



Coastal/Waterways Grants

California Coastal Conservancy: Coastal Stories Grant Program

Deadline: Pre-App due March 31st, 2024

Amount: Up to \$175,000

Eligibility: Federally recognized tribes or tribally led nonprofits, nonprofit organizations, and public agencies are eligible for funding. To be eligible, a nonprofit organization must qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Other community-based organizations and tribes that are not federally recognized may apply with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor.

Match: there is no threshold or minimum requirement for matching contributions.

<https://scc.ca.gov/coastal-stories-grant-program/>

These are the priorities of the Coastal Stories grant program:

- Promote a sense of belonging in outdoor spaces by presenting perspectives that include BIPOC and/or other historically excluded communities.
- Engage representatives of BIPOC and/or other historically excluded communities to develop and share their coastal perspectives and stories.
- Improve educational content in California's outdoor spaces by correcting one-sided histories, retelling stories in more appropriate and inclusive ways, and developing new content that shares untold stories.
- Use creative forms of interpretation and storytelling.

We will fund planning and preparation activities such as hiring historians/ storytellers/ artists, community engagement, designing materials, acquiring permits and permissions, and installation, creation, or implementation of project. Please see our [Inclusive Interpretive Material Guidelines](#) for specific suggestions on producing inclusive content.

Videos from the Onboarding webinar on how to manage your Coastal Stories grant [can be found here](#).

Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE)

Deadline: Mar 18, 2024 to April 30, 2024

Amount: Reimbursement

Match: Yes, 10%

https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28816

The SAVE grant program is designed to remove, reduce and prevent abandoned **recreational** vessels from entering our waterways. Administered by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), grants are awarded annually to qualified local public agencies statewide. The SAVE program, formerly called the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund and the Vessel Turn In Program enacted in 1998 and 2010 respectively, has provided millions of dollars in grants and has successfully removed thousands of vessels.

Division of Boating and Waterways: Boating Safety & Enforcement Equipment Grant (BSEE)

Deadline: Mar 18, 2024 to April 30, 2024

Amount: \$12,000 to \$148,000

Match: No

Eligibility: Local government agencies who can demonstrate a need for boating safety and law enforcement equipment pursuant to the application assessment criteria. Grants are for local boating safety and law enforcement only.

URL: https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28778

Summary: Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) provides grants to local government agencies to purchase boating safety and law enforcement equipment through the Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant Program (BSEE). Examples of allowable marine patrol enforcement equipment:

- Law Enforcement Patrol Boats
- Marine Patrol Equipment
- Personal Watercraft (PWC)
- Search and Rescue Equipment
- Dive Gear
- Engines, repowers, and replacements

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Deadline: Ongoing

Amount: There are no maximum or minimum grant amounts for this funding; however, it is anticipated that most grants will be between \$200,000 and \$5,000,000.

Match: No

<https://scc.ca.gov/grants/>

The Coastal Conservancy funds a wide variety of projects along the California coast, San Francisco Bay, and in coastal watersheds to increase availability of beaches, parks and trails for the public, protect and restore natural lands and wildlife habitat, preserve working lands, and increase community resilience to the impacts of climate change.

The Conservancy will fund most stages of a project including: pre-project feasibility studies, property acquisition, project planning including community involvement, design, environmental review, permitting, construction, and project-related monitoring. We do not fund operation and maintenance activities.

NOAA: Community-Based Restoration Grant Program

Deadline: FY2024 NOFO not yet released, but will be sometime soon (est.)

Amount: \$150,00 to \$2,000,000

URL: www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/current-and-past-community-based-restoration-projects

Match: No matching requirement. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to combine NOAA Federal funding with formal matching contributions or informal leverage from a broad range of sources in the public and private sectors to implement restoration.

Eligibility: Likeminded organizations from all sectors, including non-profits, state agencies, tribal organizations, and local governments.

