



Endangered Species Conservation and Recovery Grant Program

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife distributes federal funds for threatened and endangered species conservation and recovery actions through the Endangered Species Conservation and Recovery Grant Program. Funds for threatened and endangered species conservation actions are provided to states and territories from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through their Traditional Conservation Grants program (Section 6 Grant Program). It is one of four grant programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973). The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is responsible for managing native fish, wildlife, and plant species in California, and directs the solicitation and implementation of Traditional Section 6 Grant funded projects that promote species conservation and recovery in coordination with the USFWS through a Section 6 Cooperative Agreement. Authority for the CDFW to administer the Section 6 grant program is granted through §1501.5 of the Fish and Game Code.

See the Proposal Solicitation Notice for directions on applying for grant funds through this program.

Proposals for the 2014/2015 Grant Cycle are Due December 2, 2014.

The primary objective of species recovery grants is to support the development and implementation of the States' programs to conserve and recover federally threatened and endangered species. Eligible projects are those that target species that are federally listed, proposed for listing, candidate, or recently recovered, and are required to focus on the following areas:

- Habitat restoration
- Species status surveys
- Public education and outreach
- Captive propagation and reintroduction
- Nesting surveys
- Genetic studies
- Development of management plans

The CDFW will annually solicit project proposals for funding under the Traditional Section 6 Species Recovery Grant Program based on approved needs, topics, and/or themes which address the goals and objective of the program through its Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN). For each year that it is issued, the PSN will contain all pertinent information for proposal submittal that year, including, but not limited to following:

- Types of projects or themes that will be accepted;
- Current proposal and budget templates;
- Information on the proposal scoring process;
- Other specific CDFW requirements;
- Other information as applicable.

Project proposals are evaluated and scored by an internal committee comprised of staff from the Wildlife, Fisheries, and Habitat Conservation Planning Branches and from CDFW Regions. A 25% nonfederal funding match is required. A recommended project list is submitted to the Director for final CDFW approval. The final list is submitted to USFWS for federal technical input, environmental review, and final project approval. The number of projects funded each year is dependent on the amount of funding available. Traditional Section 6 Recovery Grants have historically been awarded in amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$400,000.

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