



APPLICATION FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (Request for Project Concept Proposals)

The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) is pleased to offer project development technical assistance to Tribes and economically disadvantaged communities to support grant applications to the following funding programs:

- a) NCRP Regional Forest & Fire Capacity (RFFC) program
- b) Department of Water Resources (DWR), Proposition 1, Round 2, Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program
- c) Other funding programs for projects that improve forest health, increase wildfire resiliency, address drinking water, watershed health and wastewater needs, and help communities and ecosystems address and adapt to climate change.

Direct technical assistance will be provided by NCRP via a team of regional experts to support Tribes and economically disadvantaged communities to develop projects that will be competitive for the above listed upcoming funding opportunities. The NCRP anticipates providing between \$5,000-\$15,000 per entity for this support.

Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis through July 2022. This Request for Concept Proposals is targeting the following:

- Water Management Projects in anticipation of the NCRP Proposition 1, Round 2, IRWM Implementation Project solicitation (expected to roll-out in August) for projects that promote climate change resiliency, water quality, community health, and water self-reliance
- Wildfire Resilience and Forest Management Project Environmental Documentation: CEQA/NEPA and other Permitting support
- Forestry and Wildfire Protection Projects that provide capacity enhancements, forest and watershed health, wildfire resilience, fuel load reduction, ecosystem health, biodiversity, climate change mitigation/ adaptation, community health and safety, and workforce development.

In order for the NCRP to evaluate the need for technical assistance and the eligibility of the project for a specific funding program, a concept proposal is required. To apply for project development technical assistance, please submit a concept proposal that describes the project and the nature of the technical assistance requested (see below for more information on how to apply). If you are already receiving technical assistance from the NCRP, these services will continue. If you have additional technical assistance needs that have not yet been met, please apply under this Request for Proposals (RFP).

DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS & DEADLINES

Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis through July 2022, and will be reviewed periodically. NCRP is in the process of evaluating and potentially expanding its capacity building and technical assistance investments, and will provide more detailed information about the updated program in future rounds.

Technical assistance will be made available based on relevant need, funding availability and time constraints related to upcoming solicitations. **Local project sponsors who are considering a request for technical assistance are encouraged to also apply for the upcoming NCRP Proposition 1, Round 2 IRWM implementation funding, and should submit their proposals as soon as possible.**

Proposals for technical assistance should be emailed to Katherine Gledhill at kgledhill@northcoastresourcepartnership.org.

Tribal proposals for technical assistance should be emailed to Sherri Norris at sherri@cieaweb.org.

BACKGROUND

The [North Coast Resource Partnership](#) (NCRP) is an innovative, stakeholder-driven collaboration among local governments, Tribes, watershed groups, and other interested partners focused on integrated resource planning and local project implementation in California's North Coast region. Since 2005, the NCRP has successfully integrated Tribal, federal, state, regional and local priorities and utilized a multi-benefit approach to identify and seek funding for the highest priority projects throughout the region. The focus of the NCRP includes forest and watershed health, salmonid recovery, water quality and supply, intra-regional cooperation, energy independence, climate change mitigation and adaptation, public health and economic vitality, with a specific emphasis on projects that benefit economically disadvantaged communities. The partnership is led by a Leadership Council comprised of Tribal and county appointees, relies on scientific and technical review from staff and a Technical Peer Review Committee, and is informed by a broad and diverse stakeholder community. For more information about the NCRP please see the [NCRP website](#).

The NCRP has a long history of providing technical assistance to North Coast communities to support and develop local and regional projects that promote integrated and multi-benefit outcomes in the North Coast region.

PROJECT CONCEPT PROPOSALS: IDENTIFYING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

The NCRP is issuing this Request for Project Concept Proposals to identify project development technical assistance needs in the North Coast region that meet the criteria of the NCRP, as well as criteria established by DWRs IRWM program, by the Department of Conservation RFFC Program, as well as other funding programs.

A team of technical advisors made up of regional experts will be paid by the NCRP and made available to provide one-on-one technical assistance and capacity building to those interested in creating and developing projects that improve watershed health, provide climate change resilience and improve community infrastructure. Types of technical assistance may include site assessment, grant tool assistance, mapping and GIS analysis, greenhouse gas calculations, cost estimates, help with permitting, project benefits quantification, and preliminary project design/planning. Other types of technical

assistance not listed here may be requested, and project sponsors will need to articulate how the technical assistance will result in wildfire/climate change resilience and/or watershed/ community health, or meet the broader goals of the North Coast Resource Partnership.