URL: www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/community-based-habitat-restoration

Summary: NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program provides funding and technical assistance for restoration projects that ensure fish have access to high-quality habitat. The goal of these projects is to recover and sustain fisheries—particularly those species managed by NOAA Fisheries, or those [listed as endangered or threatened](#) under the Endangered Species Act. Since its start in 1996, the Community-based Restoration Program has contributed technical assistance and nearly \$217 million to more than 2,200 coastal habitat restoration projects. These projects have restored more than 93,000 acres of habitat and opened more than 4,300 stream miles for fish migration. Projects range from improving access to habitat by restoring coral reefs to rebuilding coastal wetlands. NOAA most typically supports implementing priority habitat restoration actions that have already been identified in applicants' recovery plans for threatened and endangered species. In addition to benefiting fisheries, habitat restoration yields community and economic benefits such as increased coastal resiliency, commercial and recreational opportunities, decreased safety hazards, and reduced maintenance costs. NOAA also offers technical support in navigating project planning and design, environmental compliance, project management, monitoring, etc. to help our partners overcome technical challenges and build solutions that boost fish populations, recover threatened and endangered species, and support resilient coastal communities.

National Coastal Resilience Fund

Deadline: Apr 10, 2024

Amount: For planning and design projects, estimated average awards are typically in the range of \$100,000 to \$1 million. For Restoration Implementation projects, average awards are typically in the range of \$1 million to \$10 million. Larger scale and/or higher impact projects are prioritized across all project categories.

Match: Not required, but encouraged

<https://www.nfwf.org/programs/national-coastal-resilience-fund?activeTab=tab-2>

The National Coastal Resilience Fund restores, increases and strengthens natural infrastructure to protect coastal communities while also enhancing habitats for fish and wildlife. Established in 2018, the National Coastal Resilience Fund invests in conservation projects that restore or expand natural features such as coastal marshes and wetlands, dune and beach systems, oyster and coral reefs, forests, coastal rivers and floodplains, and barrier islands that minimize the impacts of storms and other naturally occurring events on nearby communities.

California State Water Resources Control Board: Facilities Planning Grant Program

Deadline: Spring 2024 (est.)

Amount: The grant amount will be established in the financing agreement.

- i. The grant will be based on the reasonable, estimated construction cost¹ for the project unless the final construction cost for the project is known at the time the financing agreement is executed.
- ii. The grant will be established as 35 percent of the reasonable, estimated construction cost for the project or the final construction cost for the project, if known at the time the financing agreement is executed, up to the maximum established by the State Water Board in the CWSRF IUP or as otherwise limited by the State Water Board.
- iii. The grant amount will not be increased or decreased after it is established in the financing agreement, provided the project is completed.

Match: TBD

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/water_recycling/facilitiesplan.html#:~:text=Facilities%20Planning%20Grant%20Program,state%20and%2F%20or%20local%20supplies.

The Water Recycling Funding Program (WRF) provides grants to assist public agencies with facilities planning studies to determine the feasibility of using recycled water to offset the use of fresh/ potable water from the state and/ or local supplies.

U.S. Department of Transportation: Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)

Deadline: Spring 2024 (est.)

Amount: min \$1mil, no max

Match: Yes

<https://www.maritime.dot.gov/office-port-infrastructure-development/port-and-terminal-infrastructure-development/2019-port-1>

The PIDP statute, codified at 46 U.S.C. 54301, establishes the port and intermodal improvement program to improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021) (“Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “BIL”) appropriated \$450 million to the PIDP for FY 2023 to make discretionary grants for eligible PIDP projects. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328, December 29, 2022) (“FY 2023 Appropriations Act”) appropriated an additional \$212,203,512 for the FY 2023 PIDP, for a total of \$662,203,512 appropriated to PIDP in FY 2023. MARAD intends to retain up to two percent of this funding (\$13,244,070.24) for grant administration and oversight as permitted under 46 U.S.C. 54301(a)(11)(A)

Division of Boating and Waterways: Pumpout/Dump Station Installation Grant

Deadline: June 30, 2024 (est.)

Amount: \$6,000

Match: Yes – 25%

Eligibility: Public and private marina owners

URL: https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29090

Summary: The Pumpout Facility Grant Program funds the operation and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations on California’s Waterways.

PG&E Better Together: Nature Positive Innovation

Deadline: June 30th, 2024 (est.)

Amount: \$100,000

Match: Varies

https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/in-your-community/local-environment/resilient-communities/nature-positive-innovation-grant.page

The Better Together Nature Positive Innovation grant program, funded by The PG&E Corporation Foundation (Foundation), is requesting proposals of \$100,000 to fund five projects (one in each region of PG&E's service area) in 2023 that address a specific environmental stewardship focus area:

- Land Stewardship
- Air Quality
- Water Stewardship

California Division of Boating and Waterways: Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)

Deadline: August 2024 (est.)

