



Cannabis Restoration Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions



Q1. Who qualifies for Cannabis Restoration Grant Program (CRGP) funding?

A1. The following entities are eligible to apply to receive CRGP funding:

- Public Agencies within California (state agencies or departments, public universities and colleges, special districts, joint power authorities, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of the state)
- Nonprofit Organizations qualified to do business in California, under Section 501(c), Title 26 of the United States Code
- California Native American Tribes as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21073.

Q2. What grant funding opportunities are available?

A2. There are currently three ongoing cannabis grant funding opportunities:

- **Cleanup, Remediation, and Watershed Enhancement Funding Opportunity**
Focus: Cleanup and remediation of waste, contaminants, and infrastructure associated with illicit cannabis cultivation on public or private land, reduction of sediment delivery from road crossings, increased water conservation, or wildlife habitat restoration or enhancement.
- **Qualified Cultivator Funding Opportunity**
Focus: Assist cultivators transition from provisional licenses to annual licenses (e.g., CEQA biological assessments, mitigation measures, upgrade watercourse crossings), implement sustainable cannabis cultivation practices and/ water conservation and flow enhancement.



- **Research and Innovation Funding Opportunity**

Focus: Improve the collective understanding of how cannabis cultivation influences the environment, provide actionable solutions for cannabis cultivation impacts on the environment, address environmental factors to support sustainable cultivation, and/or contribute to the conservation of California’s fish, wildlife, and the habitats upon which they depend.

Q3. What projects qualify for grant funding?

A3. The eligibility requirements are detailed in the proposal solicitation notices: [Qualified Cultivator Funding Opportunity](#), [Cleanup, Remediation, and Watershed Enhancement Funding Opportunity](#), and [Research and Innovation Funding Opportunity](#)

Proposals under the Cleanup, Remediation, and Watershed Enhancement solicitation and the Research and Innovation solicitation that directly benefit species listed as endangered or threatened under the California Endangered Species Act will receive higher scores.

Proposals under the Qualified Cultivator solicitation must provide co-benefits, which may include implementation of actions described in species recovery plans, California’s 30x30 conservation framework, the State Wildlife Action Plan, or similar plans, and/or promote a local equity program.

All grants require a monitoring and reporting plan as well as a detailed long-term management plan as deliverables if not prepared at the time of the grant application.

Q4. How do I apply for a Cannabis Restoration Grant?

A4. Email CannGrantProgram@wildlife.ca.gov to request a consultation.

Please include the following information: name of eligible applicant who will manage the grant, landowners or other partners, name of project or project site, location or geographic footprint of the project and watersheds, communities the project will assist, brief description of the project, project

priorities, and proposed conservation benefits.

After consultation, applicants with project ideas that meet the eligibility requirements and are consistent with program priorities are invited to submit a pre-application. After reviewers provide feedback on pre-applications, CRGP staff will invite applicants to submit a full proposal. Site visits may also be scheduled.



Q5. Who funds the Cannabis Restoration Grant Program and how much money is available?

A5. CRGP grants are funded through California’s Environmental Restoration and Protection Account pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 34019(f)(2).

CRGP offers approximately \$20 million for all cannabis grant funding opportunities.

Q6. Is there a limit to how much a grant can cover?

A6. Currently, there is no minimum or maximum grant award amount.

All project costs must be consistent with the purposes of the grant program and explicitly outlined in the grant agreement and adhered to as outlined. Please note, advance pay and block grants cannot be funded under the current funding opportunities.

