

Delta Conservancy Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program 2016-2017 Grant Cycle

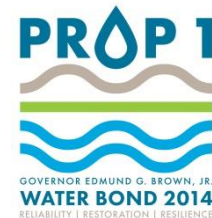
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Co-Equal Responsibilities

- Act as a primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta, and
- Support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents



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Proposition 1 Funding

- General obligation bonds for state water supply infrastructure projects, such as surface and groundwater storage; **ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration**; drinking water protection; water supply management; water recycling and advanced water treatment technology; and flood control



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Proposition 1 Funding

- Statewide - \$7.5 billion
 - Delta - \$432 million
 - Delta Conservancy: \$50 million
 - Department of Fish and Wildlife: \$87 million
 - Department of Water Resources: \$295 million
- Delta Conservancy FY 16-17 - \$10 million



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FY 2015-2016 Recap

- **Funding Available** - \$9,300,00
- **Funding Awarded*** - \$6,265,780
 - Planning – \$362,867
 - Implementation – \$5,902,913
- **Concept Proposals Received** – 24
- **Full Proposals Invited** – 14
- **Full Proposals Received** - 13
- **Projects Funded** – 9 projects
 - Planning – 4 projects
 - Implementation – 5 projects

* Funds have been approved, conditionally approved, or reserved



Eligible Projects and Applicants

- *Projects*
 - Restoration and Enhancement
 - Water Quality
 - Agricultural Sustainability
- *Applicants*
 - California public agencies
 - 501 (c) 3 organizations
 - Tribal Organizations
 - Mutual Water Companies

Projects must either be within the legal boundary of the Delta/Suisun Marsh

–or–

*provide significant benefits to the Delta and meet other special requirements
for projects outside the Delta.*



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Grant Categories

- **Category 1:** Pre-project activities necessary for a specific future on-the-ground project.
 - Planning
 - Permitting
 - Studies (that will aid in a future on-the-ground project)
 - Designs
 - CEQA activities

Category 1 proposals: \$20,000 to \$200,000.

- **Category 2:** On-the-ground, implementation projects and land acquisition projects.
 - Habitat enhancement and restoration
 - Land protection
 - Pollution runoff reduction
 - Working landscape enhancements

Category 2 proposals: \$25,000 to \$3,000,000.



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Grant Proposal Process

- Submit concept proposal (September 30, 2016)
 - Staff review and evaluation
 - Minimum score of 75 points for full proposal request
- Submit full proposal (January 2017)
 - Staff review and evaluation
 - Professional review panel evaluation
 - Minimum score of 75 points to be recommended for approval
 - Board approval



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Coordination with Other Agencies

- Coordinate with other State agencies to encourage a comprehensive approach.
 - Conservancy application encourages applicants to identify other sources of funding for project
 - The Conservancy's evaluation criteria provides points for cost-shares and the leveraging of other state funds



Eligibility Criteria

1. Will the project result in the construction, acquisition or long term improvement of a capital asset or is the project a planning effort that will lead to such a project? A capital asset is tangible physical property that has a useful life of at least fifteen years.
2. Will the project produce ecosystem and/or water quality and/or agricultural sustainability benefits?
3. Is the project consistent with Proposition 1, the California Water Action Plan, the Conservancy's enabling legislation, and the Delta Plan?

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria Category	Concept Proposal Max Points	Full Proposal Max Points
Project Description & Organizational Capacity	12	10
State Priorities/Project Benefits	25	25
Readiness	15	15
Local Support	20	17
Scientific Merit and Performance Measures	20	25
Funding: Cost Share and Leveraging	8	8
Total Points	100	100
Total Criteria	7	13

Key Points

- Review Grant Guidelines and follow submission instructions carefully
- Explicitly address evaluation criteria in proposal
- Ensure project is consistent with Prop 1, California Water Action Plan, the Conservancy's enabling legislation, and the Delta Plan
- Ensure project has local support



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Questions?

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