Amount: Up to \$300,000 for Tier I, up to \$1.5 M for Tier II

https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28821

BIG PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO:

- Enhance access to recreational, historic, cultural and scenic resources
- Strengthen community ties to the water's edge and economic benefits
- Promote public/private partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities
- Provide continuity of public access to the shore
- Promote awareness of transient boating opportunities

CCC: Explore the Coast 2024

Deadline: January 31st, 2024 (est) ; next round tbd

Amount: up to \$100,000

Match: Not Required

Eligibility: Public agencies, federally recognized tribes, and nonprofit organizations are eligible for funding. To be eligible, a nonprofit organization must qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Other community-based organizations and tribes or California Native American communities that are not federally recognized may apply with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor.

URL: <https://scc.ca.gov/2023/11/06/explore-the-coast-2024-rfp-now-open/>

Summary: Applicants should apply for projects that aim to start in late 2024 or early 2025 and aim to be completed by December 2027. The Conservancy will base the size of the award on each project's needs, its overall benefits, and the extent of competing demands for funds. The California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) announces the availability of grants to public agencies, federally recognized tribes and California Native American communities, and nonprofit organizations for programs that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore California's spectacular coast and San Francisco Bay shoreline. The ocean, coast, and beaches have long been recognized and used as spaces of joy, relaxation, and healing for many Californians. The ability to experience the coast without fear of physical barriers, feelings of not

belonging, or financial challenge is crucial to how individuals cultivate their lifelong connections with the coast. Furthermore, joyful memories of the coast can organically inspire stewardship. The Explore the Coast grant program seeks to provide enjoyable coastal experiences for people and communities who face challenges or barriers to accessing or enjoying the coast ("ETC Priority Communities").

Division of Boating and Waterways: Shoreline Erosion Control Grant Program

Deadline: February 2025

Amount: \$100,000 to \$1 million

Match: Yes - 50%

Eligibility: Federal, state, regional and local government agencies by providing funding for projects that stop or reverse the impact of erosion on California's shoreline.

URL: https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28766

Summary: This shoreline erosion control grant will provide funding to study problems of beach erosion, while constructing projects that stabilize beaches and shoreline areas either through the strategic placement of sand or via hard structures like seawalls, groins, and rock revetments in concentrated areas to protect vital public infrastructure.

Division of Boating and Waterways: Public Beach Restoration Grant Program

Deadline: February 2025

Amount: \$100,000 to \$1 million

Match: Yes - 15%

Eligibility: Local, regional, state, and federal government agencies located on the open coastline or within the San Francisco Bay.

URL: https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28766

Summary: The Public Beach Restoration Grant Program helps to fund restoration, enhancement, and nourishment of public beaches through the cost-effective engineered placement of sand on the beach or in the nearshore environment. Carefully planned beach restoration can minimize the erosive forces of ocean waves to protect vital public infrastructure and accommodate the recreational needs of visitors to California's beaches.

Boat Launching Facility 2023/2024 Grant

Deadline: February 1 2025

Amount: \$7 Million Average

Match: No

https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28818

BLF PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO:

Funds engineering, construction, inspection, permits, construction contingencies, and other project related costs.

CA Division of Boating & Waterways' Ramp Repair and Modification Grant Program

Estimated Deadline: February 2025

Amount: Up to \$1.5M

Eligibility: Public boat launching facilities that are owned/operated/maintained by local government agencies and who have been previously funded DBW

Match Requirement? No

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/division-of-boating-and-waterways-local-assistance-statewide-ramp-repair-and-modification-grant-program-fy24/#:~:text=The%20Statewide%20Ramp%20Repair%20and,boat%20ramps%20as%20needed%20due>

BRIEF SUMMARY OF WHAT THIS FUNDS:

The Statewide Ramp Repair and Modification Grant Program provides grant funding to public agencies to quickly restore safe and convenient public boating access by correcting public health and safety issues caused by unexpected damage due to flood, accidents, wildfires or by extending existing boat ramps as needed due to drought conditions at DBW-funded boat launching facilities. Typical grant-funded items include repairing or replacing boat ramps, boarding floats, restroom and parking facilities for vehicles with boat trailers.