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Proposition 68 2022 Coastal Resilience Solicitation

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Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of
2018**

**Grant Proposal Solicitation and Application Instructions
Letters of Intent are due June 13, 2022**

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I. Introduction

A. Essential Background and Information

The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) protects California’s coast and ocean by advancing innovative, science-based policy and management, making strategic investments, and catalyzing action through partnerships and collaboration. OPC’s vision is to ensure healthy, resilient and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations. OPC is committed to ensuring that policy and management decisions affecting California’s ocean and coastal resources are based on the best available science.

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68 or “Prop 68”) was approved by voters in June 2018. Funding from Prop 68 is intended to support projects that provide Californians with access to safe natural spaces and to continue investments in the state’s diverse ecosystems to ensure high quality of life for all Californians. Funding is also intended to support greening urban areas to mitigate the effects of climate change and pollution, and to protect and restore the state’s natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

Chapter 10 of Prop 68 allocated \$21.2 million to OPC for a competitive grant program for projects that assist coastal communities, including those reliant on commercial fisheries, with adaptation to climate change. Climate adaptation projects may address ocean acidification, sea level rise, or habitat restoration and protection. In 2020, OPC ran a solicitation for coastal resilience projects. 15 projects were selected for funding, totaling \$8,056,761 distributed. The remaining balance of Prop 68 funds available to support projects is **\$9,553,239**. OPC intends to expend the remainder of these funds through this solicitation. In addition, Prop 68 requires that at least 15 percent of the funds provided to OPC be allocated to projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities (\$1,088,776 for this round).

OPC also anticipates receiving additional general funds through the [Governor’s Climate Budget](#). This solicitation intends to also use these funds, as appropriate, to support this solicitation. Funding and timeline for all projects as part of this solicitation are dependent on this funding appropriation.

OPC approved the Prop 68 Grant Guidelines (Grant Guidelines) on May 23, 2019, which are available on the [OPC Prop 68 webpage](#). 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 68 funds. The Grant Guidelines include:

- Broad OPC Priorities for Prop 68 grant funding;
- Eligible grantee organizations;
- Eligible project types;
- Grant application review and evaluation processes;
- Scoring criteria;
- Additional grant requirements; and
- Important appendices, including Prop 68 Chapter 9 and 10 language on OPC appropriations and Prop 68 term definitions.

The [OPC Prop 68 webpage](#) (<https://www.opc.ca.gov/prop-68-funding/>) includes additional important resources for applicants to use as they develop their projects.

*Please review the [Grant Guidelines](#), this **Grant Proposal Solicitation**, and the [Key Documents](#) called out below very carefully and thoroughly before proceeding with the grant application process.*

B. Solicitation Overview

Funding Information

The funding information for this Round 2 solicitation is as follows:

- Anticipated Funding Available in this round: \$9,553,239
- Minimum and Maximum Award Amounts: \$500,000¹ - \$5,000,000
- Maximum Project Length: 3 years
- Letter of Intent Due: June 13, 2022

Solicitation Schedule

The schedule for this solicitation is as follows:

Activity	Time Period
Grant Proposal Solicitation Released	May 5, 2022
Informational Webinar	May 19, 2022 at 2:00 pm
Office Hours (Open Q&A Session)	May 25, 2022 at 10:00 am
Letter of Intent Due	June 13, 2022
Application Review and Evaluation	June 14 – July 13, 2022
Selected Applicants Invited to Submit Full Proposal	July 14, 2022
Full Proposal Due	August 26, 2022
Application Review and Evaluation	Aug 29 – Oct 14, 2022
Select proposals invited for interview or site visit	Oct 17 – Nov 4, 2022
OPC staff recommend selected projects to OPC for approval	December 8, 2022
Approved projects finalize workplans and grant agreements	Quarter 1, 2023

Grants made through this solicitation process must be approved at an OPC Council meeting. The specific meeting when a grant will be considered depends on project readiness and staff capacity. For relevant projects, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) must be complete before a project can be brought by staff to the OPC for consideration.

¹ OPC prefers projects at this minimum, however OPC has discretion to consider projects between \$250,000 - \$500,000 if strongly aligned with solicitation priorities.

II. Solicitation Priorities

A. Building Resilience on the Coast

The overall goal of this solicitation is to build resilience on the coast to assist coastal communities in preparing for and adapting to the impacts of sea-level rise (SLR). Projects must be either research-based or provide on-the-ground resilience to climate change through restoration and/or habitat enhancement. Applications submitted in response to this solicitation should advance implementation of the OPC's [Strategic Plan to Protect California's Coast and Ocean 2020-2025](#) (Strategic Plan). Projects should identify and demonstrate quantitative progress in implementing Strategic Plan targets. All projects must benefit the coastal or San Francisco Bay region. OPC will fund at least one project from each of the priority areas described below.

