



**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	\$4.3	\$4.4	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

PROGRAM UPDATE

As of January 3, 2024, 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 \$4,255,480 for active, awarded, or requested Proposition 68 projects, \$3,917,617 (92 percent) is expected to support SDAC communities.

ACTIVE PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED: \$14,654,450)

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 has received a budget modification to pay final insurance costs before closing the grant.

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	Conservancy staff prepared a staff recommendation for Board consideration to extend the funding term (Agenda Item 4.2).

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	The Grantee is pursuing a scope of work change for the project.

Project Name	Discover the Delta Education Center (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$284,978
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 building permit application continues to proceed through the Sacramento County Review process.

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 started the CEQA process and preliminary design plans.

Project Name	Asian American Heritage Park Development (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$811,362
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 has selected a contractor and plans to begin construction in March 2024.

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 has selected a designer for interior displays.

Project Name	Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$1,936,050
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 conducted a site visit of the project in December 2023.

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 anticipates requesting a term extension in spring 2024.

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 Grantee is finalizing site selection.

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 Grantee is finalizing project design plans.

WORKING PROPOSALS (TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$715,680)

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC/SDAC	Proposal Status
P6819	Suisun City Public Fishing Dock Planning	City of Suisun City	Planning	\$715,180	Solano	SDAC	Before the Board (Agenda Item 10)

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

