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Prop 1 Coastal Environmental Justice Solicitation

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Grant Proposal Solicitation and Application Instructions
Letters of Intent are due April 23, 2021



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I. Introduction

A. Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 1 Grants

The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1 or "Prop 1") was approved by voters in November 2014. Chapter 6 of Prop 1 allocates \$30 million to OPC for a competitive grant program for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection or restoration projects that improve water quality in accordance with statewide priorities. It sets forth specific purposes for the funding, and OPC Prop 1 grants must achieve at least one of the purposes listed in Chapter 6¹. **This grant round seeks to advance coastal projects that directly benefit communities entitled to environmental justice (Communities) that propose restoration, habitat enhancement, and resilience to climate change, including adaptation to sea-level rise, flooding, and shoreline erosion.** Refer to Section II. Solicitation Priorities, for specific parameters defining Communities and Priority Project Types. OPC expects to have \$7.5 million in funding available for this round.

OPC approved updated Prop 1 Grant Guidelines (Grant Guidelines) in February 2021; they are available on the OPC Prop 1 webpage at <https://www.opc.ca.gov/prop1/>. The Grant Guidelines establish the high-level process and criteria that OPC uses to solicit competitive applications, evaluate and select proposals, and distribute awards using Prop 1 funds. The Grant Guidelines include:

- OPC's priorities for Prop 1 grant funding;
- Eligible project types;
- Eligible grantee organizations;
- Grant application review and evaluation processes;
- Scoring criteria;
- Additional grant requirements; and
- Important appendices, including Prop 1 Chapter 6 text, Prop 1 term definitions, and technical assistance resources.

*Please review the [Grant Guidelines](#), this **Grant Proposal Solicitation**, and the **Letter of Intent Template** very carefully and thoroughly before proceeding with the grant application process.*

B. Solicitation Overview

Funding Information

The funding information for this Round 4 solicitation is as follows:

- Maximum Funding Available in this round: \$7,500,000
- Minimum and Maximum Award Amounts: \$100,000 - \$5,000,000 (OPC strongly encourages project budgets over \$250,000)
- Maximum Project Length: Must be completed by December 2024 (with projects starting in 2022)
- Letter of Intent Due: April 23, 2021

¹ Prop 1 projects must meet one of the purposes of Chapter 6 §79732(a).

Advanced Payments

For grants awarded for projects that benefit a Community, OPC may provide advanced payments of up to 25% of the grant award at a time to the recipient to initiate the project in a timely manner. To qualify for advanced payments, the grantee must explain how their project benefits a Community, as described further in Section V., and must meet additional requirements regarding the use of advanced payments, as will be specified by OPC. Advances cannot be used for in-house labor or personnel costs. Please indicate if your organization expects to need advanced payments to complete the project in the full proposal.

Solicitation Schedule

OPC anticipates holding one Prop 1 solicitation this year. Letters of Intent (LOIs) must be submitted during the solicitation period from March to April 23, 2021. The soonest a grant could be awarded from this round will be December 2021. The schedule for this grant round is as follows:

Activity	Date
Grant Proposal Solicitation Released	March 15, 2021
Informational Webinar	March 29, 2021 at 2:00pm
Office Hours (open Q&A session)	April 14, 2021 at 2:00pm
Letter of Intent Due	April 23, 2021
Proposal Review and Evaluation	April 26 - May 18, 2021
Select Proposals invited to Submit Full Proposal	May 19, 2021
Full Proposal Due	June 30, 2021
Application Review and Evaluation	July 1- Aug 20, 2021
Select proposals invited for interview or site visit ²	Aug 23- Sept 24, 2021
Staff recommend selected projects to OPC for approval	December 7, 2021
Approved projects finalize workplans and grant agreements	Winter/Spring 2022

If you want to attend the informational webinar, please register at this link: [OPC Prop 1 Solicitation Webinar Registration Form](#).

Technical Assistance

Upon release of the solicitation, web resources, including guidance documents for applicants, will be made available on [OPC’s Prop 1 webpage](#). In addition to hosting an informational webinar during the solicitation period, OPC staff will also be available for “office hours” on a webinar format to answer questions and provide technical assistance on April 14, 2021 at 2:00pm-3:30pm. Registration will be made available a week prior. See Appendix F in the [Grant Guidelines](#) for additional technical assistance resources available for applicants.

