

California Ocean Protection Council

Proposition 1 & Proposition 84 Competitive Grant Programs



The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) was established to improve the management and protection of ocean and coastal resources and ecosystems. One of the many ways OPC achieves this purpose is by supporting innovative research that directly informs and improves the stewardship of ocean and coastal resources.

While we hope our grant guidelines are clear and straightforward to use, we wanted to offer this resource to help potential grant applicants navigate the differences between the Proposition 1 and Proposition 84 grant programs, both of which currently have open solicitations for proposals. Applicants may apply to both Proposition 1 and Proposition 84 competitive grant programs simultaneously.

	Proposition 1 Competitive	Proposition 84 Competitive
Grant award minimum	\$250,000*	\$80,000
Grant award maximum	\$11.3 million	\$250,000
Eligible grantees	Nonprofits, public universities, public utilities, local governments, and Tribes, but not federal agencies	Public agencies, nonprofit corporations, or private entities subject to Public Resources Code Section 35650 , as stated in OPC's Proposition 84 Grant Funding Procedures .
Priority focus areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Protecting marine managed areas, including the MPA Network and Areas of Special Biological Significance › Climate change, including sea-level rise adaptation and reducing impacts of ocean acidification & hypoxia › Fisheries infrastructure that protects or enhances ecosystems, and fish habitat restoration › Improving ocean water quality and reduce marine debris/pollutants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Ocean acidification and hypoxia, and other changes in ocean conditions from a changing climate › Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture › Sea-level rise adaptation and coastal resilience › Coastal sediment management › Marine pollution › Marine renewable energy
Application deadlines	Full proposal deadline: February 23, 2018	Pre-proposal deadline: March 15, 2018
Total amount available currently + future rounds	Up to \$11.3 million is currently available for the existing round, though not all funding will necessarily be expended in this round. Another \$9.3 million will be available in July 2019 with Prop 1's third and last appropriation to the OPC.	\$6 million total is currently available for the existing round. Of the \$6 million, \$3 million is available for ocean acidification and sustainable fisheries & aquaculture (administered by CA Sea Grant) and \$3 million is available for sea-level rise, coastal sediment management, marine pollution and marine renewable energy (administered by USC Sea Grant).
Please see the Prop 1 and Prop 84 Grant Guidelines & websites for detailed information on priority focus areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Prop 1: http://www.opc.ca.gov/2015/05/prop1/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Prop 84: http://www.opc.ca.gov/prop-84/ › CA Sea Grant: https://caseagrants.ucsd.edu/grants-and-funding/CA-OPC-prop-84-call-for-preliminary-proposals › USC Sea Grant: http://dornsife.usc.edu/uscseagrant/opc-prop-84-funding/

*Except for the small grants category, which is limited to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, or to "pilot" type projects that if proven successful, could lead to the types of projects that could be scaled up and/or replicated.