State Coastal Conservancy Grant Application Process

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Coastal
Conservancy
STATE *of* CALIFORNIA

The *State Coastal Conservancy's* vision is of a beautiful, restored, and accessible coast for current and future generations of Californians.

We act with others to protect and restore, and increase public access to, California's coast, ocean, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

75% of California's population lives within our jurisdiction.

Coastal Conservancy

2023 – 2027 Strategic Plan

- Five Year Plan
- Vision, Goals, & Measurable Objectives

Plan Context
- Addressing Inequity
- Climate Crisis
- Funding

Key Strategies
- Implement Existing State and Regional Plans
- Accelerate Action
- Build Capacity and Invest in Meaningful Engagement

2023 – 2027 Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Prioritize Equity

Goal 2: Enjoy the Coast

Goal 3: Protect & Restore the Coast

Goal 4: Climate Ready

Goal 5: Organizational Goals

Coastal Conservancy Funding

Over $1 billion in FY 22/23 & 23/24

$326m Coastal Climate Resilience

$555m Sea Level Rise Resilience *

$37m Wildfire Resilience

$20m Conservancy Programs Generally

$112m Specific Priority Geographies or Projects

* $120m of this is CA Air Resource's Board's
CA Climate Investments

Application Process

- **Ongoing Applications-** accepted on a rolling basis with no specific deadline unless announced for specific grant rounds

- **2-3 Step Process to Apply**
  - *Optional-* provide brief summary of project to Regional Manager for initial feedback

  - <u>Pre-proposal</u>: Eligibility, Project Basics
    - 60 days for SCC response

  - <u>Invited Proposal</u>: Full Review, Detailed Tasks/Budget
    - 60 days for SCC response

Regional Managers:
North Coast   Karyn Gear
SF Bay Area   Moira McEnespy
Central Coast   Trish Chapman
South Coast   Megan Cooper

Eligibility and Allowable Activities

Who is Eligible?
- Public agencies
- Federally Recognized Tribes
- Non-Profits with 501c3 status
- Non-Fed Recognized Tribes and others via fiscal sponsor

Typical Grant Amounts
- $200,000-$8,000,000 but no set minimum/maximum

Allowable Project Activities
- Land Acquisitions
- Planning
  - Feasibility, design, permitting
  - Community Engagement
- Implementation
  - Project Execution
  - Construction
  - Workforce Development
  - Monitoring and Adaptive Management

Strategic Plan and Project Selection Criteria

Project Types

- Land Acquisitions, Conservation Easements

- Habitat Restoration and Enhancement

- Climate, Sea Level Rise, and Wildfire Resilience

- Nature-Based Adaptation

- Public Access

- Waterfront Access and Resilience

- Multi-Benefit Projects

Project Types

- Tribally-led Projects, Land Return, and Acquisitions
- Trails and Recreational Facilities and Amenities
- Lower-Cost Overnight Accommodations
- Projects to Expand Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities

Project Activities

- Community Engagement and Involvement, Co-design of Projects
- Workforce Development connected to specific project

New Resources and Guidance

Clarify the process and Streamline the steps to applying:

- Developed to make application process clearer and more efficient
- Reduce time at each step- get early feedback, shorter pre-application
- Work with SCC staff to develop and refine project components/fit

Increase the reach and accessibility to SCC grants

Engage local communities and support community-led efforts

Grant Application Guide

Pre-Application

Full Application

Links to Technical Assistance Webinars

Grant Application Guide
(https://scc.ca.gov/grants/)

- Summary of Helpful Information and Resources
- Grant Program Overview
- Eligibility
- Process to Apply
- Main Steps and Timelines
- Application Checklist
- Project Selection Criteria
- Strategic Plans Goals and Funding Priorities
- Information to include in your application, with templates to use
- Eligible Costs- *Acquisitions, Planning, Implementation*
- Resources (bottom of the page)
- Technical Assistance Webinars

Project Selection Criteria

Project:

- is a good investment of state resources.
- helps the Conservancy accomplish the Strategic Plan.
- includes a serious effort to engage tribes.
- benefits will be sustainable or resilient over the project lifespan.
- delivers multiple benefits and significant positive impact.
- was (or will be) planned with meaningful community engagement and broad community support.

