



## OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**2017 Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program (WHIP).** The 2017 Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program (2017 WHIP) is providing disaster payments to agricultural producers to offset losses from hurricanes and wildfires during 2017. The funds – up to \$2.36 billion – are available through the new program. 2017 was a historic year for natural disasters, and Congress appropriated more than \$3 billion in disaster relief through the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which includes this new program. Wildfire Recovery: FSA will determine eligibility for wildfire losses on an individual basis, factoring in the level of insurance coverage purchased by the producer. Wildfire recovery will also include mudslides and heavy smoke. <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/wildfires-and-hurricanes-indemnity-program/index>

**EPA Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program.** The EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Further, priority for funding will be given to projects which result in outcomes that benefit affected communities, those that engage affected communities with respect to the design and performance of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. **Due September 6.** <https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants#2018rfp>

**Sea Otter Fund.** The Coastal Conservancy requests proposals for activities related to sea otter recover and improving the nearshore ecosystem. Conservancy priorities for funding are: Plan and implement projects to improve or expand sea otter habitat, reduce environmental stressors impacting sea otters, implement critical recovery actions of the Federal Sea Otter Recovery Plan, and research focusing on ways to improve or expand sea otter habitat or reduce stressors. **Due September 7.** [http://scc.ca.gov/files/2018/07/2019-Sea-Otter-Proposal-Solicitation.pdf?utm\\_source=2019+Sea+Otter+Recovery+Solicitation&utm\\_campaign=2019+Sea+Otter+Solicitation&utm\\_medium=email](http://scc.ca.gov/files/2018/07/2019-Sea-Otter-Proposal-Solicitation.pdf?utm_source=2019+Sea+Otter+Recovery+Solicitation&utm_campaign=2019+Sea+Otter+Solicitation&utm_medium=email)

**Technical Assistance Grants for Climate Smart Agriculture Programs.** The CDFA is accepting applications from organizations including non-profit groups, academic institutions and resource conservation districts, can [apply](#) to assist applicants of three [Climate Smart Agriculture programs](#), the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP), the Healthy Soils Program (HSP), and the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP). The programs aim to boost climate resiliency

through water conservation, soil health improvement and water quality protection. CDFA will award grant funds starting at \$5,000, with additional funding allocated based on the number of applicants served. Each organization can receive up to \$60,000.

Applications due **September 14**. <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/>

**DOI National Park Service: Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program.** This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to advise States, local units of government, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes of the availability of funds for grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund's (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program. The purpose of the LWCF ORLP is to provide grants to acquire and/or develop public lands for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the purposes of the LWCF, but with the further specific goals of funding projects that:

- Are located within or serve jurisdictions delineated by the Census Bureau from the 2010 Census as "urbanized areas," that is, areas with a population of 50,000 or more people and consisting of densely settled territory.
- Are located in or are directly accessible to neighborhoods or communities that are underserved in terms of parks and recreation resources and where there are significant populations of people who are economically disadvantaged.

Applications **Due September 14**. <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=303181>

**Strong Foundation for Environmental Values.** The foundation awards small competitive grants across Northern California to reward innovative local projects that can benefit present and future generations. Applications due February 15<sup>th</sup> and **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

<http://www.strongfoundationgrants.org/index.html>

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Freshwater Restoration.** The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is soliciting proposals to support restoration of freshwater to critical rivers, lakes, and estuaries in priority geographies throughout the West. This fund will support voluntary water transactions, paired with monitoring and outreach, to help showcase the ecosystem benefits of increased instream flow. The Western Freshwater Restoration Fund will award approximately \$850,000 in grants in 2018. Due September 20. <http://www.nfwf.org/www/Pages/western-freshwater-restoration-fund-2018-rfp.aspx>

**DOI Geological Survey National Climate Adaptation Science Center Program.** The National Climate Adaptation Science Center (NCASC), formerly known as the National Climate Change & Wildlife Science Center Program, is issuing this Announcement to identify organizations that propose to host or, as applicable, serve as consortium partners for a Department of the Interior (DOI) Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) in the regions indicated below, and to determine if their proposed science, partnership, and program support activities and strategies are appropriate to serve in these roles. **Due September 21**. <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=306757>

**HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program.** The purpose of the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) grant program is to assist states, cities, counties/parishes, Native American Tribes or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned rental or owner-occupied housing populations.