To be competitive, applicants must demonstrate how their projects meet the evaluation criteria listed in section IV below.

Key Documents guiding OPC priorities for this solicitation include:

- [Strategic Plan to Protect California's Coast and Ocean 2020-2025](#)
- [State Agency Sea-Level Rise Action Plan for California](#)
- [Toward Natural Shoreline Infrastructure to Manage Coastal Change in California](#)
- [Toxic Tides Fact Sheet](#)

B. Priority Project Types

Research-based Projects

Research projects that are designed at a statewide scale with replicable methods and linked with research questions or monitoring components to inform future projects and adaptive management strategies that will lead to best management practices will be prioritized. When appropriate, projects are encouraged to include a stakeholder advisory group to coordinate and provide project guidance. Priority areas for research-based projects should further our understanding of the impacts of climate change, especially SLR, and focus on the following 3 topic areas: **coastal habitat mapping, contaminated sites, and socio-economic impacts**. It is anticipated that proposals will focus on one of the priority areas, however proposals that include components of multiple focus areas will be considered.

Coastal Habitat Mapping

Research-based projects that feature coastal habitat mapping should focus on the mapping and tracking of shifts in coastal ecosystems expected as a result of sea-level rise, such as changes in habitat availability/quality, species composition, or other important ecosystem attributes. Priority coastal habitats for assessment include wetlands, eelgrass, beaches, dunes, and rocky intertidal. Projects should build on previous work, such as the California Aquatic Resource Inventory ([CARI](#)), which provides a baseline statewide coastal habitats inventory, and contribute to long-term understanding and monitoring of habitat change using a scalable and replicable approach. Projects may utilize a variety of mapping technologies such as remote sensing or drones. Projects that incorporate validation or calibration of remote sensing data will also be prioritized. Resolution of mapping output should be appropriate for tracking ecosystem shifts, habitat extent and variability through time at a regional or statewide scale. Higher resolution methodologies applicable at a site scale will also be considered.

Contaminated Sites

Research-based projects that feature contaminated sites should build on previous research, such as the [Toxic Tides program](#), which identified contaminated sites, including power plants, refineries,

industrial facilities, landfills and incinerators, cleanup sites, refineries, and hazardous waste (hazardous waste treatment and disposal) sites, vulnerable to sea-level rise and their proximity to disadvantaged communities. The [OPC Strategic Plan](#) also calls for further work understanding and characterizing contaminated sites. Project types must be at the community-wide, regional, or statewide scale. Examples may include the following topic areas:

- Inventory, characterization, prioritization, evaluation and/or assessment of contaminated sites vulnerable to sea-level rise and flooding, and how they may be affected by future impacts
- Improved understanding of the impacts of SLR on groundwater below or near contaminated sites, including an inventory of other efforts/tools/methodologies to address this issue and their effectiveness
- Inventory, mapping, analysis, and/or recommendations for addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities vulnerable to pollution from contaminated sites subject to SLR flooding
- Inventory of existing infrastructure and natural habitats and assessment of their reliability/performance in providing protection against flooding/inundation as a result of SLR or groundwater rise near contaminated sites

Socio-economic Impacts of SLR

OPC is also seeking research to further our understanding of the social and economic impacts of SLR on coastal communities at a regional or statewide scale. Research outcomes should increase public awareness of the economic and social impacts of SLR for the next 50-100 years. This may include socio-economic analyses, such as identifying and characterizing community vulnerability to SLR, impacts to access of coastal habitats, community-based research for effective SLR adaptation communications, and/or impacts to coastal tourism. OPC will prioritize projects that directly involve and/or develop findings that have a meaningful impact for diverse populations, including California Native American tribes and tribal communities (refer to Section C. [Projects that Benefit Diverse Populations](#) for more). OPC is also interested in research performed at a statewide scale with findings that lead to policy recommendations. All research outcomes, regardless of local/regional or statewide scale, must be relevant and applicable to inform future policy development.