² Virtual site tours may replace in-person site visits for safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. Solicitation Priorities

A. Communities Entitled to Environmental Justice

This solicitation seeks coastal projects that directly benefit communities entitled to environmental justice (Communities), including: disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities (DACs)³, California Native Tribes and Tribal Governments, and communities that score above 80% on CalEnviroScreen results. Priority will be given to coastal projects in or near Communities that propose restoration, habitat enhancement, and resilience to climate change, including adaptation to sea-level rise, flooding, and shoreline erosion. (See below for additional information on Priority Project Types). Additionally, OPC seeks to advance projects that are led by community-based organizations, and that provide Community workforce employment, including employment for students. To determine whether a project is located within or near a Community, please use the OPC Prop 1 Priority Areas Map⁴ available on our [Prop 1 webpage](#) as an interactive web tool or individual maps that may be downloaded by region. Grant applicants must provide a map and written description of the projects' geographical proximity to the specific Community. Under OPC's Priorities for Prop 1, "the coast" includes San Francisco Bay. Projects located within or adjacent to the Community that are within 3 miles of the coast are strongly preferred (as shown in OPC maps). Projects within a ½ mile of the border of a Community are considered adjacent to the community.

Projects located outside of the OPC's priority geographical area may be eligible if the project serves a Community (or multiple Communities), demonstrates intentional Community benefits, and includes environmental improvements that reach the coast and ocean. Projects outside of OPC's priority geographical area should be no more than four (4) miles from the coast. Projects can demonstrate intentional Community benefits through describing Community partnerships and collaboration, Community workforce employment, and other forms of [meaningful community engagement](#). Refer to Section V. Application Evaluation and Scoring for specific criteria to demonstrate significant benefits to Communities.

B. Priority Project Types

OPC's priorities for Prop 1 funding are projects that will benefit Communities through developing multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection or restoration projects that improve water quality. Specifically, OPC seeks to prioritize **coastal projects in or near Communities that propose restoration, habitat enhancement, and resilience to climate change, including adaptation to sea-level rise, flooding, and shoreline erosion.** Proposed projects should ensure that their application addresses the water quality nexus by identifying the water quality problem at the project site, including whether the waters are on the [Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\) list](#), how the project will address it, and include monitoring to demonstrate the project's effectiveness. Prop 1 projects must also meet one of the purposes of Chapter 6 §79732(a); these purposes can be found in Appendix B of the [Grant Guidelines](#).

³ Prop 1 uses the definition of a "disadvantaged community" as defined by California Water Code §79505.5a: "Disadvantaged community is a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income."

⁴ OPC staff produced these maps using data from California State Parks Community FactFinder and CalEnviroScreen results scoring above 80%.

Please see below for specific [Priority Project Types](#) for coastal projects benefitting Communities.

Restoration and Habitat Enhancement

Protect and restore coastal watersheds, including, but not limited to, bays, marine estuaries, and nearshore ecosystems.

California is defined by its coast, and healthy coastal ecosystems are important to maintain the natural resources that Californians enjoy. OPC will support projects that protect and restore wetlands, bays, estuaries, and nearshore ecosystems, particularly projects that restore habitat for marine, estuarine, and diadromous fish, and remove barriers to fish passage. OPC will also support projects that protect the state's marine protected area network and the state's areas of special biological significance. Increasing coastal habitat is identified in the specific purposes laid out in Chapter 6 of Prop 1 and is a critical component of [OPC's Strategic Plan](#)'s goals and objectives. Below are priority project types and examples for restoration and habitat enhancement projects:

- Restoration projects that address habitat loss and environmental degradation.
- Community-led projects that reduce pollutant run-off, restore urban waters, streams, and beaches and address water quality in a [Critical Coastal Area \(CCA\)](#)⁵.
- Multi-benefit projects that improve access, coastal ecology, and local water resilience. Multi-benefits may include carbon sequestration.

Example projects could include, but are not limited to:

- A project that restores degraded coastal wetlands and improves water quality adjacent to a Community and provides a new trail system to improve coastal access for Community members.
- A project that regains access to a Tribe's ancestral lands on the coast and uses Tribal Ecological Knowledge (TEK) to enhance coastal habitat and water resilience.
- A project that utilizes local workforce labor and Community expertise to implement green infrastructure or low impact development to reduce pollutant run-off in a [Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\)](#) listed impaired waterway in a CCA.

