CLIMATE READY ROUND 5 GRANT APPLICATION

**DISADVANTAGED AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY CRITERIA**

Seventy-five percent of the funds available will be directed to projects located in **and** benefitting a low-income or disadvantaged community (refer to [this map](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/communityinvestments.htm)). Is your project located in a low income or disadvantaged (AB 1550) community?

[ ]  Disadvantaged community

[ ]  Low-income community

[ ]  Low-income community within ½-mile of disadvantaged community

[ ]  None of the above

Does your project benefit a low income or disadvantaged (AB 1550) community? Please check all that apply. You will be asked to describe the benefit(s) in Question 10 of this application.

[ ]  Preserves a site that allows public access

[ ]  Significantly reduces flood risk to households within one or more disadvantaged or low income communities

[ ]  Significantly reduces fire risk to households within one or more disadvantaged or low-income communities

[ ]  Maintains water quality and health of watersheds serving priority populations through avoiding the conversion of forest lands or wetlands that would have resulted in impacts to nearby water bodies located in the same or a directly adjacent disadvantaged or low income community as the project

[ ]  The majority (>50 percent) of trees planted by the project are located within one or more disadvantaged or low-income communities, and the project terms provide for maintenance of the trees and related vegetation

[ ]  Expands or improves the usability of existing active transportation routes (e.g., walking or bicycle paths) or creates new active transportation routes that are publicly accessible by walking within one or more disadvantaged or low-income communities, or improves open spaces, parks, greenbelts, and recreational areas publicly accessible by walking within one or more disadvantaged or low-income communities

[ ]  Provides regular and ongoing educational opportunities through partnerships with schools or non-profit organizations located in disadvantaged or low income communities and site access to residents of these communities

[ ]  Includes recruitment, agreements, policies, or other approaches that are consistent with federal and state law and result in either:

[ ]  At least 25 percent of project work hours performed by residents of a disadvantaged or low-income community, or by residents of low-income households

[ ]  At least 10 percent of project work hours performed by residents, as described above, participating in job training programs which lead to industry-recognized credentials or certifications

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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| **Project Name**  |  |
| **Contact Person** (Name and Title) |  |
| **Tax ID #** |  |

Provide a project description that addresses questions 1-6 below. Please limit your response to questions 1-6 to four pages.

1. **Project Eligibility.** Describe how your project meets the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding criteria by facilitating the reduction of GHG emissions or sequestering carbon. Does the project team have a method for quantifying this? (note: the Coastal Conservancy will provide assistance with GHG reduction quantification consistent with the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) guidance quantification methodologies).
2. **Need for the project.** Describe the specific problems, issues, or unserved needs the project will address.

Explain how the project achieves one or more of the purposes of this round of Climate Ready Grants:

* *Safeguard coastal communities (reduce future risks from climate change)*
* *Use nature-based solutions that provide co-benefits for people, wildlife, and the economy*
* *Promote collaboration among various stakeholders and multiple sectors to advance climate change adaptation. Establish and expand non-traditional alliances to accelerate effective problem-solving between and among public and private resource managers, scientists, and decision-makers*
* *Address the needs of the low-income and/or underserved coastal populations that will be highly impacted by climate change*
* *Promote on-the-ground demonstration projects that implement innovative approaches or enhance understanding of effective coastal management strategies and will potentially lead to broader change to policies, regulations, or to duplicating the effort elsewhere*
1. **Goals and Objectives.** The goals and objectives should clearly define the expected outcomes and benefits of the project.

1. **Project Description.** Describe all of the major project components (i.e., what will actually be done to address the need and achieve the goals and objectives).

1. **Future phases.** For planning projects or other projects where future phases are critical to project success, explain the strategy for funding and implementing the future construction phase(s).
2. **Site description.** Describe the project site or area, including site characteristics that are tied to the project objectives (i.e.: for acquisition of habitat, describe current vegetation assemblages, condition of habitats, known wildlife migration corridors, etc.). When relevant, include ownership and management information.
3. **Specific tasks.** Identify the specific tasks that will be undertaken and the work that will be accomplished for each task.

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| **#** | **Task Name** | **Description** |
| **1** |  |  |
| **2** |  |  |
| **3** |  |  |
| **4** |  |  |
| **5** |  |  |
| **6** |  |  |

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1. **Work Products**. List the specific work products or outcomes that the project will result in:
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Please answer questions 9-15 in one to two paragraphs per question.

1. **Need for Coastal Conservancy funding.** What would happen to the project if no funds were available from the Conservancy? What project opportunities or benefits could be lost and why if the project is not implemented in the near future?
2. **Multiple benefits.** Describe the benefits that the project will provide. Examples of benefits include creating jobs for community members, reducing flood risks to households, maintaining water quality and/or watershed health, providing educational opportunities, or restoring a site that is accessible to the community. Seventy-five percent of the funds available will be directed to projects located in **and** benefitting a low-income or disadvantaged community (refer to [this map](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/communityinvestments.htm)). If the majority of your project is located in one of these communities, please describe how the project provides the benefits that were selected on page 1 of this application.
3. **Best available science, technology, and practices.** Describe how the project is consistent with best available science. If applicable, do sea level rise projections follow the Ocean Protection Council [State of California Sea-Level Rise Guidance document](http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/agenda_items/20180314/Item3_Exhibit-A_OPC_SLR_Guidance-rd3.pdf)? Please also describe technology (or practices) that will be employed and explain how they are either innovative or the most appropriate approach for the project.
4. **Community engagement and support.** Please explain the extent to which the project has community support, has included community engagement, and includes relevant community partnerships that could facilitate project success. List the public agencies, non-profit organizations, elected officials, and other entities and individuals that support the project. Please do NOT send letters of support with your grant application.
5. **Sustainability.** Describe how the project will deliver sustainable outcomes in the long-term.
6. **Measuring success.** For projects involving restoration, construction, or land acquisition, describe the plan for monitoring (including physical and biological benefits), evaluating and reporting project effectiveness, and implementing adaptive management strategies if necessary. Who will be responsible for funding and implementing ongoing management and monitoring? If there is a plan in place for monitoring and reporting GHG emission reduction or carbon sequestration, please describe.