Funds will be awarded to applicants to accomplish the objectives, which include the following:

- Maximize the number of children under the age of six years protected from lead poisoning and the number of housing units where lead hazards are controlled;
- Target lead hazard control efforts in housing in which children less than 6 years of age are at greatest risk of lead poisoning
- Utilize cost-effective lead hazard control methods and approaches that ensures the long-term safety of the building occupants;
- Build local capacity to safely and effectively address lead hazards during lead hazard control, and renovation, remodeling, and maintenance activities by appropriate trained and certified individuals

**Due September 25.** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=308148>

**California River Parkways.** The California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) will be accepting concept proposals for the California River Parkways grant program **August 15, 2018 through September 27, 2018**. Awards for River Parkways projects in the approximate amount of \$7.0 million will be funded by Proposition 68 for purposes of the California River Parkways Act of 2004. Agency anticipates notifying entities by October 31, 2018 if their proposal has been selected to further compete by submitting a full application. Applicable deadline information for the full application will be provided at the time of notification. <http://resources.ca.gov/grants/california-river-parkways/>

**Tribal Wildlife Grants Program.** This funding opportunity supports Tribal projects that initiate, develop or implement activities or programs that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species of Native American cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished. Activities may include:

- Planning for conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats
- Conservation management actions for fish and wildlife and their habitats,
- Field and laboratory research related to fish and wildlife resources
- Natural history studies
- Fish passage
- Habitat mapping or evaluation
- Field surveys and population monitoring
- Conservation easements
- Habitat restoration

- Invasive species management
- Relevant public education

**Due September 29.** <https://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/pdf/FY2018-TWG-NOFO-Application-Package.pdf>

**Honda Marine Science Foundation Grants.** The Honda Marine Science Foundation is an initiative to help restore marine ecosystems and facilitate climate change resilience by supporting efforts that improve and preserve coastal areas for future generations in Wa, Or, CA and Hawaii. **Due September 30.** <https://www.honda.com/marine-science-foundation>

**Greenworks Grants.** Project Learning Tree offers GreenWorks! grants up to \$1,000 to schools and youth organizations for environmental service-learning projects that link classroom learning to the real world. Students implement an action project they help design to green their school or to improve an aspect of their neighborhood's environment. **Due September 30.**  
<https://www.plt.org/resources/greenworks-grants/>

**Habitat Conservation Fund.** California Department of Parks and Rec allocates approximately \$2 million to cities, counties, and districts. The program requires a 50% match. Eligible projects include: nature interpretation programs to bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas, protection of various plant and animal species, and acquisition and development of wildlife corridors and trails. **Due October 1.** [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=21361](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21361)

**Reducing Marine Plastic Pollution.** The goal of this program is to measurably reduce plastic pollution before it reaches the ocean. Preference will be given to applicants who are residents or citizens of the country where the work will be conducted and to projects with higher potential for scaling and impact or that fill key knowledge gaps around the flow of plastic from their sources into the ocean. **Due October 3.** <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-opportunities/reducing-marine-plastic-pollution/>

**North American Wetlands Conservation Act. U.S. Small Grants.** The NAWCA grants increase bird populations and wetland habitat, while supporting local economies and American traditions such as hunting, fishing, bird watching, family farming, and cattle ranching. Wetlands protected by NAWCA provide valuable benefits such as flood control, reducing coastal erosion, improving water and air quality, and recharging ground water. The NAWCA program provides matching grants to wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. There is a [Small Grants](#) Program, a competitive grants program that requires grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. **Due October 18.** <https://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php>

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service announced that agricultural producers affected by hurricanes and wildfires in 2017 now may apply for assistance to help recover and rebuild their farming operations. Signup begins July 16, 2018, and continues through **November 16, 2018.**

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/wildfires-and-hurricanes-indemnity-program/index>

**DHS FEMA FY 2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation.** The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 as required by the Stafford Act to states and territories; and a tribal set aside of \$15 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for Native American Indian tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives. Due January 31, 2019. <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=307874>