Key Grant Requirements

- Reimbursable grants – you do the work first and then invoice.

- All grants must be authorized by the Conservancy Board.

- Grant agreement is signed by Conservancy and grantee.

- Resolution from your Governing Body to accept grant.

- Task-based work program and budget, including subcontractors.

- $2M insurance coverage typical, can get input.

- Don't start work until grant executed and all conditions met.

Pre-application

Three pages plus site map & photos

Meant to avoid work of preparing full proposal if not a good fit

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STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
GRANT PRE-APPLICATION

Please submit your pre-application to grants@scc.ca.gov

CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization:
Contact Person:
Email:
Phone:
Webpage:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name:

Brief Summary (1 sentence please):
Specify: 1) the phase of the project (Acquisition, Planning, or Implementation) 2) the key action of the project (develop a plan, restore wetlands, build a trail, etc.), 3) the location, and 4) the number of acres or miles involved.

Amount Requested:
Start Date:
End Date:
Primary County:
Specific Location (Assessor's Parcel Number or address if available):

Latitude, Longitude (e.g., 37.80630, -122.2735):
What point is represented by the lat/long (e.g. parking lot, center of site, etc.):

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide short and concise answers for this pre-application. Longer answers will be needed if you are invited to submit a full application.

Pre-application

- Brief Summary
- Total Amount Requested
- Start/End Dates
- Project Description
  - Project Overview
    - Need
    - Goals
    - Benefits/Outcomes
    - Major Tasks
  - Who is Involved and to What Extent
- CEQA
- Other Funding Sources

Project Summary Example- One Sentence

The Big Sur Land Trust will acquire the 73-acre Carr Lake property as a first step to creating an urban oasis within the City of Salinas that will provide recreation, flood control, wetland habitat and build climate change resiliency.
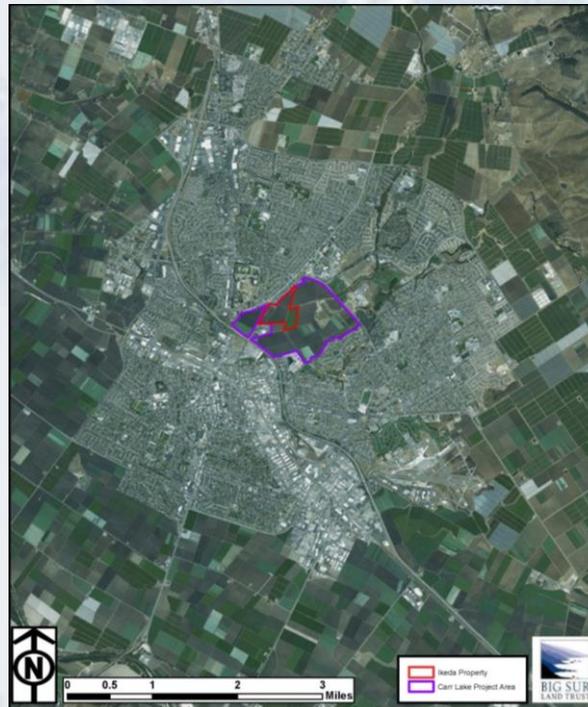
Project Description: Living Shoreline in San Diego Bay

- ## Project Overview:

    - **The Problem/Need:** The Project location has experienced significant shoreline erosion over recent decades and supports threatened aquatic species and communities that are in decline, including native Olympia oysters.

    - **Regional Need:** The loss of shallow water and salt marsh habitats to development and sea level rise has increased the vulnerability of San Diego Bay's aquatic communities as well as the vulnerability of inshore areas to extreme weather events and increase risk of flooding. Decades of fill, dredging and channelization have resulted in a loss of 42% of the Bay's shallow subtidal habitat and 84% of its intertidal habitat since the late 1800's.

