

Nature-Based Solutions Beaver Conflict Resolution Grant Opportunities 2023-2025



Call for Projects California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Applications Accepted on Rolling Basis

Nature Based Solutions – Beaver Restoration



WatershedGrants@Wildlife.ca.gov

Overview

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is excited to announce a new funding opportunity supporting implementation and promotion of human-beaver coexistence strategies (i.e., non-lethal beaver damage deterrence). The primary objectives of this funding are to: 1) offset the costs associated with landowner/tenant implementation of non-lethal beaver damage deterrents, and 2) make available to landowners/tenants the technical assistance necessary for the timely installation of effective non-lethal beaver damage deterrents.

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:

Up to \$2 million in funding is available under CDFW's Nature Based Solutions Wetlands and Mountain Meadows Restoration.

Priority consideration will be given to projects servicing the following counties: Merced, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, San Joaquin, and Butte.

Project Types

CDFW is accepting proposals for planning, implementation, and technical assistance resulting in implementation. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.