



SAN FRANCISCO BAY

RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Webinar: Measure AA Grant Round 3 Funding

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What is the SF Bay Restoration Authority?

- SFBRA: Regional agency created to fund shoreline projects that will protect, restore, and enhance San Francisco Bay
- Measure AA (June 2016) generates funds to accomplish its mission
- Jurisdiction: shoreline of the nine counties in San Francisco Bay Area, excluding Delta primary zone



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SFBRA Grant Round 3 (2019-2020)

- **Application Period:** Sep 18 – Dec 13, 2019
 - Pre-application consultation encouraged
 - Email grants@sfbayrestore.org to schedule
- **Webinar:** October 15, 2019
- **Award Dates:** Starting in May 2020
- **Funding Available:** Up to \$12 million
- **More Information:** www.sfbayrestore.org
("Grants" page)



SF Bay Restoration Authority Act: Funding Requirement

The Restoration Authority can fund:

- **Habitat projects** that will restore, protect, or enhance tidal wetlands, managed ponds, or natural habitats along the shoreline.
- **Flood management features** that are part of a habitat project.
- **Public access or recreational amenities** that are part of a habitat project.

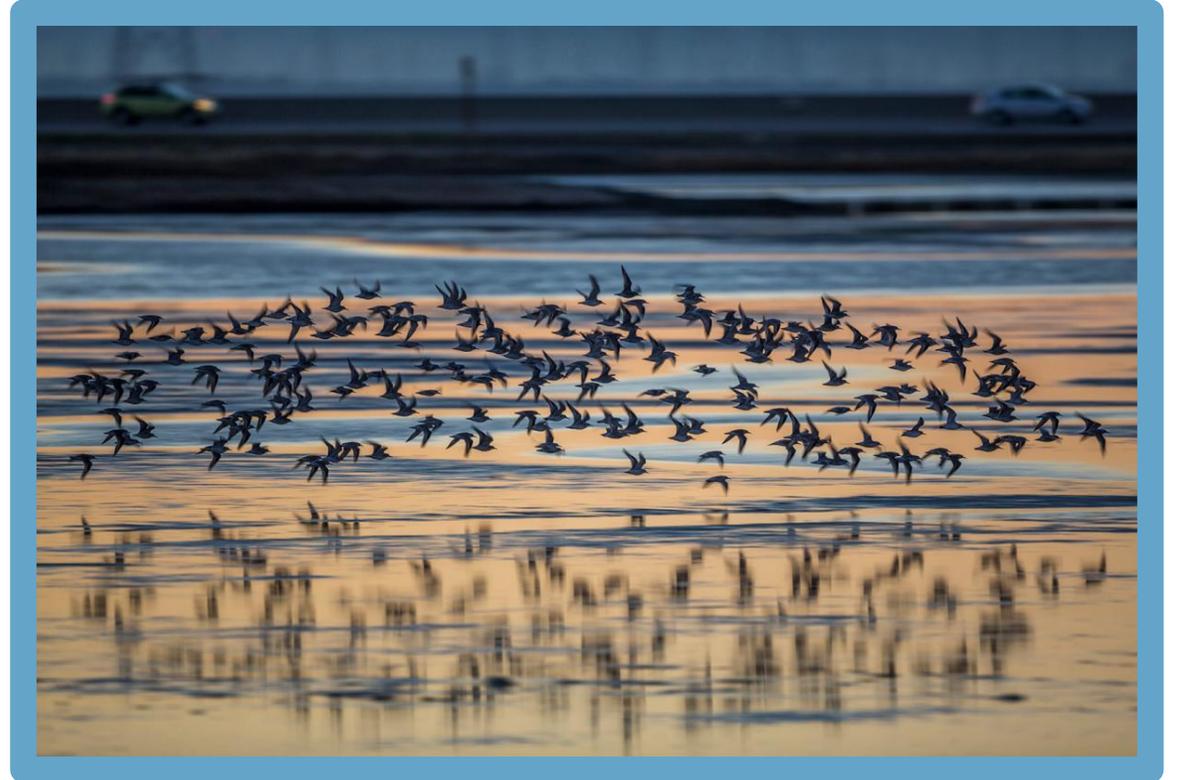


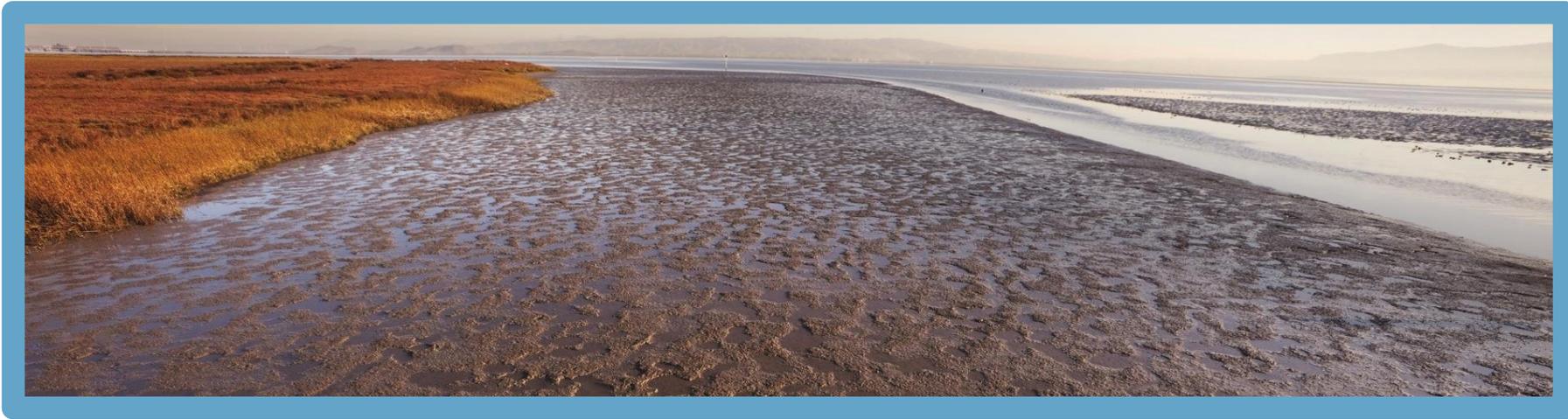
Photo: National Geographic

Where is “along the Shoreline”?

- **Subtidal Habitats.** Area lying below mean low tide, within a reasonable distance of the shoreline.
- **Baylands.** Areas that lie between the maximum and minimum elevations of the tides over multiyear cycles, including those areas that would be covered by the tides in the absence of levees or other unnatural structures, including the portion of creeks or rivers located below the head of tide.
- **Transitions Zones.** Uplands adjacent to potential or actual tidal wetlands that can provide transitional habitat and/or marsh migration space, as well as areas that are needed to enhance the project’s resilience to projected sea level rise.



Measure AA Eligibility Criteria: Safe, Clean Water and Pollution Prevention



- Improve water quality by **reducing pollution and engaging in restoration activities**
- Reduce pollution levels through **shoreline cleanup and trash removal**
- **Restore wetlands** that provide natural filters and remove pollution
- **Restore creeks** where they flow into the Bay