**DHS FEMA FY 2018 Flood Mitigation Assistance.** The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In FY18, the FMA Program will prioritize proposals that address community flood risk by setting aside \$70 million for this purpose. FEMA will seek to fund two types of community flood mitigation activities: Advance Assistance for flood mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects and mitigation projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP flood claim payments. The remaining funding, at least \$90,000,000, will be used for FMA technical assistance, mitigation planning, and mitigation projects reducing risk to severe repetitive loss (SRL) and repetitive loss (RL) properties. Due January 31, 2019. <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=307867>

**US Standard North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants.** The U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the [North American Wetlands Conservation Act](#) (NAWCA). These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. Deadline for Cycle 1 is **February 23**, Cycle 2, July 13. <https://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act/standard-grants/united-states.php>

## ONGOING FUNDING ASSISTANCE

**EDA 2018 Resilience Grant Opportunity for federally declared disaster areas in 2017.** The US Economic Development Administration (EDA) recently announced a new funding opportunity for disaster recovery project activities.

- No deadline for application
- Projects must be related to disaster declared counties
- \$93,810,000 allocated for West coast
- \$587 million available nationwide

Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) as a result of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and of wildfires and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2017.

<https://www.eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/2018-supplemental/>

### **FREE Erosion Control for Tubbs and Redwood Fire Victims - Attention Property Owners:**

You may not be aware, but you are responsible for installing and maintaining erosion controls to prevent sediment and other pollutants from leaving your property when it rains and during the rebuilding process. Russian Riverkeeper is here to help you meet that requirement at NO COST to you.

<https://russianriverkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/erosion-flyer.pdf>

**Veterans interested in farming** can get help with funding through the USDA.

<https://www.farmers.gov/media/blog/2018/07/03/are-you-veteran-interested-farming-usda-can-help>

A new request form is available to small, disadvantaged communities in need of **technical assistance to develop projects for Proposition 1** funding programs. The Office of Sustainable Water Solutions is offering the assistance. Potential types of help to be made available include legal, project coordination, and environmental analysis.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/proposition1/docs/prop1\\_ta\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/docs/prop1_ta_fact_sheet.pdf)

**Fire Recovery Funding:** State Waterboards has compiled a list of funding availability for grants and loans relevant to fire recovery projects. Various due dates, many ongoing.

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/publications\\_and\\_forms/available\\_documents/pdf/171025\\_FireRecoveryFunds\\_Final.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/publications_and_forms/available_documents/pdf/171025_FireRecoveryFunds_Final.pdf)

**DWR Save Our Water Rebates.** Turf replacement and toilet rebates are available for individual homeowners through the Department of Water Resources. <http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com/>

**No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities.** The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power. For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

**LandSmart Carbon Farm Plan** applications are available through the Gold Ridge RCD for agricultural enterprises in the RCD's jurisdiction. The RCD and its LandSmart® partners are developing carbon farm plans as an integral component of the comprehensive conservation plans developed through the LandSmart® program. Carbon farm plans identify practices that allow agricultural operations to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These practices provide multiple benefits for climate change resiliency, by reducing atmospheric CO2 levels while improving soil health, water holding capacity, and crop and forage production. Carbon farming practices may also promote water conservation and reduce irrigation needs, which in turn may reduce stream withdrawals and enhance water quality and instream habitat. Finally, practices such as hedgerows and windbreaks work to both sequester CO2 while enhancing on-farm wildlife and pollinator habitat. Applications are taken on a continuous basis. <http://goldridgercd.org/htm/carbon-farm-planning.htm>

**Funding for Small Scale Water Storage Projects through the Coho Partnership Program: Dutch Bill and Green Valley Creek Watersheds in Sonoma County.** Gold Ridge RCD, in collaboration with the Coho Partnership, is seeking eligible landowners for participation in a voluntary water storage program in Green Valley and Dutch Bill Creek Watersheds. Residents living in the upper reaches of these creeks who get water directly from the creek or shallow, near-stream wells may be eligible for funds to design and construct water storage systems with the RCD. Storage systems include rainwater catchment, off-channel storage in tanks or ponds, and water use efficiency projects. <http://www.goldridgercd.org/htm/alternative-water-source-and-storage.htm>

**Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects.** The Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program is designed to provide funding for projects that develop and implement groundwater plans and projects consistent with sustainable groundwater planning. [http://water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/sgwp\\_docs/2017\\_SGWP\\_Grant\\_PSP\\_09132017.pdf](http://water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/sgwp_docs/2017_SGWP_Grant_PSP_09132017.pdf)

**Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program.** The Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program will provide \$9.5 million in funding to improve access to, and the quality of, drinking water in public schools pursuant to Senate Bill 828. Projects must be in schools that serve disadvantaged communities as defined by the state. [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/schools/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/schools/)

**Household & Small Water System Drought Assistance Program.** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) authorized \$5 million to assist individual households and small water systems to address drought-related drinking water emergencies. Funds are administered by three non-profit organizations. Funding is available as low-interest loans and/or grants based on recipient's income



and affordability.

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/caa/dw\\_droughtfund/docs/hsw\\_sda\\_funding\\_factsheet.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/docs/hsw_sda_funding_factsheet.pdf)

**Proposition 1 Technical Assistance (TA) Funding Program.** Proposition 1 authorized \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds for water projects including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking water protection. Prop 1 requires the State Water Board to operate a multidisciplinary TA program for small disadvantaged communities, and allows for the State Water Board to fund TA.

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/proposition1/tech\\_asst\\_funding.shtm](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/tech_asst_funding.shtm)

**No-cost Technical Assistance for Tribal Governments from DOE.** The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

<https://energy.gov/indianenergy/technical-assistance/request-technical-assistance>

The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance (DFA), has launched a “**Funding Finder**” to assist you in finding the most appropriate funding source for your water quality project. After answering a few simple questions about your project, the “Funding Finder” will provide you with DFA’s currently available funding source(s).

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/applications/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/applications/index.shtml)

**NREL Energy Efficiency Technical Assistance Team.** The Energy Efficiency Technical Assistance Team is a network of energy efficiency policy and implementation experts who provide timely, unbiased expertise to assist policymakers and regulators in making informed decisions about energy efficiency programs and policies. Requests for technical assistance must be submitted by state officials, including state legislative or regulatory bodies and their staff members. <https://www.nrel.gov/technical-assistance/states.html>

**Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands.** The Wildlife Conservation Board's agricultural program is formally known as the Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL) program. The intent of the funding is to assist landowners in developing wildlife friendly practices on their properties that can be sustained and co-exist with agricultural operations. In California, a large number of wildlife species are dependent on privately owned agricultural lands for habitat. Agricultural lands can provide significant habitat and connectivity with protected wildlife areas. In many cases agricultural landowners are willing to integrate wildlife habitat benefits into the management and operations of their properties, but lack the capital and/or expertise to implement these practices. Applications accepted on a continuous basis. <https://www.wcb.ca.gov/Programs/Agricultural-Lands>



**Proposition 1 Funding** is available for Drinking water through the **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund** Program and Wastewater Funding is being administered through the **Clean Water State Revolving Fund** Program. Applications are continuously accepted online.

- <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>
- [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/SRF.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.shtml)
- [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/)

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund's Loan Forgiveness for Green Projects.** Effective with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund's (CWSRF) 2015 Capitalization Grant from U.S. EPA, the State Water Resources Control Board will provide CWSRF loan (principal) forgiveness to projects that address water or energy efficiency, mitigate storm water runoff, or encourage sustainable project planning, design, and construction. The State Water Board has approximately \$30 million available in loan forgiveness from the 2015 Capitalization Grant.

#### Eligible Projects

Any CWSRF eligible project that is consistent with the [Green Project Reserve: Guidance for Determining Project Eligibility \(see page 50 of 94\)](#) or the attached excerpt from the Guidance. Green Project Reserve (GPR) measures eligible for loan forgiveness can be stand-alone projects or included as part of a larger CWSRF project.

