



Restoration Grant Opportunities

Frequently Asked Questions

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This is a list of frequently asked questions and their answers. The list will be updated as new questions get submitted.

Q1. Is there a best person to reach out to with general questions about the application process?

A1. If you have general questions about the process, please email WatershedGrants@wildlife.ca.gov

Q2. Can an applicant bundle multiple similar projects together into a single proposal?

A2. Yes, a proposal may include multiple similar projects. Generally, projects that are bundled are similar in size and scope, for example, augmentation of large woody debris at multiple locations. Bundled projects should be in the same watershed, or at least in the same ecoregion and may work if the project has identified in advance, a single CEQA lead agency and permittee for the collective projects. CDFW recommends including a breakdown of costs for each project, as partial funding does sometimes occur. Projects that are large and/or complex are typically submitted via separate, stand-alone proposals.

Q3. Can an eligible applicant submit more than one concept proposal at a time?

A3. Yes, an applicant can submit multiple concept proposals for different projects, or, if appropriate, the applicant may bundle multiple, similar projects into a single application (see Question #2). Each proposal/project will be evaluated based on its individual merit.

Q4. Will match funding or cost share be required?

A4. No match funding or cost share is required but is certainly encouraged.

Q5. Is there a maximum or minimum dollar amount a proposal can request for funding?

A5. No, there is no maximum or minimum grant amount that can be requested by an applicant. Provided that a full cost justification is provided, all costs are reasonable, and costs are consistent with the purposes of the grant program.

Q6. If a proposed implementation project has not yet completed CEQA, can CEQA related costs be reimbursed through an implementation grant or would CEQA and associated costs need to occur before application?

A6. For implementation projects, the applicant should demonstrate 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, or that the project qualifies for a statutory or categorical exemption. 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.

Q7. Can a project required as mitigation or other compliance obligations be eligible for funding in this program?

A7. No. Grant funds cannot be used for projects required to meet environmental mitigation or compliance measures. Similarly, any project that is under an enforcement action by a regulatory agency will not be considered for funding.

Q8. Is an authorizing resolution required to apply for the Concept proposal?

A8. An authorizing resolution is not required when submitting the Concept proposal. However, if a grant is awarded for the project, 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.

Q9. When are proposal applications submitted due for the various Programs?

A9. CDFW's Restoration Grant Programs are accepting Concept proposals year-round (continuously) except for the Fisheries Restoration Grants Program that opens for proposals on specific dates (anticipated early January).

Q10. Is there a link to a document that I can review to see what is required in the Concept application?

A10. Yes. Here is a [link](#) to a Microsoft Word version of the 'Restoration Grants Concept Proposals' [application Template](#). The template form may be filled out offline, then copying and pasting that information into the WebGrants system.

Q11. Is there a schedule for spending the funds if we are awarded grant by your programs?

A11. Yes. Below are the schedules for committing or encumbering funds for some of the programs. The funds have to be spent within two years after the encumbrance dates. We anticipate that all works on the project would be complete, by the Project End date, without project request for time extension.

Program	Grant Agreement Execution Date	Project End Date*
Drought Resiliency – Protecting Salmon	4/30/2024	3/15/2026
Nature Based Solutions - Wetlands/Meadow	4/30/2025	3/15/2027
Nature Based Solutions - Wildlife Corridors	4/30/2026	3/15/2028
Addressing Climate Impacts	4/30/2024	3/15/2026

*Project shall end no later than January 1 for UC/CSU grantees or by March 15 for other grantees.

Additional funding sources (e.g., Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 funding) will be added to this table as those funds become available.

In your proposal, please clearly indicate your project start and end dates so that CDFW can select the funding source that best aligns with your project timeline. Please note that extensions are not available beyond the Project End Dates listed above.