Project Description: Living Shoreline in San Diego Bay

- ## Project Overview:

  - **Goals:** Restore native oyster habitat; provide habitat for native algae, invertebrates, fish, and birds; reduce shoreline erosion; improve water quality; & provide wave attenuation now and with future sea level rise.

  - **Tasks:** Project Management; Pre-construction Monitoring; Construction (place 350 reef balls); Post-construction Monitoring; and Adaptive Management.

  - **Outcomes & Benefits:** Local flood and sea level rise resilience benefits; demonstration of a nature-based adaptation strategy; native habitat; & shoreline accretion.

  - **Who's Involved & to What Extent:** Port of San Diego – grantee, landowner, and project lead; CSU Fullerton – monitoring lead; Technical Advisory Committee – USFWS, SD NERR, UC Sea Grant, and SCC.
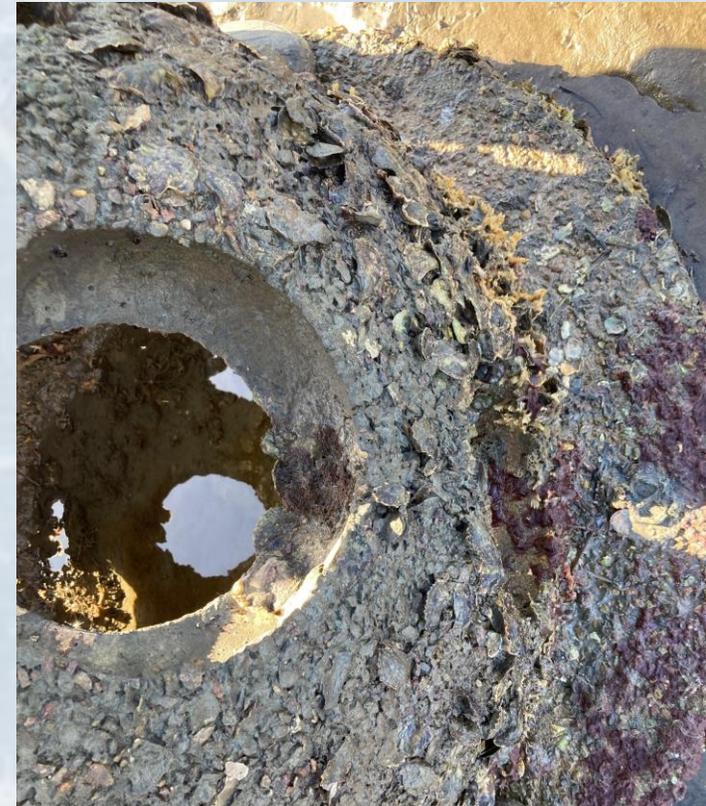
Full Proposal

- ~10 pages plus attachments (no required length)
- More info on sections from pre-application
- Project Activities
- Project Outcomes: *Qualitative and quantitative*
- Linkage to SCC Strategic Plan and funding priorities
- Linkage to SCC Project Selection Criteria
- Grantee Capacity
- Site ownership
- Long Term Maintenance
- Tasks and Schedule
- Permits
- Cost Estimate
- Maps and Design Plans

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION

Please read the Grant Application Guide, found at this link:
https://scc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/forms/SCC_Application-Guide.docx , to
help you fill out this application.

Submit your application to grants@scc.ca.gov

SUMMARY INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Webpage (if applicable):	

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name	
Project Summary (1 sentence)	
Amount Requested	
Total Project Cost	
Estimated Start Date	
Estimated End Date	
Project Type: (check all that apply)	☐Planning ☐Acquisition ☐Implementation

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Developing Tasks

4. **Project Tasks** (2-3 paragraphs). Describe the tasks that will be carried out and explain how they will address the problem identified in the Project Need section above. See the table below for example task types, include them in your answer if applicable, add others as needed, and delete the table before submitting your pre-application. Include discussion of long-term management if applicable.