#### Loan Forgiveness Limits

Fifty (50) percent of actual eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$2.5 million, for all measures consistent with the GPR Guidance document

Applications continuously accepted.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/)

**Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants.** This program helps eligible communities prepare for, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Areas that may be served include: Rural areas and towns with 10,000 or fewer people--check eligible addresses, Tribal Lands in rural areas. The area to be served must also have a median household income less-than the state's median household income for non-metropolitan areas--contact your local RD office for details. Funds may be used for:

- Water transmission line grants up to \$150,000 are for construction of waterline extensions, repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and related maintenance necessary to replenish water supply
- Water Source grants up to \$500,000 are for construction of a new water source, intake and/or treatment facility

Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private and NGOs are encouraged. Applications for this program are accepted through your local Rural Development Office **year-round**.

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants>

**Groundwater Quality Funding Programs.** Recent legislative changes created two groundwater quality funding (GWQF) programs to be implemented by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). These are:

- [Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program](#) (Assembly Bill 1471, Chapter 10)
- [Site Cleanup Subaccount Program](#) (SCAP) (Senate Bill 445, Hill, 2014)

The State Water Board will accept applications for projects to be funded by either GWQF program. The GWQF Pre-Application is the first step in the process to apply for projects requesting funds from Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability or the Site Cleanup Subaccount. The requested information is needed in order to review proposed projects based on the current requirements in law.

The State Water Board will determine which program, if any, is the most appropriate for each project; therefore, applicants do not need to designate a program preference. The GWQF Pre-Application must be submitted electronically using the [Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool \(FAAST\)](#). FAAST will automatically pre-load information from the GWQF Pre-Application into the Final Application; therefore, applicants will only need to enter information not provided in the GWQF Pre-Application. Final Applications are not yet available. Pre Application is currently accepting applications/surveys from 8/3/2015 12:00:00 PM through **8/3/2020 5:00:00 PM** via the [Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool \(FAAST\)](#).

**Sonoma County Water Agency offers water-efficiency rebates for private well users** Private well owners in the Russian River Watershed can now get rebates for toilet and turf replacement. <http://www.scwa.ca.gov/drought/>

California Water Boards has released a **Notice of Funding Availability for Interim Emergency Drinking Water**. Public Agencies, Not-for-Profit Water Districts, Not-for-Profit Organizations, and Tribal Governments can apply for interim replacement drinking water for economically disadvantaged communities with contaminated water supplies. [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/caa/dw\\_droughtfund/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/index.shtml)

**Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs.** Under the Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs grants, the Economic Development Administration assists recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients' respective regions. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received. <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=189193>

**The California Fisheries Fund** offers three types of loans: fishing association loans, infrastructure loans, and business loans. <http://www.californiafisheriesfund.org/loan.html>

**The California Energy Commission** has announced the availability of funds for low-interest loans for energy efficiency and energy generation projects. Low interest rates of 3 percent can help local jurisdictions invest in energy efficiency, save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create new jobs and industries for your community. <http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/index.html>

**The California Wildlife Conservation Board** continues to provide funding for wetland, riparian, oak woodland, and other fish and wildlife habitat improvement projects and land acquisition from Propositions 40, 50, and 117. The WCB's Riparian, Inland Wetlands, and Oak Woodlands programs continue and are continuously open for proposal submission. <https://www.wcb.ca.gov/Programs>

**The USDA Rural Development Electric Program** provides direct loans and loan guarantees to upgrade, expand, maintain, and replace America's vast rural electric infrastructure including the construction of electric distribution, transmission and generation facilities, and on- and off-grid renewable energy systems. Applications accepted on a continuous basis. [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP\\_HomePage.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_HomePage.html)

**The SWRCB Agricultural Drainage Loan Program and Agricultural Drainage Management Loan Program** is currently accepting applications. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/agdrain/agdrain\\_loan.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/agdrain/agdrain_loan.shtml)

**The USDA** provides loans and grants to develop **water and waste disposal systems** in rural areas and towns with a population not in excess of 10,000. The funds are available to public bodies, non-profit corporations and Indian tribes. Applications are accepted at any time through the Rural Development State and Area Offices. <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-dispdirectloansgrants.htm>. To locate an office near you go to [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd\\_map.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html)

