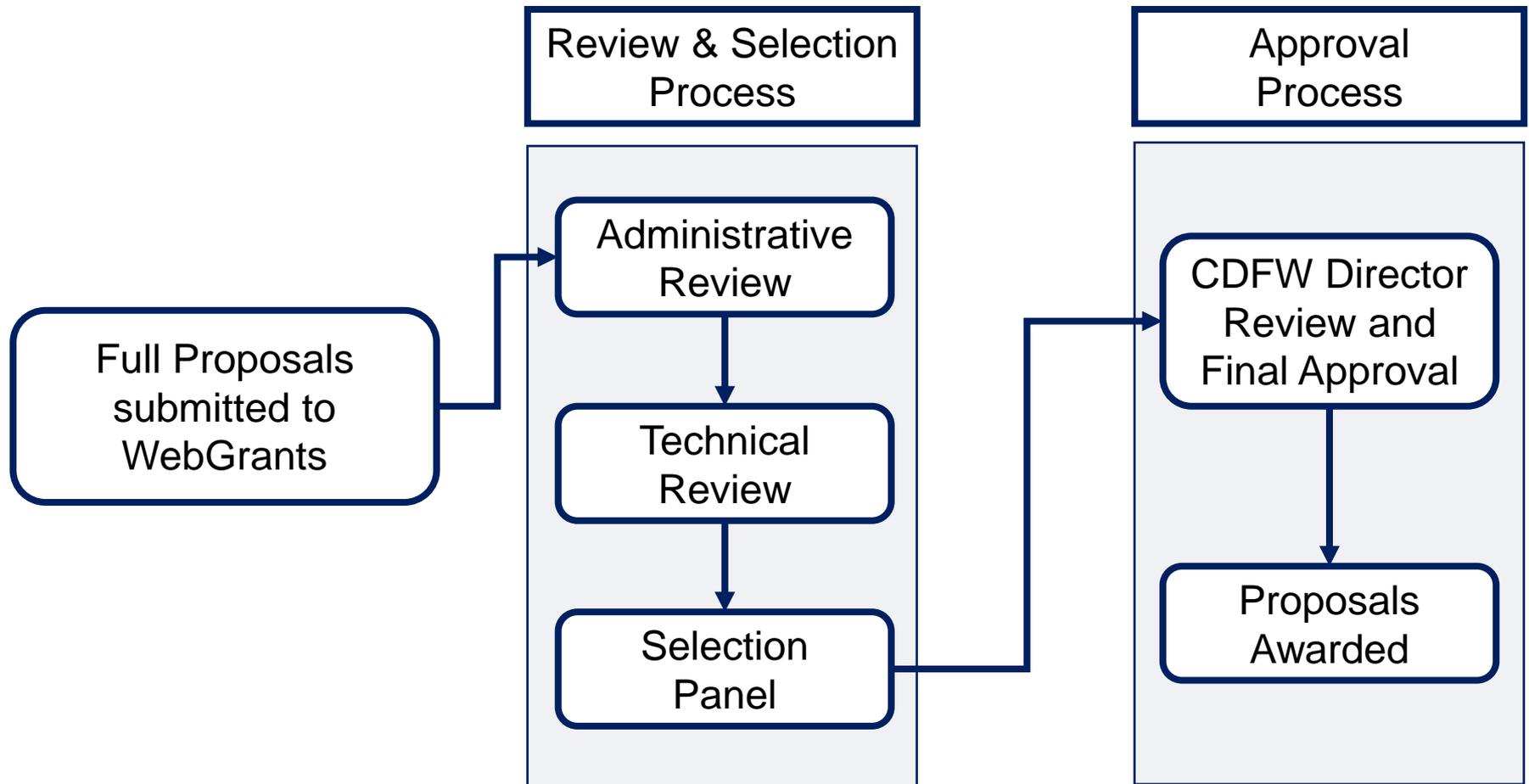- Make sure all the required information connects together
- The proposed work should justify the requested grant amount

Clearly describe the proposed project
- Who? – Project Team and Landowners
- What? – Scope of Work and Expected Benefits
- When? – Schedule and Work Windows
- Where? – Project Location and Site Information
- Why? – Purpose and Need
- How? – Materials, Methods, and Plans

Solicitation - Proposal Review and Approval Process

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Full Proposals
submitted to
WebGrants
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Review & Selection Process

- Administrative Review
    ↓
- Technical Review
    ↓
- Selection Panel

Approval Process

- CDFW Director Review and Final Approval
    ↓
- Proposals Awarded

Tentative Timeline

April 26, 2022

Public comments on **BOTH** draft Solicitation due

May 2, 2022

Release **BOTH** Final Solicitations

June 03, 2022 at **4:00 PM, PDT**

Proposals Due in WebGrants

summer of 2022

Awards Announced

fall of 2022

Execute Grant Agreement

Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation & Watershed Enhancement Solicitation – Summary

- Proposal applications submitted online through WebGrant: watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov

- Applicants must register an account in WebGrants

- Anticipated release of final Solicitation:
  Week of May 2nd, 2022

- Anticipated Application Deadline:
  4:00 PM, PDT on June 03, 2022

Submission Process

Questions & Comments

Contact CRGP

WebGrant Questions:
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2022 – Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation & Watershed Enhancement Solicitation Questions:
Email: canngrantprogram@wildlife.ca.gov