**Wetland / Riparian Area Monitoring Plan:** Does the project involve the construction or restoration of a wetland or riparian area?

[ ]  No
[ ]  Yes

If yes, and the project is awarded a Conservancy grant, please note that you will be required to conduct a baseline report utilizing the California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) within the year prior to the beginning of project construction, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the Conservancy and the grantee. (More information is available at <http://www.cramwetlands.org/>). You will also be required to provide a plan for Completion of Post-Construction CRAM Assessment, including a budget and timeline for the collection of at least one additional CRAM assessment following construction of the project and prior to the completion date of the grant agreement in order to document the change in wetland condition at the project site. Costs associated with CRAM assessment can be included in the proposed project budget.

1. **Applicant and project history.** Describe your experience with similar projects and/or how your organization is best suited to carry out the proposed project. Applicants should demonstrate experience successfully implementing similar projects or document that the project team includes appropriate and necessary partners to complete the project.
2. **Environmental review.** Projects funded by the Coastal Conservancy must be reviewed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA does not apply to projects that will not have either a direct or indirect effect on the environment. For all other projects, if the project is statutorily or categorically exempt under CEQA, no further review is necessary. If the proposed project is not exempt, it must be evaluated by a public agency that is issuing a permit, providing funding, or approving the project, to determine whether the activities may have a significant effect on the environment. The evaluation results in a “Negative Declaration (Neg Dec),” “Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND),” or “Environmental Impact Report (EIR).” *NOTE – the Coastal Conservancy cannot grant funding for construction or restoration projects without final CEQA documentation*.

The proposed project…. (check the appropriate answer):

[ ]  Is not a project under CEQA. Briefly specify why.

[ ]  Is exempt under CEQA. Provide the CEQA exemption number and specify how the project meets the terms of the exemption.

[ ]  Requires Neg Dec, MND, or EIR. Specify the lead CEQA agency (the agency preparing the document) and the (expected) completion date. Please note that the Conservancy will need to review and approve any CEQA document. For more information on CEQA, visit: <http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/flowchart/index.html> .

1. **Permits.** If this is an implementation project, please list permits your project will require and their status:

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| **Name of permit(s)** | **Status (Ex. acquired, pending, included in scope of proposed project)** | **Date of permit (or expected date)** |
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1. **Maps and Graphics**. Provide the following project graphics with your application. Project maps and design plans should be combined into one pdf file with a maximum size of 10 MB. Project photos should be provided in jpg format.
	* Digital file of the project footprint – Please send us a shapefile or .kmz file showing the project footprint. If you need help generating this file, please contact us.
	* Regional Map – Clearly identify the project’s location in relation to prominent area features and significant natural and recreational resources, including regional trails and protected lands.
	* Site-scale map – Show the location of project elements in relation to natural and man-made features on-site or nearby. Any key features discussed in project description should be shown.
	* Design Plan – Construction projects should include one or more design drawings or graphics indicating the intended site improvements.
	* Site Photos – One or more clear photos of the project site

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PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

In the budget matrix below, relist the tasks identified in #7 above and for each provide: 1) the estimated completion date for the task, 2) the estimated cost of the task, and 3) the funding sources (applicant, Conservancy, and other) for the task. The table will automatically sum the totals for each row and column. To do this, highlight the whole table and hit F9.

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|  |  |  | **REQUEST** | **MATCHING FUNDS** |  |
| **Task #** | **Task** | **Completion Date** | **Coastal Conservancy** | **Other CA State Funds** | **Non-State Funds** | **Total Cost** |
| **1** |  |  |  |  |  | $ 0 |
| **2** |  |  |  |  |  | $ 0 |
| **3** |  |  |  |  |  | $ 0 |
| **4** |  |  |  |  |  | $ 0 |
| **5** |  |  |  |  |  | $ 0 |
| **6** |  |  |  |  |  | $ 0 |
| **7** |  |  |  |  |  | $ 0 |
| **TOTAL** | $ 0 | $ 0 | $ 0  | $ 0 |

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**Categories of Matching Funds**

Please list all matching funds and the source. You may include in-kind match such as staff time, volunteer time, donated materials, bargain sales, etc.

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| **Source** | **Amount** | **Status (Secured, Applied for, etc.)** | **State of CA Funds Y/N** |
|  | $ |  |  |
|  | $ |  |  |
|  | $ |  |  |
|   | $ |  |  |
|   | $ |  |  |
| **Total** | 0 |  |  |

**Budget Justification**

Please provide a brief narrative explanation of the budget that explains and justifies the costs. The purpose of the narrative is to provide background and detail to explain the costs in the budget, including the source of the estimates. It is helpful to know if the budget includes administrative or indirect costs or contingencies and those amounts. If you have an engineer’s estimate, providing that will suffice.