Implementation Projects

Implementation projects should improve coastal resiliency and address the impacts of SLR through nature-based strategies. Projects must demonstrate resilience to sea levels projected for 2100. SLR impacts may include coastal erosion and beach loss, habitat degradation and fragmentation, and flooding and damage to infrastructure and facilities. Nature-based strategies should protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems through an adaptive capacity with biodiversity multi-benefits. Example projects include:

- Living shorelines on a local and/or regional scale to build coastal resiliency
- Utilization of a managed retreat approach to address the impacts of SLR
- Wetland, intertidal, or beach restoration/protection for the purpose of improving coastal resiliency
- Beneficial sediment reuse for the restoration and enhancement of coastal habitats (excluding nourishment) (match requirement 50/50)
- Acquisition projects that strengthen coastal resiliency, especially through habitat migration and protection of upland areas, conservation easements, and/or ecocultural restoration

Examples for eligible projects include those that lead to capital outlay, such as preliminary and/or final design and engineering, implementation, and/or construction. For more details, see [Project Eligibility](#) in Section III.

C. Additional Project Characteristics

Environmental Documents and Permitting

OPC is required to comply with CEQA. Applicants must consider whether their proposed project will require an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or whether a CEQA exemption applies. How CEQA applies to the proposed project and the status of CEQA compliance must be addressed in the application. The project must also comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other environmental permitting requirements. Applicants are solely responsible for receiving and fulfilling all permitting requirements.

Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 155, on September 23, 2021, adding Section 21080.56 to the California Public Resources Code. This section provides a new CEQA statutory exemption for fish and wildlife restoration projects that meet certain requirements. For more information on the new Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) process, please see the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Cutting the Green Tape SERP webpage at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP> or email CDFW staff at RestorationPermitting@wildlife.ca.gov for questions.

Research and Implementation projects

All projects funded through this solicitation must provide long-term benefits to the state; "long-term benefits" are generally considered to be a minimum of 15 to 30 years. Pilot projects or scientific research projects should provide information, data, and lessons learned that would be valuable to the state over the long term.

Applications for projects that generate data should include in their application any statewide data management system(s) that data from their project may be integrated into, and how this integration will occur. The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) open data platform will serve as the formal vehicle for delivery of all data associated with OPC-funded projects. For more information on project data sharing requirements, please see the Prop 68 Grant Guidelines, section 7.4.

Projects that Benefit Diverse Populations²

OPC prioritizes projects that demonstrate meaningful and direct benefits to diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities. OPC also prioritizes projects that demonstrate significant benefits to communities disproportionately burdened by environmental injustice and those historically excluded from decision-making processes.

Prop 68 specifically requires OPC to spend 15% of Prop 68 funds on projects that directly benefit severely disadvantaged communities, defined as a community with a median household income less than 60% of the statewide average. A disadvantaged community is defined as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income. To determine whether a project is located within or near a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community, please use the California State Parks Community FactFinder map viewer: <https://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities>. Applicants should provide a map and written description of the project's geographical proximity to specific disadvantaged communities; a screenshot of the project location on the FactFinder map viewer will satisfy this requirement. Generally, OPC considers projects that are within a ½ mile of a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community to be "near" the community.

² Prop 68 is intended to promote diversity and inclusion, and thus, encourages OPC to give favorable consideration to projects that provide benefits to diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities.

OPC will use its discretion to determine whether proposed projects benefit communities and expects applicants to describe and justify how the community is served by the proposed project. Projects can demonstrate intentional community benefits through describing community partnerships and collaboration, community workforce employment, and other forms of [meaningful community engagement](#).

III. Application Process and Requirements

A. Grant Eligibility

Eligible Grantees

Applicants that are eligible to apply for Prop 68 funding from OPC consist of:

- Local, state and federal agencies;
- Public or private universities;
- Nonprofit organizations (must be a 501(c)(3) as verified by the Internal Revenue Service)
- Private entities
- California Native American tribes, including federally recognized Native American Tribes and non-federally recognized Native American tribes included on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission

Please be aware that OPC cannot enter into a grant agreement without governing board approval or other verification that applicant can accept funding from the state. Applicants will be expected to submit this verification before grant execution.

Project Eligibility

To be eligible for this round of Prop 68 funding, projects must advance at least one of the purposes of Chapter 10 of Prop 68. Additionally, Prop 68 funds must be spent consistent with the General Obligation Bond Law, Government Code §16727. In general, this means projects must provide long-term benefits to the state; “long-term benefits” are generally considered to be a minimum of 15 to 30 years. Additionally, for implementation projects, they must entail the construction or acquisition of capital assets and/or activities that are incidentally but directly related to site-specific construction or acquisition, such as design and engineering.

However, this round of Prop 68 funding will not fund planning components for any implementation projects. For example, the following planning components will not be eligible for funding: conceptual design plans, feasibility, preliminary project scoping, and project-related monitoring. OPC [Prop 68 Grant Guidelines](#) do not allow funding for costs associated with environmental permitting. OPC has additional information on eligible and ineligible projects in the [Prop 68 Grant Guidelines](#) under section 2.4 and 2.5.

