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Community Enhancement Grant Program Update Staff Report

BACKGROUND

The Community Enhancement Grant Program (CEP) refers to a collection of projects that support and enhance communities and economies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. Projects in this program are currently funded through Proposition 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 and the Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) funds. The Proposition 68 Grant Program is designed to promote a robust Delta economy, support the vitality of Delta communities, and allow staff to provide guidance to project proponents as they develop proposals to meet these goals. The CAR is a General Fund allocation and is designed to promote multi-benefit projects within the areas of climate resilience, community access, and natural resource restoration.

The Grant Program requires both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous review and evaluation process by staff and external professional reviewers (when applicable), and are recommended for funding based upon review, evaluation, and funding availability.

The below table highlights the allocations for Proposition 68 (bond funds) and CAR (general funds). Each funding source has funds allocated for both administration and grants. The amount remaining to be allocated are funds available for new grants.

Community Enhancement Grant Program Funding Sources. ERCA refers to the Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program (Agenda Item 6). Amounts listed in millions of dollars.

Funding Source	Total Allocation	Minimum Amount Available for Grants	Total Amount Allocated for Grants	Amount Remaining to be Allocated	Allocation Date	Encumbrance Date	Program(s) Supported by Funding Source
Proposition 68	\$12.0	\$8.7	\$3.6	\$5.1	6/8/2018	Variable	CEP
CAR	\$5.25	\$4.99	\$4.25	\$.74	9/23/2021	6/30/2024	ERCA and CEP
CAR	\$6.125	\$5.82	\$0	\$5.82	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA and CEP

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PROGRAM UPDATE

As of February 21, 2023, there are ten active projects and two working proposals. In the following tables, the DAC/SDAC designations indicates whether the project serves a disadvantaged community (DAC) or a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC), as confirmed by the Delta Conservancy SDAC policy. Proposition 68 requires that 20 percent of the allocation go to projects that support SDAC communities; twenty percent of the Delta Conservancy's allocation is \$2,400,000. Of the \$3,609,482 for active, awarded, or requested Proposition 68 projects, \$3,271,619 (91 percent) is expected to support SDAC communities.

ACTIVE PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED: \$7,469,012)

Project Name	Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse & Delta Welcome Center		
	(Acquisition)		
Amount Awarded	\$310,373		
County	Yolo		
Project ID	P6802		
Grantee	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse		
Overview	Acquire 1.13-acre parcel to serve as the permanent home of the restored 1883		
	Clarksburg Schoolhouse.		
DAC/SDAC	SDAC		
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 05/02/2022		
New Information	The Grantee submitted payment for escrow and will complete the purchase of		
	the property by March Board meeting.		

Project Name	Southport Levee Recreational Trail (Planning)	
Amount Awarded	\$337,863	
County	Yolo	
Project ID	P6803	
Grantee	City of West Sacramento	
Overview	Create planning documents for preparation of paving of 5.6 miles of levee top	
	for recreational use.	
DAC/SDAC	Neither	
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/20/2021	
New Information	Environmental clearance and permitting is now 20 percent complete.	

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Project Name	Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park Upgrade (Planning)		
Amount Awarded	\$172,155		
County	Contra Costa		
Project ID	P6804		
Grantee City of Pittsburg			
Overview	Overview Create planning documents for preparation of recreational and safety		
	enhancements to the Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park.		
DAC/SDAC	SDAC		
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 10/01/2021		
New Information The Grantee completed 90 percent design plans and submitted a concern proposal to Conservancy staff to fund implementation of the project.			

Project Name	Isleton Museum in the Bing Kong Tong Building (Implementation)		
Amount Awarded	\$44,500		
County	Sacramento		
Project ID P6805			
Grantee Isleton Museum			
Overview Purchase museum-quality display cases to house historical artifacts withi			
	Isleton Museum, located in the newly renovated Bing Kong Tong Building.		
DAC/SDAC	SDAC		
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/17/2022		
New Information The Grantee purchased the display cases and is awaiting delivery.			

Project Name	Discover the Delta Education Center (Planning)		
Amount Awarded	\$223,456		
County	Sacramento		
Project ID	P6806		
Grantee Discover the Delta Foundation			
Overview Update 2009 building plans to meet current building codes and obtain			
	updated approvals and permits to implement construction of the Delta		
Education Center.			
DAC/SDAC	SDAC		
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/27/2022		
New Information	The Grantee is updating building plans and will apply for permits soon.		

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Project Name	Freeport, Delta Gateway Monuments (Planning)	
Amount Awarded	\$223,277	
County	Sacramento	
Project ID	P6808	
Grantee Sacramento County		
Overview	Create planning documents in preparation of the installation of two gateway	
	monuments and one interpretive sign in Freeport.	
DAC/SDAC	SDAC	
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 9/21/2022	
New Information	The Grantee started community planning meetings and site research.	

Project Name	Asian American Heritage Park Development (Implementation)		
Amount Awarded	\$554,772		
County	Sacramento		
Project ID	P6811		
Grantee	Delta Educational Cultural Society		
Overview Create a .07-acre park that will include culturally relevant objects a			
	interpretive exhibits on the history and heritage of the Chinese and Japanese		
	immigrants who once occupied the Asian American Historic District of Isleton		
DAC/SDAC	SDAC		
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 03/11/2022		
New Information	The Grantee completed design and construction documents and obtained		
	approval from the City of Sacramento for the project.		

Project Name	Clarksburg Schoolhouse Restoration and Delta Welcome Center		
	(Implementation)		
Amount Awarded	\$1,742,766		
County	Yolo		
Project ID	P6813		
Grantee	Grantee Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse		
Overview	Restore the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse (fully restored building, interior and		
	exterior displays, and landscaping) and develop a Delta Welcome Center.		
DAC/SDAC	SDAC		
Grant Agreement Status			
New Information	The Grantee requested an amendment for budget increase of \$328,206 and		
	term extension (Agenda Item 10).		

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Project Name	Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh (Implementation)		
Amount Awarded	\$1,486,050		
County	Solano		
Project ID	CAR01		
Grantee	antee Pacific Flyway Fund		
Overview	Build three miles of ADA-compliant hiking trails, boardwalks, and educational		
	signage throughout restored wetlands in Suisun March.		
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 03/22/2022		
New Information	The Grantee continues to work on obtaining environmental and regulatory		
	permits.		

Project Name	Bees Lake Public Access (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$2,373,800
County	Yolo
Project ID	CAR02
Grantee	Bees Lake Public Access
Overview	Remove and control invasive species and reestablish native species. Build 700
square foot viewing platform and 1,395 linear feet of ADA-compliant a	
	riparian forest.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/29/2022
New Information	The Grantee has initiated contracts with subcontractors.

WORKING PROPOSALS (TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$7,389,406)

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC/ SDAC	Proposal Status
CAR05	Delta Aquatic Center	San Joaquin Community Foundation	Planning	\$2,544,725	San Joaquin	SDAC	Before the Board (Agenda Item 9)
CAR06	Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Project	Pittsburg	Implementation	\$4,844,681	Contra Costa	SDAC	Under review

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FIGURE 8.1. MAP OF LOCATION AND STATUS OF COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS

