

# Delta Conservancy Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program

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# Delta Conservancy

## 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 - \$7,500,000,000
- Delta - \$432,000,000
  - Delta Conservancy: \$50,000,000
  - Department of Fish and Wildlife: \$87,000,000
  - Department of Water Resources: \$295,000,000
- Delta Conservancy FY 16-17 - \$10,000,000



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# 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. Examples include planning, permitting, studies (that will aid in a future on-the-ground project), designs, and CEQA activities.

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

Increased  
from  
\$100,000

- **Category 2:** On-the-ground, implementation projects and land acquisition projects. Examples include habitat enhancement, restoration, and protection, pollution runoff reduction, working landscape enhancements, and agricultural sustainability projects

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

Increased  
from  
\$2,000,000



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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

Lowered  
from 85  
points



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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



# FY 2015-2016 Recap

- **Funding Available** - \$9,300,00
- **Funding Awarded\*** - \$6,265,780
  - Category 1 – \$362,867
  - Category 2 – \$5,902,913
- **Concept Proposals Received** – 24
- **Full Proposals Invited** – 14
- **Full Proposals Received** - 13
- **Projects Funded** – 9 projects
  - Category 1 – 4 projects
  - Category 2 – 5 projects

\* Funds have been approved, conditionally approved, or reserved



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# General Program Requirements\*

Category 2 projects must...

- Consult with CCC prior to application
- Submit water rights information with application
- Submit a monitoring and assessment plan
- Complete CEQA before a grant agreement can be executed
- Provide proof of land tenure before funding is dispersed

\*This is not a comprehensive list of requirements; please review Grant Guidelines for additional requirements.



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# Changes For FY 16-17

	Change Made	FY 16-17	FY15-16	Reason for Change
1	Program documents	Grant Guidelines	Grant Guidelines and Grant Application Packet	Eliminate redundancies, streamline materials
2	Total funds available	\$10 million	\$9.3 million	Roll-over funds available from FY15-16 grant cycle
3	Maximum award amounts	Category 1 - \$200,000 Category 2 - \$3 million	Category 1 - \$100,000 Category 2 - \$2 million	Provides a more significant portion of total project costs
4	Project budgets	Conservancy can elect to partially fund projects	No guidance	Allows the Conservancy to partially fund projects if program is oversubscribed or ineligible costs are proposed
5	Project duration	15-year minimum project "useful life" requirement	No guidance	State General Obligation Bond Law requirement

# Changes For FY 16-17

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6	Indirect costs	Labeled “indirect” costs and defined  20% indirect rate allowed	Labeled “administrative” costs and defined  5% indirect rate allowed	Recommendation of Department Of Finance audit staff  Aligns with other Chapter 6 grantors
7	Monitoring and Assessment	Category 1 applicants are not required to submit a Monitoring and Assessment plan	Category 1 applicants are required to submit a Monitoring and Assessment plan	Monitoring plan unnecessary at planning stage
8	<b>Land acquisitions</b>	<b>Describe requirements for land acquisition projects</b>	<b>No guidance</b>	<b>Provide applicants with guidance</b>
9	Scoring threshold	75 points (out of 100)	85 points (out of 100)	Accommodate high number of scoring criteria
10	Eligibility criteria	Added pass/fail eligibility criteria for concept and full proposals	No formal eligibility criteria	Removes ineligible projects prior to evaluation

# Changes For FY 16-17

	Change Made	FY 16-17	FY15-16	Reason for Change
11	Criteria by project type	Differentiate between evaluation criteria for Category 1 and Category 2 proposals	Minimal differentiation	Acknowledges different stages of projects
12	Concept proposal criteria	7 criteria  Reassigned point values: Local Support (20 pts) and Scientific Merit (20 pts)	11 criteria  Local Support (12 pts) and Scientific Merit (20 pts)	Streamlines evaluation process  Balance Local Support and Scientific Merit
13	Full proposal criteria	Modified criteria to eliminate redundancy  Added references to acquisition projects	No reference to acquisition projects	Acknowledges special requirements for acquisition projects
14	Cost Share	Clarified how cost share is calculated	Minimal explanation of calculation	Makes calculation more transparent for applicants

# Changes For FY 16-17

	Change Made	FY 16-17	FY15-16	Reason for Change
15	Full proposal application	<p>Require Full Proposal Application Form</p> <p>Applicant provides a resolution of support from the county</p> <p>Delta Protection Commission consultation required</p> <p>Revised Performance Measures table for clarity</p>	<p>Require 22-page narrative proposal</p> <p>Applicant provides a resolution of support from “all applicable local government agencies”</p> <p>No formal guidance</p> <p>Older Performance Measures table</p>	<p>Reflects changes made during FY15-16 grant cycle</p> <p>Makes expectation of applicant clearer and less onerous</p> <p>Formalizes expectation of applicant</p> <p>Clarifies expectation of applicants</p>

# Acquisition Projects

- Applicant must be negotiating in good faith with willing seller
- At time of application, the applicant should be confident that the transaction will proceed
- Applicants must address use, management, and financial cost of maintaining property; payments in lieu of taxes/assessments due to local government
- Costs may include personnel time, due diligence costs, closing costs, and the purchase of real property
- A DGS-approved appraisal is required
  - Grantee must pay DGS directly for appraisal review



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# Acquisition Projects

At time of application:

- A table including: parcel numbers, acreage, willing seller name and address, breakdown of how the funds will be budgeted, and an acquisition schedule
- Copy of the Purchase Agreement or a Willing Seller Letter
- Appraisal or Estimation of Fair Market Value
- Preliminary Title Report
- Letter stating that applicant will directly pay DGS for review of appraisal and associated materials
- Map of plotted easements or fee title
- Underlying documents to title exceptions, upon request
- Analysis of mineral rights issues, if applicable



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# Guideline Approval Timeline

- Public comments due: July 31<sup>st</sup>
- FY 16-17 Grant Guidelines submitted for consideration to the Conservancy Board for final approval: August 24<sup>th</sup>





# How to Submit Comments

- Email: [prop1grants@deltaconservancy.ca.gov](mailto:prop1grants@deltaconservancy.ca.gov)
- Workshop: submit comment card