Adaptation to Sea-Level Rise, Flooding, and Shoreline Erosion

Implement coastal adaptation projects to reduce the impacts of climate change on California's communities and ecosystems

OPC's Prop 1 funding will be used to enhance coastal resilience to climate change, particularly adaptation to sea-level rise, flooding, and shoreline erosion to protect and restore important ecosystems and increase flood protection, respectively. OPC will prioritize projects that include the best available science, address coastal resources management challenges, including climate change, and utilize nature-based solutions, such as living shorelines. Implementing watershed adaptation projects to reduce the impacts of climate change is identified in the specific purposes laid out in Chapter 6 of Prop 1 and is a critical component of [OPC's Strategic Plan](#)'s goals and objectives. Below are priority project types and examples for adaptation to sea-level rise, flooding, and shoreline erosion projects:

⁵ Critical Coastal Areas (CCA) identify coastal watersheds that reflect the dual goals of improving degraded coastal water quality, and providing extra protection from polluted runoff to coastal waters with recognized high resource value. (*Coastal Water Quality Program*, California Coastal Commission, December 2019).

- Projects that promote risk reduction and resiliency of the built and natural environment in the face of sea-level rise, including innovative design elements and approaches such as living shorelines and nature-based infrastructure.
- Projects that address needs of communities at risk of exposure to toxic or hazardous sites due to sea-level rise and flooding.
- Projects that improve ecosystem health and resiliency to impacts of climate change.
- Projects that develop green infrastructure solutions in coastal environments to address water quality problems.

Example projects could include, but are not limited to:

- A project that engages Community stakeholders to analyze and design a coastal roadway realignment through the lens of equity and climate adaptation, incorporating nature-based solutions and identifying areas for enhanced coastal access and recreation.
- A project that will design and construct structural best management practices on public land at or adjacent to vulnerable sites with toxics to reduce the risk of Community flooding due to sea-level rise.

C. Additional Project Characteristics

OPC encourages applications for wetland and other habitat restoration projects such as those typically funded through Prop 1, however projects should be clear in articulating their multi-benefits, in particular how a project would provide benefits in at least one of OPC's Priorities for Prop 1. Applicants should also articulate thoroughly how a proposed project helps fulfill the goals and objectives of the [OPC's Strategic Plan](#). Additionally, OPC requires all projects to include resilience to climate change and incorporate best available science whenever possible. Proposed projects are also encouraged to demonstrate innovative solutions to ocean and coastal issues and address unmet needs or gaps, to the extent practicable. Finally, projects must also provide a clearly-articulated, long-term benefit to the public.

III. Application Process and Requirements

A. Grant Eligibility

Eligible Grantees

Applicants that are eligible to apply for Prop 1 funding from OPC consist of:

- Public agencies⁶, which include a state agency or department, special district, joint powers authority, city, county, city and county, or other political subdivision of the state. Federal agencies are not public agencies.
- Public or private universities.
- Any private, nonprofit organizations, including community-based organizations, that qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service.
- Indian tribes that are either federally recognized or listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List.
- Public utilities and mutual water companies⁷.

⁶ PRC § 79702 (s)

⁷ PRC §79712

Prop 1 has additional requirements for applicant eligibility, please see the [OPC Prop 1 Grant Guidelines](#) for all grantee eligibility requirements.

Project Eligibility

To be eligible for this round of Prop 1, funding, projects must advance at least one of the purposes of Chapter 6 of Prop 1. Additionally, Prop 1 funds must be spent consistent with the General Obligation Bond Law, Government Code §16727. In general, this means projects must entail the construction or acquisition of capital assets and/or activities that are incidentally but directly related to construction or acquisition, such as planning, design and engineering. Other examples of eligible projects are those that fund construction of restoration and enhancement projects and new or enhanced facilities. OPC will consider funding planning projects that would lead directly to specific “shovel-ready” implementation projects. However, for this round of Prop 1 funding (Round 4), strong preference will be given to implementation projects over planning projects. OPC has additional information on eligible and ineligible projects in the [Prop 1 Grant Guidelines](#).

B. Letter of Intent Phase

Applicants must submit a completed LOI package in response to this solicitation. The deadline for submission is **April 23, 2021**. The LOI is the first phase of the grant application process describing the project proposal and will only be accepted during the solicitation period. The LOI template can be downloaded from the [OPC Prop 1 webpage](#). Applicants must follow instructions and respond to required criteria on the LOI template. The LOI is intended to provide a brief summary of the proposed project and should be no more than 5 pages total, including text, a preliminary budget table and one table for the project timeline (all included within the LOI template). The cover sheet and the 2-pages of eligibility questions in the LOI template must be completed, but are not counted as part of the 5-page limit. OPC will **only** accept certain attachments in the LOI package beyond the 5-page limit, such as a Community map⁸ that is required during the LOI stage, project site maps and photos.