The amount of technical assistance will be based on how well the project concept aligns with the NCRP proposal evaluation criteria, the economic context of the applicant, and/or community in which the project is proposed, and how much assistance the applicant requires for project development. The typical value of project development technical assistance for this round is anticipated to be in the range of \$5,000 to \$15,000 per entity.

SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONCEPT PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include federally recognized Indian Tribes, California State Indian Tribes, economically disadvantaged organizations: public agencies, local or state agency/special districts, Resource Conservation Districts, non-profit organizations, and public utilities. Please see the NCRP interactive map to determine disadvantaged community status at <https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/data/>.

Proposal Packet

Please complete Exhibits A – C (MS Word form), print, sign and scan all Exhibits. Send the pdf and the original Word form via email to the following.

- Katherine Gledhill at kgledhill@northcoastresourcepartnership.org
- Tribal proposals: Sherri Norris at sherri@cieaweb.org

1. **Proposal Cover Page** (*Exhibit A*)
2. **Project Technical Assistance Concept Proposal** (*Exhibit B, maximum 5 pages*) that demonstrates an understanding of the NCRP goals and objectives related to watershed and community resilience, describes potential projects or activities that promote one or several of the following: forest and watershed health, wildfire resilience, fuel load reduction, ecosystem health, biodiversity, water quality and supply, climate change mitigation and adaptation, community health and safety, economic vitality. The concept proposal must also demonstrate a clear need for Technical Assistance to develop the proposed multi-benefit project. A project concept proposal template can be found as Exhibit B.
3. **Organization Statement of Qualifications** (*Exhibit C*) that briefly describes the organization's key personnel and their qualifications and list/hyperlinks to examples of relevant work that support the proposal (*maximum 1 pages*)

Inquiries

- Call or email Katherine Gledhill at kgledhill@northcoastresourcepartnership.org or 707-795-1235
- For Tribal questions please call or email Sherri Norris sherri@cieaweb.org or call 510-334-4408

PROPOSAL EVALUATION & SELECTION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Proposals for technical assistance will be evaluated based on a selection process developed by the NCRP RFFC and Proposition 1 Ad Hoc committees and approved by the NCRP Leadership Council. Support for proposal evaluation may be provided by NCRP technical consultants as requested. Technical assistance proposals will be evaluated by staff using the criteria developed by the Ad Hoc committees, and will select projects based on timing of requested technical assistance, level of need and available funding. The specific criteria used to evaluate and rank the proposals for technical assistance submitted for this RFP are listed below. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria and scored from 0 – 10, with a weighting factor applied where:

1. A score of 9-10 points will be awarded where the criterion is fully addressed, achieves significant outcomes and is supported by thorough and well-presented documentation & logical rationale.
2. A score of 7-8 points will be awarded where the criterion is addressed, achieves significant outcomes but is not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale.
3. A score of 5-6 points will be awarded where the criterion is addressed, achieves moderate outcomes and is supported by thorough and well-presented documentation & logical rationale.
4. A score of 3-4 points will be awarded where the criterion is marginally addressed, achieves moderate outcomes but is not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale.
5. A score of 1-2 point will be awarded where the criterion is marginally addressed, but achieves outcomes that are low in significance.
6. A score of 0 points will be awarded where the criterion is not addressed.

NCRP PROPOSAL SCORING CRITERIA	WEIGHTING FACTOR	Range of Points
Project type and sponsor eligibility (including Tribal or economically disadvantaged community status)		y/n
Demonstration that the technical assistance needs are reasonable, justifiable & can be effectively addressed by the technical assistance team		y/n
Demonstrated successful outcomes and work products for projects similar in nature to the project proposal submitted	1	0 – 10
A Project Description that includes a clear problem statement, intended purpose and appropriate solution	2	0 – 20
The goals and objectives of the proposed project are consistent with the goals and objectives of the NCRP and/or objectives of the IRWM and RFFC funding programs	1	0 – 10
If implemented, the proposed project will implement effective strategies, provide multiple benefits of significant magnitude	2	0 – 20
Need for the project and demonstration that the project is clearly supported by and important to the local community and region	2	0 – 20
The project is located in and substantially benefits an economically disadvantaged community or severely disadvantaged community	2	0 – 20
TOTAL SCORE		0 - 100



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EXHIBIT A
PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

Project Name

Organization Name

Organization Type

- Federally recognized Tribe
- California State Indian Tribe
- Public agency
- Local or state agency/special district
- Resource Conservation District
- Non-profit organization
- Public utility
- City or Town
- Other:

Organization Economically Disadvantaged Community Status

- Tribal Community
- Economically Disadvantaged Community
- Severely Disadvantaged Community

Contact Name/Title

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone Number (include area code):

Organization Address (City, County, State, Zip Code):

Authorized Representative (if different from the contact's name)

Name:

Title:

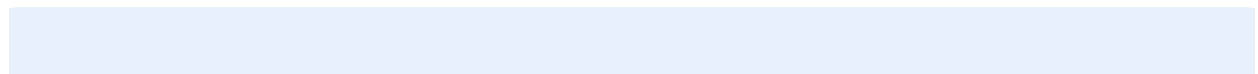
Email:

Phone Number (include area code):

Certification of Authority

By signing below, the person executing the certificate on behalf of the proposer affirmatively represents that s/he has the requisite legal authority to do so on behalf of the proposer. Both the person executing this proposal on behalf of the proposer and proposer understand that the NCRP is relying on this representation in receiving and considering this proposal. The person signing below hereby acknowledges that s/he has read the entire Request for Proposals document and has complied with all requirements listed therein.

Official Authorized to Sign for Proposal



Signature

Date

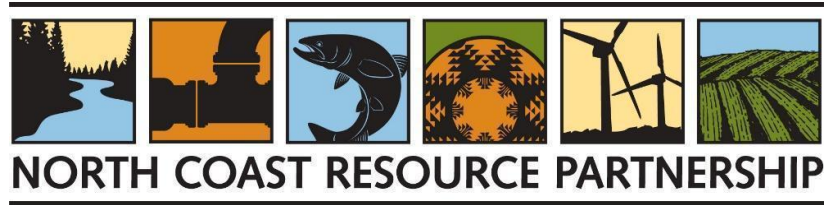


EXHIBIT B CONCEPT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

Please complete a Concept Proposal for Project Development and Technical Assistance (maximum 5 pages) that demonstrates an understanding of the NCRP and funding partner goals and objectives, describes potential project activities that promote one or several of the following: forest/ watershed health, fuel load reduction, salmonid recovery, intra-regional cooperation, climate change mitigation/ adaptation, water quality/ supply, public health and economic vitality. The concept proposal must also demonstrate a clear need for Technical Assistance to develop the proposed project.

Project Name:

1. Abstract of the project for which you are requesting technical assistance [750 characters max.]

2. Detailed description of the project for which you are requesting technical assistance [2000 characters max.]

The Project Description should include: the intended purpose of the project; a problem statement: why the project or process is needed; setting and background; the major components of the project or process; a description of how the project or process will be implemented (if known) and a summary of the expected/desired benefits.

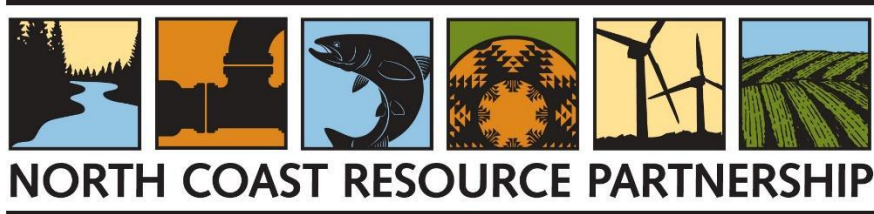
3. List and describe specific Project Goals/Objectives

4. Describe the specific technical assistance needed to fully develop the project and why technical assistance is requested from your organization.

5. Describe how the project addresses the [NCRP Goals and Objectives](#)

6. Briefly describe the location and size of the project.

7. Describe how the project provides direct benefits to a project area comprised of Tribes, Economically Disadvantaged Communities or Severely Disadvantaged Communities and list these communities. [[NCRP Interactive Map](#)]
8. Describe how the project addresses the need of the communities listed above.
9. List and describe the partnerships involved in the project and local and/or political support.
10. List the estimated benefits expected to result from the proposed project.
11. List any existing scientific studies, plans, designs or engineering reports related to the project for which you are requesting technical assistance project.
12. List the approximate project cost and potential sources of grant and matching funds, including amounts and their status.
13. List any upcoming Tribal, state, federal, philanthropic funding programs (IRWM, CAL FIRE, other) for which you intend to submit an implementation funding application.



**EXHIBIT C
ORGANIZATION STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

Please complete a statement of qualifications that briefly describes the organization’s key personnel and their qualifications and list/hyperlinks to examples of relevant work that support the proposal

[Statement of Qualifications](#)

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