B. Letter of Intent Phase

Applicants must submit a completed Letter of Intent (LOI) package in response to this solicitation. The deadline for submission is **June 13, 2022**. The LOI is the first phase of the grant application process describing the project proposal and will only be accepted during the solicitation period. Applicants should use the templates, forms and instructions provided on the [OPC Prop 68 webpage](#) for their submission. The LOI is intended to provide a **brief** summary of the proposed project and should be no more than 8 pages total, including responses to questions, text, a preliminary budget table and one table for the project timeline (all included within the LOI template).

Please note that although OPC’s Prop 68 Grant Guidelines state that applications should be

submitted online through the System for Online Application Review (SOAR), OPC is not requiring the use of SOAR for this solicitation in order to increase accessibility and ease of submittal for applicants.

Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by 5:00 PM on June 13, 2022 to be eligible to submit a full proposal.

Applicants must complete the following steps:

- Carefully review the OPC Prop 68 Grant Guidelines and this entire Grant Proposal Solicitation.
- Download Letter of Interest template from the [OPC Prop 68 webpage](#) and complete per instructions (no other forms from the Prop 68 webpage are needed at this stage).
- Submit Letter of Interest (including any maps/photos/attachments) to prop68@resources.ca.gov with the subject “Prop 68 Application – [Your Organization]”.

C. Solicitation Webinar and Pre-proposal Office Hours

OPC will hold an informational webinar on May 19, 2022 from 2:00 – 3: 00 pm. The webinar will discuss the solicitation process and receive questions from prospective applicants. If you want to attend the webinar, please register here: https://ca-water.gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYldOCqrj0vHdJ3h9iLv200En_23Et7IYGi.

OPC staff will also be available for “office hours” on a webinar format to answer questions and provide technical assistance on May 25, 2022 from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Registration will be made available a week prior. For further questions, please contact: prop68@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 can be complete within the funding timeframe;
- The project addresses at least one of the Chapter 10 Purposes of Prop 68;
- 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 have any planning component to be funded

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 July 2022. (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. Full proposals must include a more detailed scope of work, schedule, and budget for the project. Applicants are required to use the provided application template, which will be made available only to applicants invited to submit a full proposal. The full proposal will require a complete description of the project including, but not limited to:

- Detailed description of the proposed scope of work, including long-term results 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.
- Letters of support both from within and outside of the community where the project will take place.
- A completed Corps Consultation Review Document or other evidence of consultation with the California Conservation Corps and Local Certified Community Conservation Corps.
- Consistency with, and a description of, how the proposed project aligns with the intent behind Prop 68 and OPC's priorities.

IV. Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria provided here will be used to score applications at the full proposal stage. The total points available for any application is 100. These criteria were included in the grant guidelines, and any sections referenced in the criteria refer to sections of the grant guidelines.

SCORING CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS	
Criteria	Points
<p><u>Clarity and Articulation. Sound Approach</u> Includes complete, reasonable and well thought out proposal elements, including proposed scope of work (3 points), budget (3 points), and schedule (3 points).</p>	9
<p><u>Project Management and Readiness</u> Applicant demonstrates capacity to execute project, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant demonstrates appropriate and necessary partnerships to complete the project. The applicant shows that it can hire or contract with experienced scientific staff in an area of specialty that would improve the potential success of the underlying proposal. (2 points) • Applicant has existing infrastructure or administrative capacity, either in-house or through partnerships, to develop, manage and implement the project successfully. (2 points) • Applicant has identified any permits or CEQA review that may be necessary to complete the project, provides proof that those permits and CEQA documents are already obtained/complete, and lays out a clear and reasonable approach and timeline to receive permits and complete CEQA if they are not already acquired. If the project does not require permits or CEQA review, the applicant must provide sound reasoning to support the assertion that no permits are needed. (2 points) 	6
<p><u>Alignment with Prop 68</u> Applicant demonstrates how the project will advance the intent behind Prop 68, as described in the findings and declarations in PRC §80001(a), including, but not limited to, how the project will connect Californians with natural coastal landscapes.</p>	8
<p><u>Alignment with California’s Climate Policies</u> Climate change is affecting the coast of California and has the potential to limit the success of projects funded by OPC, if not taken into consideration. Applicant describes how they have considered climate impacts and risks in the design or development of their project, and how their project is resilient to those impacts. For example, applicant identifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific adaptation strategies and specific actions to remedy identified climate-related vulnerabilities and impacts. • How the project may provide or inform resilience benefits, or help ocean and coastal ecosystems to adapt to climate change, including which recommendations from the 2018 Safeguarding California Plan the project works to implement • How the project may generate Green House Gas (GHG) emission reductions or carbon sequestration benefits 	3

