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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 6.1). 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	\$5	\$3.7	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 March 4, 2024, there are 12 active projects, one approved project, and one working proposal. 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 \$4,970,660 for active, awarded, or requested Proposition 68 projects, \$4,632,797 (93 percent) is expected to support SDAC communities.

ACTIVE PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED: \$15,369,630)

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 5/02/2022	
New Information	The Grantee anticipates project close out in April 2024.	

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 nearing completion of 65 Percent Design Plans.

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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 is adjusting 90 Percent Design Plans to address climate resiliency.

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 has completed the scope of work. The Grantee submitted a	
	proposal for funding of Phase 2 that is for Board consideration of award (See	
	Agenda Item 8.1).	

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 Grantee received approval of building permit 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	The Grantee is researching establishing property easements on properties for	
	the acquisition and implementation phases of the project.	

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 held a groundbreaking ceremony on March 2, 2024.

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Figure 7.1. Photo of the Asian American Heritage Park groundbreaking ceremony held on March 2, 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 has started design work on interior displays.	

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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 3/22/2022
New Information	The Grantee is working on developing the bid package for prospective
	contractors.

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 has completed 100 Percent Design Plans. The Grantee anticipates	
	submitting a request to extend the term of the agreement 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 has engaged with the Stockton Black Urban Farmers Association	
	as a primary partner to discuss project planning.	

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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	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 has purchased project elements, and a budget amendment is in				
	progress.				

APPROVED PROJECT (TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED \$715,180)

Project Name	Suisun City Public Fishing Dock Planning (Planning)				
Amount Awarded	\$715,180				
County	Solano				
Project ID	P6819				
Grantee	e City of Suisun City				
Overview	erview Construction of recreational and safety enhancements to the Boat Launch				
	Facility & Central Harbor Park.				
Grant Agreement Status	In Progress				
New Information	New Information Project was awarded funding at the January 24, 2024 Board meeting, and the				
	grant agreement is in progress.				

WORKING PROPOSALS (TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$13,422)

Projec ID	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC/ SDAC	Proposal Status
P6824	Isleton Museum in the Bing Kong Tong Building Phase 2	Isleton	Implementation	\$13,442	Sacramento	SDAC	Before the Board (Agenda Item 8.1)

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FIGURE 7.2. MAP OF LOCATION AND STATUS OF COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS

