



Frequently Asked Questions Cannabis Restoration Grant Programs June 14, 2017

Q1: Does this program fund trash removal or just restoration?

A1: The Cannabis Restoration Grant Program funds the restoration of watersheds impacted by cannabis cultivation, including waste, trash, and equipment removal, as well as more traditional restoration activities like diversion removal, riparian enhancements, and streambank stabilization. Please refer to the Project Type descriptions in the Solicitation for full descriptions of eligible activities.

Q2: The attachment categories in SOAR are numbered 1-8, but there are only seven total?

A2: SOAR previously referenced **Attachment 5, Anadromous Salmonid Recovery Task and Limiting Factors Form**. This form is not required as part of the application for the Cannabis program, and has since been removed from the list of attachments. Thus there seven attachments required, as follows:

- 1) Attachment 1 - Project Description (Template provided)
- 2) Attachment 2 - Maps and Graphics
- 3) Attachment 3 - Engineering Design Drawings
- 4) Attachment 4 - Budget Tables (Template Provided)
- 5) Attachment 6 - Law Enforcement Agency Coordination Plan
- 6) Attachment 7 - Revegetation Restoration Plan
- 7) Attachment 8 - Project Information Needed for Programmatic Permits (Template Provided)

Q3. Are letters of support required / accepted with proposals?

A3. Letters of support are not required, nor are they factored into the scoring criteria. You may however upload letters to the Project Description category in SOAR or email them directly to CDFW at WatershedGrants@wildlife.ca.gov.

Q4: Can an eligible applicant submit more than one proposal in response to the Solicitation?

A4: Yes. Each submitted proposal will be evaluated based on its individual merit.

Q5: Can a single proposal be submitted for more than one project type, e.g., both Riparian Restoration and Bank Stabilization?

A5: No. A proposal must be submitted to one project type.

Q6: Is there a maximum or minimum dollar amount a proposal can request for funding?

A6: No, there is no maximum or minimum grant amount that can be requested by an applicant. However, the amount of funds available under the current Solicitation is limited to \$1,500,000 total.

Q7: Is cost share or match required?

A7: No. Neither cost share nor match is required. However, points will be awarded in the Technical Review scaled on the amount of cost share/match relative to the total project cost. Please see *Section 6.2* and *number 11 in Table 3: Technical Review Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Standard* from the Solicitation for more information and scoring criteria for Cost Share.

Q8: Can an applicant partner with a private consultant to submit a proposal?

A8: A private entity cannot apply for a grant, but can perform work as a subcontractor to the Grantee. Private entities can also assist an applicant in the preparation of a proposal.

Only one entity may act as an applicant and Grantee, if awarded. Please refer to eligible applicant types in *Section 5.4 Eligibility Criteria* of the Solicitation for further details.

Q9: If we are awarded funding under this Solicitation, when can our project start?

A9: CDFW anticipates executing grant agreements starting in December of 2018. Work performed prior to the start date of a grant agreement will not be eligible for reimbursement under this award.

Q10: Can projects required as mitigation or other compliance obligations be considered for funding?

A10: No, projects that include remediation that has been court-ordered or as a result of an enforcement action, whether or not there has been adjudication, are not eligible. Projects that are subject to mitigation under federal, state, or local regulations, are also ineligible. Please refer to *Section 5.4, Eligibility Criteria*, of the Solicitation for further details.

Q11: Is there a template in Microsoft Word for the Questionnaire portion of the Proposal Application?

A11: A Microsoft Word version of the Application has been uploaded to the [Cannabis Restoration Grant Program Page](#). However, note that all applications must be submitted through the SOAR system.

Q12: May we ask questions about our proposal during the Solicitation?

A12: CDFW can answer clarifying questions about the proposal but, due to the competitive nature of the Solicitation, cannot help guide an applicant in writing a proposal.

Q13: Is an authorizing resolution required to apply for grant program?

A13: An authorizing resolution is not required in order to apply for the Cannabis Restoration Grant Programs. However, if awarded, a resolution (or order, motion, ordinance or other similar document) from the local governing body authorizing execution of the agreement may be required prior to grant execution.

Q14: What naming convention should I use for my attachments in SOAR?

A14: The attachment name should reference the category and SOAR PIN. Example:
12345ProjectMaps.pdf.