<p><u>Multi-benefits</u> Applicant demonstrates how the proposed project addresses multiple issues of priority to OPC, as described in Section 1.4. (6 points)</p>	<p>6</p>
<p><u>Informing Management</u> Applicant identifies how any research or project proposed would inform or enable the state to better manage ocean and coastal ecosystems and resources, including whether the project would develop innovative technology and tools and/or provide needed monitoring or scientific data (6 points)</p>	<p>6</p>
<p><u>Disadvantaged Communities</u> Applicant clearly explains how the project serves disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities, as described in Section 2.7. Applicant provides the distance between the project and a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community and describes and justifies how the community is served by the proposed project, including any opportunities the project provides for workforce education and training, or contractor or job opportunities (8 points max).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project serves a disadvantaged community (6 points) • Project serves a severely disadvantaged community (8 points) 	<p>8</p>
<p><u>Alignment with OPC’s Technical Assistance Requirements</u> Applicant demonstrates how the proposed project will provide a disadvantaged community with technical assistance as described in the solicitation, (3 points) which includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building to complete OPC’s Prop 68 grant applications; • Technical expertise to support project planning and implementation; • Education for disadvantaged communities consistent with the purposes of OPC’s Prop 68 funding. 	<p>3</p>
<p><u>Effectiveness and Innovation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a clear and reasonable method for measuring and reporting project effectiveness (3 points) • Employs innovative methods or technologies or improves upon proven methods or technologies to improve how the state manages ocean and coastal resources. (2 points) 	<p>5</p>
<p><u>Methodology</u> Is consistent with best available science. Applicant demonstrates how relevant science used is up-to-date and appropriate for projects for the specific topic, as well as the feasibility of proposed work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains technical/scientific merit (2 points) • Project completion is feasible in the timeframe and with the budget requested (2 points) • Determining project effectiveness is feasible and project has a high likelihood to fulfill its stated goals and objectives (2 points) 	<p>6</p>
<p><u>Community Support</u> Has both local community support and greater than local interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has local community support, as demonstrated by the submittal of letters of support with the application (2 points) 	<p>8</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project also has support from outside of the project area, as demonstrated by submittal of letters of support with the application (2 points) • Applicants submit a community engagement plan that includes how applicants and partner organizations have worked with community stakeholders to design the project, communicate about the project’s results, or ensure long-term maintenance of the project. The community engagement plan should provide the information described in section 2.12 (4 points) 	
<p>Partnerships Applicant clearly identifies collaboration opportunities with government agencies, either in project implementation or to inform the state’s ocean management, including Tribal Governments, the California Conservation Corps or Local Conservation Corps. (2 points)</p> <p>Applicant clearly identifies collaboration opportunities with conservation, science, or fishing organizations, and other partners. (2 points)</p>	4
<p>Leverage Project leverages private, federal or local funding sources.³</p>	3
Total Possible Points	75

ADDITIONAL SCORING CRITERIA FOR OCEAN CLIMATE PROPOSALS (CHAPTER 10 FUNDING)	
Criteria	Points
<p><u>Alignment with OPC Priorities for Chapter 10 funding</u> Applicant demonstrates how the proposed project aligns with OPC’s priorities for its Chapter 10 funding, as described in PRC §80133(a), and the specific priorities outlined in the solicitation. Proposals receive up to 18 points for the project’s direct relevance to the priorities listed below, and the specific priorities outlined in the solicitation. Applicant demonstrates how the proposed project addresses at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting coastal communities, including communities reliant on commercial fisheries with adaptation to climate change. • Ocean Acidification, hypoxia, or oxygen-minimum zones, including interactions with local water quality. • Sea Level Rise, including the development of local, regional, or statewide adaptation planning, analyses and implementation. • Habitat Restoration and Protection to adapt to or mitigate climate change, including nature-based infrastructure. 	18
<p><u>Alignment with OPCs Climate Change Program’s Key Documents</u> Applicant demonstrates that the project is aligned and consistent with OPC Climate Change Program’s key documents, and with local planning efforts, such as climate mitigation and adaptation plans, Local Coastal Programs, Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, or other related planning efforts, as applicable (7 points).</p>	7
Total Possible Points	25

³Funds for completing an environmental review process such as CEQA are not considered matching

V. Solicitation Updates and Contacts

Please check the [OPC Prop 68 webpage](#) regularly, subscribe to our listserv, and follow our social media for the most recent updates on this solicitation process.

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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