

# Restoration Grant Opportunities 2022-2025



## Call for Projects California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Applications Accepted on Rolling Basis  
Starting November 2022

Drought, Climate, Nature Based Solutions, and Bond  
Funding



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## Overview

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is excited to announce new funding opportunities for multi-benefit ecosystem restoration and protection projects through the Watershed Restoration Grants Branch. Under this call for restoration and enhancement projects, over \$200 million will be available, including grant funding beginning in 2022.

CDFW has launched a new, single application portal which will remain available on an ongoing basis, allowing applicants to submit one application for consideration under multiple funding streams, including:

### **New Funding for 2022**

Of the new funding available, a portion will be available for grants.

1. Drought Resiliency – Protecting Salmon - \$100 million. A portion of this funding will be dedicated to Klamath River Watershed projects demonstrating support from and collaboration with Tribes and local landowners or landowner associations. This dedicated funding will be available as follows:
  - a. Up to \$10 million available for projects within the Scott River and its tributaries;
  - b. Up to \$10 million available for projects within the Shasta River and its tributaries.
2. Addressing Climate Impacts - \$35 million
3. Nature Based Solutions
  - a. Wetlands and Mountain Meadows Restoration - \$54 million
  - b. Wildlife Corridors \$42 million

### **Existing Funding Continuing – Fiscal Year 2023-24**

4. Proposition 1 - up to \$31 million
  - a. Watershed Restoration Grant Program
  - b. Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program
5. Proposition 68 – up to \$44 million
  - a. River and Stream Restoration, includes \$5 million for Klamath-Trinity projects.
  - b. Southern Steelhead Habitat Restoration
  - c. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration

Additional grant funding may become available at a future date and may be added to this Call for Concepts.

## Project Types

CDFW is accepting proposals for planning, implementation, acquisition, monitoring, capacity building, and scientific studies. Please see [General Grant Guidelines](#) for more information about project types.

## Cutting Green Tape – Streamlined Application

CDFW is streamlining the application process to accelerate restoration with a concept proposal application process. The rolling application process makes restoration funding available on an as-needed basis and allows CDFW to select the most appropriate funding source for each project based on the proposed work. For the new funding streams, applicants may submit a single concept proposal application for funding with a streamlined review and approval process, allowing for awards as quickly as 30 days.

CDFW staff will engage with applicants during the proposal and review stages, providing feedback and guidance for next steps. If awarded, CDFW staff will work with applicants to develop a grant agreement so projects may commence. Applicants may also be invited to submit additional information, Full Application, to be considered under bond funded programs through Proposition 1 or Proposition 68.

### WebGrants

Proposal applications must be submitted electronically through CDFW WebGrants online at <https://watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov>. To access the application, applicants must first register an account or login using an existing account. To apply select the “Restoration Grants Concept Proposals” under Funding Opportunities. The WebGrants Help Desk is staffed Monday–Friday (9:00AM–4:00PM). Questions regarding the CDFW WebGrants system should be directed to the CDFW WebGrants Help Desk email at [CDFWebgrants@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:CDFWebgrants@wildlife.ca.gov).

The Concept Proposal in WebGrants consists of multiple forms. WebGrants includes dropdown menus, text boxes, multiple-choice selections, tables, and attachment upload links. Once submitted, applicants cannot alter their proposal or submit additional information without first contacting the WebGrants Help Desk.

### Full Applications

Applicants may be invited to submit a full application for funding under

Proposition 1 or Proposition 68 and will be asked to provide additional details to CDFW, including an expanded project description and additional project details. Instructions will be provided to applicants via email on an invitation-only basis.

Proposals will be evaluated using the multi-step review process described in the [Proposition 1 Guidelines](#) and [Proposition 68 Guidelines](#).

## Application Workshop

CDFW will schedule a series of application workshops to provide technical assistance with the application process. Please see CDFW Grant Notices website <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants> for workshop details. Workshops will be recorded and made available online.

## Contacts

To request a consultation or for general questions, please contact CDFW's Watershed Restoration Grants Branch by email at [WatershedGrants@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WatershedGrants@wildlife.ca.gov).

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## Grant Program Guidelines

The [WRGB General Grant Programs Guidelines](#) provide detailed information on eligibility, project types, program and funding requirements, budgets, design plans and engineering, qualifications and licensed professionals, labor code requirements, long-term management, environmental compliance and permitting, water law, project monitoring and reporting, data management, the selection process, requirements for awarded grants, invoicing and payments, reporting, standard conditions, and many other general program requirements.

## Schedule and Timing

CDFW accepts concept applications for restoration grants on an ongoing basis (continuous).

Each applicant must submit a Scope of Work, listed by task, including deliverables and estimated completion dates for their proposal. Applications with multiple projects will complete a schedule for each project.