The LOI cover sheet requires basic project information be provided, including the latitude and longitude of the project. This is easily obtained by opening [Google Maps](#) and right clicking on the project location. The LOI should also contain a description of how the proposed project would provide direct, meaningful, and long-lasting community benefits, and briefly summarize proposed outreach and engagement strategies, including community partnerships and collaboration. We also ask applicants to provide a brief description of permitting and CEQA status in the LOI’s project description, as well as the project team’s experience and capacity to complete the project. **Please do not submit** a detailed Community Engagement Plan, proof of permits or CEQA documentation, or letters of support at this stage. More detailed project information will be requested if the applicant is invited to submit a full proposal. Additionally, all information that you submit is subject to the unqualified and unconditional right of the OPC to use, reproduce, publish, or display, free of charge. Please indicate if crediting is requested for any of the photos and/or maps.

Applicants must complete the following steps:

1. Carefully review the OPC Prop 1 Grant Guidelines and this entire Grant Proposal Solicitation.

⁸ Grant applicants must provide a map to the specific DACs, tribes, or communities that score above 80% on CalEnviroScreen results.

2. Download LOI template from the [OPC Prop 1 Webpage](#) and complete per instructions (no other forms from the Prop 1 webpage are needed at this stage).
3. Submit LOI package (including any maps/photos/attachments) to OPC_Prop1grants@resources.ca.gov with the subject "Prop 1 Application – [Your Organization]".

If you are unable to email your application and attachments, or you anticipate issues with emailing your application and attachments, please reach out to OPC staff at the email above at least a day before the submission deadline.

C. Solicitation Webinar and Pre-proposal Consultations

OPC will hold an informational webinar on March 29, 2021 at 2:00pm-3:00pm. The webinar will discuss the solicitation process and receive questions from prospective applicants. If you want to attend the webinar, please register here: [OPC Prop 1 Solicitation Webinar Registration Form](#).

Applicants may consult with designated OPC Prop 1 contact staff (listed on this document's cover page and below) during the project solicitation period prior to submitting their LOI package. Consultation will be available to any potential applicant but is not required. OPC staff will be available to discuss projects and proposal related questions, but they will not be able to review letters of intent or full proposals before they are submitted. OPC staff will also be available for "office hours" on a webinar format to answer questions and provide technical assistance on April 14, 2021 at 2:00pm-3:30pm. Registration will be made available a week prior. See Appendix F in the [Grant Guidelines](#) for additional technical assistance resources available for applicants. To request a consultation, please contact: OPC_Prop1grants@resources.ca.gov.

D. Letter of Intent Screening and Review

OPC staff will screen LOIs for completeness and project eligibility. If the LOI is incomplete, OPC has discretion to either return the LOI to the applicant or assist the applicant with gathering additional information and modifying the proposal to enable the application to pass the completeness screening. Eligibility screening will ensure:

- The applicant is an eligible entity;
- The project has a water quality nexus;
- The project can be complete within the funding timeframe;
- The project addresses at least one of the Chapter 6 Purposes of Prop 1;
- The project consists of work that is eligible for bond funds under the General Obligation Bond Law, in terms of both project activities and long-term benefits; and
- The project does not fulfil a mitigation requirement for another project.

LOIs that do not pass the completeness and eligibility screening process will not proceed to the scoring process. OPC expects that it will take a few weeks to review LOIs and anticipates inviting selected applicants to submit full proposals in May 2021. (Refer to the above **Solicitation Schedule** in section [B. Solicitation Overview](#) for specific dates).

E. Full Proposal Phase

Applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal will be provided with a Full Proposal template, specific instructions, and required forms to be completed at that time. These materials will be posted on the [OPC's Prop 1 webpage](#) in May 2021. Full proposals must include a more detailed scope of work, schedule, and budget for the project, including but not limited to:

- Detailed description of the proposed scope of work, including long-term results, monitoring and reporting plans, and outcomes.
- Project schedule with explicit task completion dates, including a clear depiction of timing of project phases and components
- Budget that is tied directly to the explicit task list that includes estimated rates, hours, equipment, and potential sub-contractors.
- Resumes or Curriculum Vitae of principal investigators or contractors, including previous projects that reflect sufficient aptitude in the project's focal area.
- Proof that all environmental compliance and permitting requirements will be met before the OPC Council considers approval of the project.
- A CEQA and Environmental Compliance Form. Please see section 4.4 of the [Prop 1 Grant Guidelines](#) for more information about CEQA.
- Letters of support both from within and outside of the community where the project will take place.
- A detailed Community Engagement Plan.
- Consistency with, and a description of, how the proposed project aligns with OPC's Prop 1 Priorities and [OPC's Strategic Plan](#) goals and objectives.
- A completed Corps Consultation Review Document or other evidence of consultation with the California Conservation Corps and Local Certified Community Conservation Corps.
- A Governing Body Resolution to accept funds from OPC.
- Nonprofit applicants must complete the Nonprofit Organization Pre-Award Questionnaire, and projects that include on-the-ground work must submit a land tenure/property data/site control worksheet and data form.