Type of Project	Sample Tasks
Acquisition	- Acquire land to protect it from development - Acquire land for future restoration and/or public access - Acquire a conservation easement to extinguish development rights
Planning	- Community-led planning or engagement - Community capacity-building - Undertake technical analyses and resource studies - Complete conceptual or preliminary planning - Complete CEQA environmental review - Apply for and/or secure permits
Implementation	- Remove fill or debris from a habitat area - Breach a levee or remove a barrier to restore water flow - Remove non-native species and replace with natives - Build a new trail segment - Install nature-based infrastructure or elements - Install educational elements

Example Tasks List

Task 1. Project Management

Task 2. Technical Studies

Task 3. Design and Engineering

Task 4. Environmental Compliance

Task 5. Engagement & Outreach

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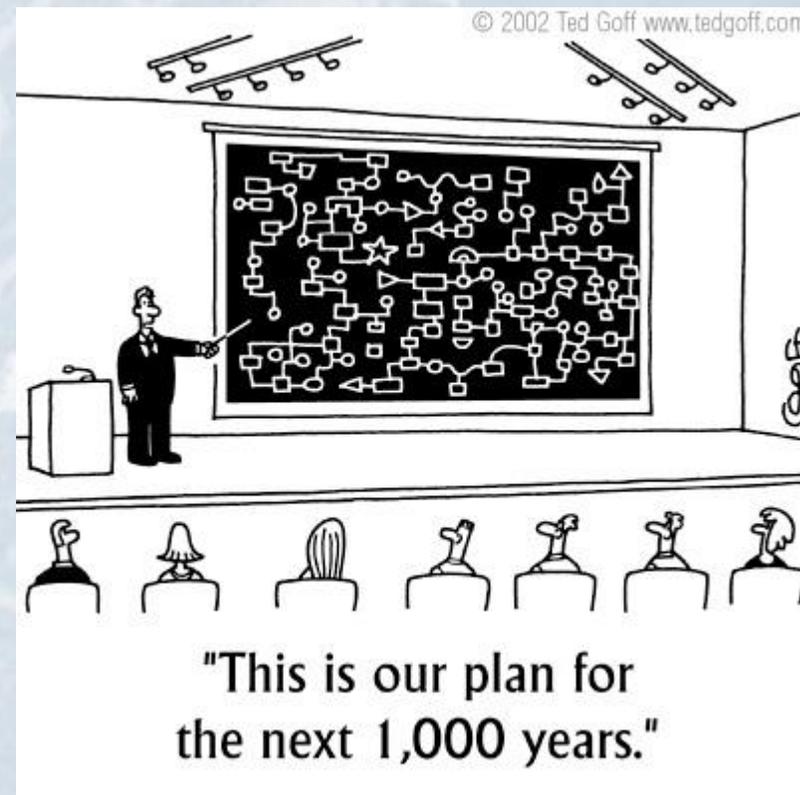
Project Budget

Estimated Project Cost:

	Project Tasks	Conservancy Grant	Other Funding	Total
1				
2				
3				
	Indirect Costs			
	TOTAL			

Summary Budget

	Project Tasks	Conservancy Grant	Other Funding	Total
1	**Project Management**	$25,000	$0	$25,000
2	**Technical Studies**	$50,000	$10,000	$60,000
3	**Design and Engineering**	$160,000	$190,000	$350,000
4	**Environmental Compliance**	$15,000	$20,000	$35,000
5	**Engagement and Outreach**	$30,000	$10,000	$40,000
	Indirect Costs (15%)	$42,000	$0	$42,000
	TOTAL	$322,000	$230,000	$552,000

- Make sure budget tasks correspond to tasks in grant narrative.
- Matching funds are not required and don't need to broken out by task, even though they are in this example.

Submitting Your Proposal

- Use the template on the website.

- Submit via email to grants@scc.ca.gov.

- Do not mail a paper copy.

- Keep a copy for your records.

- Send only the items requested in the Checklist. Do not send supplementary materials, such as PowerPoint presentations or letters of support.

- For the full application, use the Application Checklist in the Application Guide to organize the application.

Questions?