

2022-23 Explore the Coast Grant Renewal Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Sheet



General Questions

How often is the Renewal Explore the Coast grant available? Due to the influx of funding we received this year, the Conservancy is offering a renewal application to extend the award amount and/or length term, however, it is uncertain if Renewal grant rounds will continue into the future.

Who is eligible? Grantees that currently have an existing Explore the Coast grant from the Conservancy and are in good standing are eligible to apply for funding to extend their existing grant. We understand that 2020-2021 pandemic conditions may have delayed projects starting, but ideally, projects would have been in progress for some time.

How many years can I apply for an extension? The Conservancy is funding up to \$100k/year for up to three years maximum depending on when the project intends to be completed. The Conservancy will base the size of the award on each project's needs, its overall benefits, and on the extent of competing demands for funds.

When can projects start spending these grants? We encourage applying with a Jan 1, 2023 start date. Selected projects will be approved by the Coastal Conservancy board in September 2022 and will need to have a new grant agreement in place and meet conditions precedent before they can start work.

What are the criteria that are used to select renewal projects for funding? We are funding extensions to existing projects that have already gone through our Advisory Board review process. However, renewal proposals will be assessed based on if the proposed projects will continue to serve the same target community and do the same activities. If locations or activities will be changing significantly, we recommend using the regular application instead of the renewal app.

Where can I watch the Renewal RFP webinar? You can find the recording linked to our ETC renewal RFP webpage here: <https://scc.ca.gov/2022/01/06/rfp-for-2022-explore-the-coast-renewal/>

Could a new geographic area be added to the existing program? This can be answered on a project-specific basis. If participants will be coming from different areas, it will likely be encouraged to use the regular application (rather than the renewal app), as existing projects were selected based on the target community demographics. If participants are from the same target community but will be visiting different coastal locations, it may be ok to use the renewal app. Talk to your existing project manager, or email explorethecoast@scc.ca.gov to discuss your specific project.

Application Questions

Where can I find the work program template? The work program is linked here:

<https://scc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/forms/workprogramtemplate.docx>

Is a Board resolution required at the application phase? A board resolution will be needed at a later time if your project is selected and after your grant agreement is signed.

The application includes a demographic table to share information about the participants. What if my participants fall under multiple categories? Do your best to fill out the table, but we understand that people have overlapping identities that may not fit cleanly into this table. You can add a statement or note about your participants if that is the case.

If our existing grant goes through 2025 (due to Covid delays), can we still apply? If your project will be expanding to serve more participants during these same years, you could request funds.

Projects and Programs Jurisdiction

What is the Explore the Coast jurisdiction? Projects must involve visiting the coast of California or the shore of San Francisco Bay. The Conservancy is very interested in supporting programs that bring participants to the coast from throughout the state. Channel Island exploration is eligible.

Can programs take place in watersheds, e.g., LA River? No. The program is focused specifically on bringing participants to the shoreline or coastal locations.

What if the program is about the watershed and estuary education heading into the coast and lands near the coast? Program can include educational components ranging from coastal watershed, climate change, environmental stewardship, outdoor etiquette, to marine wildlife; however, all programs must provide physical coastal exploration at the coast.

Award Timeline

Anticipated Grant Schedule

Grant Round 2022	
March 11, 2022	Applications Due at 5 pm
March 11–July 1	SCC Staff & ETC Advisory Board review of applications
Late July 2022	Selection of projects to recommend for funding
September 22, 2022	Conservancy Board meeting, for project funding recommendations
Aug–Dec 2022	Complete grant pre-conditions and execute grant agreements

If you have further questions or concerns that were not addressed in this FAQ, we encourage you to reach out to your existing project manager, or email explorethecoast@scc.ca.gov to discuss your specific project.

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