**The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program** provides cost-share funding and technical assistance to private land owners and their local partners. Assistance is given to restore streams, wetlands and other native habitat on private property. The program operates on a voluntary basis. The landowners agree to maintain the restoration for at least ten years. Otherwise, they keep full control of their lands. Maximum funding request is \$25,000 per project with a minimum 1:1 non-federal match (monetary and/or in-kind match). Partnerships with other funding agencies are encouraged. Contact Kate Symonds, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program for SF Bay, (tel) 707-578-8515, (cell) 707-480-2675, or at [kate\\_symonds@fws.gov](mailto:kate_symonds@fws.gov) . [http://www.fws.gov/sacramento/CP/Partnerships/cp\\_partners-for-fws.htm](http://www.fws.gov/sacramento/CP/Partnerships/cp_partners-for-fws.htm)

**The State Water Resources Control Board -1% Loans.** The mission of the **Water Recycling Funding Program (WRF)** is to promote the beneficial use of treated municipal wastewater (water recycling) in order to augment fresh water supplies in California by providing technical and financial assistance to agencies and other stakeholders in support of water recycling projects and research. [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/water\\_recycling/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/water_recycling/index.shtml)

**Clif Bar Family Foundation Small Grants.** These small grants average approximately \$8000 with priority given to applicants that: protect Earth's beauty and bounty; create a robust, healthy food system; increase opportunities for outdoor activity; reduce environmental health hazards; and/or build

stronger communities. Grant cycles are quarterly, generally around the 15th of the month.

<http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs>

**Pacific Seabird Group Craig S. Harrison Conservation Fund.** The objective of the Conservation Fund is to advance the conservation of seabirds by providing funds or supplies to individuals from developing countries as well as those from elsewhere working in those developing countries primarily in or bordering the Pacific Ocean, (1) for conservation and restoration activities that benefit seabirds in the Pacific Ocean; and (2) to help develop within-country seabird expertise in developing countries within or bordering the Pacific Ocean.

<http://www.pacificseabirdgroup.org/index.php?f=grants&t=Grant%20Program&s=1>

**Patagonia Environmental Grants.** Patagonia funds only environmental work and is most interested in providing grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. They believe true change will occur only through a strong grassroots movement and focus on organizations that build a strong base of citizen support. Application deadlines are on May 1 and **August 31** annually.

<http://www.patagonia.com/environmental-grants.html>

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

**EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program.** The Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them. EPA funds three organizations—Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Center for Creative Land Recycling—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TABs has an extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The technical assistance comes at no cost to communities. TAB helps communities:

- Identify, inventory and prioritize brownfields for redevelopment.
- Determine the potential public health impact of brownfields.
- Get the public and other stakeholders involved.
- Facilitate site reuse goal-setting and planning charrettes.
- Evaluate economic feasibility of reuse plans.
- Conduct educational workshops, seminars and webinars.
- Use Web-based tools to facilitate brownfields redevelopment.
- Interpret technical brownfield reports, assessments and plans.
- Identify appropriate funding/financing approaches.
- Integrate approaches to brownfield cleanup and redevelopment.

- Understand and navigate regulatory requirements.
- Apply for and manage EPA brownfields grants.
- Develop work plans.
- Hire planning and environmental contractors and consultants.

No cost, no application due. <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-technical-assistance-and-research>

**NREL Solar Technical Assistance Team.** The Solar Technical Assistance Team (STAT) Network gathers NREL solar technology and deployment experts to provide unbiased information on solar policies and issues for state and local government decision makers. The expert assistance is intended to support legislators, regulators, state agencies, and their staff members in making informed decisions about solar projects and policies. The STAT Network is a project of the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office that is implemented in partnership with NREL.

The STAT Network program consists of:

- **[State solar technical assistance](#)**—NREL provides direct technical assistance to state and local governments on matters that require solar market expertise to either answer a time-sensitive question or to provide expert testimony on policy best practices.
- **[Do-it-yourself online education](#)**—The STAT Network provides information on solar technologies, resources, and the role that state and local governments play in supporting the development of those resources to achieve their economic, environmental, and/or energy security goals.

No due date, no cost. <https://www.nrel.gov/technical-assistance/states.html>