Project Monitoring and Reporting

All LOIs and full proposals must include a brief monitoring and reporting component that explains how the effectiveness of the project will be measured and reported. For applicable wetland and watershed restoration or protection projects, applicants will be required to conduct a baseline report utilizing the California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) within the year prior to project construction, if deemed appropriate by OPC staff and the grantee (<http://www.cramwetlands.org/>). Applicants should include anticipated costs related to project monitoring and reporting in the proposal budget, including costs associated with the CRAM assessment. Selected applicants invited to submit full proposals will need to expand the monitoring and reporting component to include plans and procedures consist with Section 4.5 of the [Grant Guidelines](#).

F. Grant Awards

All Prop 1 grants will be awarded at an OPC meeting. The specific meeting when a grant will be considered will depend on project readiness and staff capacity. For relevant projects, permitting and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation must be complete before a

project can be brought by staff to the OPC for consideration. The amount awarded will depend on the quality of the applications received and the needs of the project. OPC may consider offering partial awards to fully leverage its grant funding. OPC staff will determine which qualified applications to recommend to the Council for funding and the amount of funding, taking into account: the project's score relative to other eligible projects, the total amount of funding available for Prop 1 projects, the urgency of the project relative to other eligible projects, [OPC's Strategic Plan](#), alignment with OPC's Prop 1 Priorities, and other required project and eligibility criteria.

Typical Grant Agreement Terms

Once OPC has approved a grant at a public meeting, OPC staff will work with the applicant to prepare a grant agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the grant. No project will be funded without completion of an executed grant agreement. The grantee must sign the grant agreement and comply with all of its conditions in order to receive funds. Preparation and finalization of a Grant Agreement usually takes around three months. An electronic copy of the grant agreement is sent to the grantee for signature via DocuSign, and must be electronically signed and sent back to OPC. The OPC Executive Director electronically signs the Grant Agreement, and then a fully signed and executed agreement is returned to the grantee.

To help prospective grantees understand the process, OPC has developed [Grant Guidance for Grantees](#). This Grant Guidance covers common questions that grantees have, such as eligible costs, state reimbursement practices, and how payment works. Applicants who receive a grant award will attend a mandatory grant administration webinar. During the webinar, OPC staff will provide an in-depth review of OPC's grant administration requirements and will explain the forms necessary for reimbursement. OPC staff are also available to answer administrative questions through project completion.

Acknowledgement Signage

Applicants who receive OPC grant funding, are required to publicly acknowledge the OPC's funding for their project and/or program. Where appropriate, grantees will be required to provide acknowledgement signage informing the public that the project received Prop 1 funding from OPC. Funding acknowledgement and signage are eligible costs and should be included in the proposed project budget. Acknowledgement can come in many forms. See Appendix E of the [Grant Guidelines](#) for important guidance about construction signage. Signage and funding acknowledgement plans will be addressed and approved with OPC project managers during project implementation.

IV. Evaluation and Scoring

A. Evaluation Process

Complete LOIs and full proposals that have passed the screening process will be evaluated and scored by a minimum of three professionals with relevant expertise, using the Evaluation and Scoring Criteria set out below. Reviewers may include state agency staff with relevant expertise. Reviewers other than OPC staff will be required to document that they do not have a conflict of interest. If there is a significant discrepancy in the scoring by the three reviewers, additional reviewers may score the proposal. The average score will be the average of all reviews.

B. Evaluation Criteria for Scoring Proposals

Please review the scoring criteria for proposals described in detail below. It is essential that applicants use this solicitation document as a guide when describing the project in the LOI and full proposal.

