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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	\$4	\$4.7	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	\$5.8	\$0.02	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA and CEP

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PROGRAM UPDATE

As of October 12, 2023, there are 12 active projects. In the following tables, the DAC/SDAC designations indicate 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 \$3,998,890 for active, awarded, or requested Proposition 68 projects, \$3,661,027 (92 percent) is expected to support SDAC communities.

ACTIVE PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED: \$14,397,860)

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 and continues to	
	pay insurance for the implementation component of 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 is working on minute modification to adjust deliverable dates due
	to the project being behind schedule on permitting.

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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	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 anticipates project closeout in Winter 2024.

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	Conservancy staff are preparing a staff recommendation for Board	
	consideration to change the scope of work that may be brought before the	
	Board at a future meeting.	

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	Grantee is working on obtaining permits from Sacramento County.

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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	Potential signage locations have been determined based on community input
	and refinements are being worked on for preferred signage concepts.

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	Conservancy staff prepared a staff recommendation for Board consideration
	to increase the budget and extend the funding term (Agenda Item 8).

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 continues to make progress on construction and held an open	
	house to share their progress with the community.	

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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	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 has completed the permitting for the project.

Project Name	Bees Lake Public Access (Implementation)
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 finalizing design plans and permit applications.

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	Active as of 8/21/2023
New Information	The grant agreement was executed on August 21, 2023.

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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	Active as of 9/13/2023
New Information	The grant agreement was executed on September 13, 2023.

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

