



***Consideration of Grant Guidelines for the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Staff Report***

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This agenda item presents the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines (Grant Guidelines) to the Board for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines.

**DESCRIPTION**

The grant program has been designed to promote a robust Delta economy, support the vitality of Delta communities, and allow staff to partner with project proponents to develop proposals that meet these goals.

Staff received approval of the Draft Grant Guidelines at the September 25, 2019 Board meeting. Staff posted the Draft Grant Guidelines for public comment from October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 and held a public workshop on the guidelines on October 24, 2019. Staff has considered the questions and comments from the Board and public. All changes made have been minor clarifications.

If the Board approves the Grant Guidelines, staff will:

1. Post the Grant Guidelines and open the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program by January 6, 2020.
2. Notice, through the Conservancy's email listserve and social media, that the Grant Guidelines have been posted and the program opened.
3. Continue conducting outreach throughout the Delta to encourage Concept Proposal submissions for the program.

The Grant Guidelines are included as an attachment to this report.

**BACKGROUND**

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 45) that was passed by California voters on June 5, 2018. Proposition 68 makes \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy to use for the purposes specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy's Proposition 68 funds will be used to fund projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program to support community and economic development in the Delta in a manner that is complementary to ecosystem restoration and other Conservancy programs.

**SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:**

*I move that the Board approve the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines.*

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