SCORING CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS	
	Points
Alignment with Prop 1 and OPC Priority Project Types	20
Project Demonstrates Significant Benefits to Communities Entitled to Environmental Justice	25
Project Proposal Scope, Readiness, and Applicant Capacity	20
Measuring Effectiveness and Operations and Maintenance	15
Partnerships and Collaboration	10
Leveraging of Funding Sources	10
Total possible points	100

Alignment with Prop 1 and OPC Priority Project Types

Please characterize the problem as part of the project need, and provide high-level description of the project itself. The problem characterization should include identifying and providing evidence of the problem or need for the project. Examples include providing evidence and description of a local water quality problem (including whether the water body is listed as impaired on the [Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\)](#) list), climate change resilience problem, or habitat degradation problem.

The project description should identify how the project will address the needs or problems identified in the problem characterization. Additionally, the project description should identify what the project would accomplish, the multi-benefits provided, and how it aligns with specific OPC Priorities for Prop 1 funding. Multi-benefits may include carbon sequestration. Priority will be given to projects with a water quality nexus that propose restoration, habitat enhancement, and resilience to climate change, including adaptation to sea-level rise, flooding, and shoreline erosion.

Although not scored in this section, the project is expected to include a monitoring or evaluation component to determine the project’s success at addressing the identified need or problem. Scoring on monitoring and evaluation will occur under the “Measuring Effectiveness and Operations and Maintenance” section.

Project Demonstrate Significant Benefits to Communities Entitled to Environmental Justice

As mentioned above, the proposed project must be a coastal project benefitting communities entitled to environmental justice. The project should be in or near the Community (refer to Section [II. Solicitation Priorities](#) for specific parameters) and should deliver intentional benefits that are direct, meaningful and assured. The project proposal should include:

- A detailed description of the Community and the geographic relationship of the project to the Community.
- A Community engagement plan that includes how applicants and partner organizations have worked with Community stakeholders to design the project and communicate about the project's results. The Community engagement plan should demonstrate:
 - How the applicant and community-based partner organizations engaged, or will engage, residents or stakeholders to design the project and build community capacity;
 - How many meetings occurred or will occur in the Community and why these meeting times and locations were convenient for community members or stakeholders;
 - What additional outreach, if any, occurred to ensure a broad selection of Community members or stakeholders were reached;
 - How the Community shaped the development of the project proposal; and
 - How the project team is building a sense of ownership in the Community over the project and solutions, including information on Community members or community-based organizations that are part of the project team.
- A description of how the benefits of the project were informed by community-identified needs, and how the project will directly benefit the community, including whether the project provides employment opportunities for Community members, including students.
- A description of the extent to which the project provides both short- and long-term economic benefits to the Community, including workforce benefits.

Project Proposal Scope, Readiness, and Applicant Capacity

Please provide:

- A detailed scope of work, budget, and schedule for the project, using the provided templates
- A brief description of project readiness, including a status and timeline for design plans, CEQA compliance, permitting, commitments from project partners, land access and tenure agreements, and property restrictions or encumbrances.
 - The description of project readiness should include possible factors which could significantly delay the implementation and/or completion of the project and how these factors will be addressed (e.g., permitting delays, habitat seasonal restrictions, etc.).
- A description of how best available science or practices would be used as part of the project, including best available science on climate change and state climate change documents.
- A description of the applicant's capacity and the applicant or project team's qualifications to complete the project.

Measuring Effectiveness and Operations and Maintenance

Please provide a description of how project effectiveness will be measured or determined and reported over both the project implementation time period and over the long-term (up to 30 years).

Please describe any long-term plans for operations and maintenance, including who will maintain the project, and how ongoing maintenance will be funded.

Partnerships and Collaboration

Identify collaboration opportunities with government agencies and private entities, either in project implementation or to inform the state’s ocean management. Government agencies may include Tribal Governments, the California Conservation Corps, or Local Conservation Corps. Private entities may include contractors, non-governmental organizations, and local businesses.

Leveraging of Funding Sources

Leveraging of funding sources is not required to receive OPC’s Prop 1 funding, however priority will be given to projects that leverage private, federal, or local funding, or produce the greatest public benefit.

Identify in-kind resources or leveraged funding being provided as match or leverage for the project. Only local, federal, or private funds or in-kind resources will be considered match or leverage. Please indicate whether these funds are already committed or are being pursued.

V. Solicitation Updates and Contacts

A. Communications

Announcements and updates will be posted on the [OPC's Prop 1 webpage](#) and social media platforms (Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram) and sent through our listserv. Please check the [OPC Prop 1 webpage](#) regularly, subscribe to our listserv, and follow us on social media for the most recent updates on this solicitation.

Subscribe to the OPC listserv: Sign up to be notified of scheduled grant rounds and updates on this solicitation by registering for our mailing list at [this link](#).



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