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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	\$3.9	\$4.8	6/8/2018	Variable	CEP
CAR	\$5.25	\$4.99	\$4.99	\$0	9/23/2021	6/30/2024	ERCA and CEP
CAR	\$6.125	\$5.82	\$5.35	\$0.47	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA and CEP

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PROGRAM UPDATE

As of July 19, 2023, there are 10 active projects and two awarded projects. 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; 20 percent of the Delta Conservancy's allocation is \$2,400,000. Of the \$3,937,368 for active, awarded, or requested Proposition 68 projects, \$3,559,505 (91 percent) is expected to support SDAC communities.

APPROVED PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$6,089,120)

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Project Name	Delta Aquatic Center of Stockton (Planning)	
Amount Awarded	\$2,544,725	
County	San Joaquin	
Project ID	CAR05	
Grantee	San Joaquin Community Foundation	
Overview	Complete design and construction documents for an ADA compliant, world	
	class aquatic center along the Delta so all, regardless of income level, may	
	access the water through small human powered boat.	
Grant Agreement Status	In Progress	
New Information	Project was awarded funding at the March 22, 2023 Board meeting and the	
	grant agreement is in progress.	

Project Name	Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation	
	Project (Implementation)	
Amount Awarded	\$3,544,395	
County	Contra Costa	
Project ID	CAR06	
Grantee	City of Pittsburg	
Overview	Construction of recreational and safety enhancements to the Boat Launch	
	Facility & Central Harbor Park.	
Grant Agreement Status	In Progress	
New Information	Project was awarded funding at the May 24, 2023 Board meeting and the	
	grant agreement is in progress.	

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ACTIVE PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED: \$7,797,218)

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 is working on completing remaining deliverables to close out the	
	project.	

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	The Grantee has started environmental technical studies.	

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	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 is working on completing remaining deliverables to close out the	
	project.	

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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 within the	
	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 is finalizing an updated scope of work in preparation for an	
	amendment request.	

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	Conservancy staff prepared a staff recommendation for Board consideration	
	to increase the budget (Agenda Item 10).	

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 has completed three community planning meetings.

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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 and	
	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 is working on an amendment request to increase the budget and	
	extend the grant funding term.	

Project Name	Clarksburg Schoolhouse Restoration and Delta Welcome Center	
	(Implementation)	
Amount Awarded	\$2,070,972	
County	Yolo	
Project ID	P6813	
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	Active as of 7/18/2022	
New Information	The Grantee has entered into an agreement with a construction subcontractor	
	and started construction.	

Project Name	Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh (Implementation)	
Amount Awarded	\$1,486,050	
County	Solano	
Project ID	CAR01	
Grantee	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	Conservancy staff prepared a staff recommendation for Board consideration	
	to increase the budget and extend the grant's funding term (Agenda Item 11).	

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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 access to
	riparian forest.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/29/2022
New Information	The Grantee is working on permit applications, signage design, and made
	decisions for 100 Percent Design Plans.

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