Measure AA Eligibility Criteria: Fish, Bird and Wildlife Habitat

- **Enhance** the SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge, shoreline parks and open space preserves and other **public lands for expanded habitat**
- **Protect and restore wetlands and other Bay and shoreline habitats** to benefit wildlife including shorebirds, waterfowl, fish



Measure AA Eligibility Criteria: Natural Flood Protection

- Provide nature-based flood protection through **wetland and habitat restoration**
- **Build and improve levees** that are a necessary part of wetland restoration activities



Measure AA Eligibility Criteria: Public Access

- Construct new, repair existing, and/or replace deteriorating **public access trails and interpretive signs** in association with restoration projects.



Measure AA Prioritization Criteria

- Greatest positive impact
- Greatest long-term impact
- Geographic distribution
- Leverage state and federal dollars, public/private partnerships
- Benefit economically disadvantaged communities
- Benefit region's economy
- Engage youth and young adults
- Incorporate monitoring, maintenance and stewardship
- Meet selection criteria of Conservancy, SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission and SF Bay Joint Venture



Measure AA “Likelihood of Success” Criteria

- **Project’s Likelihood of Success:**
 - Complete, reasonable, well-thought-out scope of work, budget, and schedule
- **Project’s Likelihood of Maintenance Over Time** (or likelihood of implementation, if proposed project is for planning):
 - Project benefits from community support and involvement
 - Proposal identifies how success will be measured, and how project will be maintained (or completed, if proposed project is for planning)
- **Grantee’s Likelihood of Success:**
 - Applicant has history of implementing projects in the past, and has the resources needed to succeed in implementing the proposed project



Eligible Grantees and Locations

- **Eligible Grantees:**
 - federal, state, and local agencies
 - tribal governments
 - nonprofit organizations
 - owners or operators of shoreline parcels
- **Eligible Locations:**
 - Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Francisco counties
 - Must be consistent with Baylands Goals update (2015) and Subtidal Habitat Goals Report (2010)
 - Delta Primary Zone not eligible



Eligible Project Phases

- Project Phases:
 - Acquisition
 - Planning
 - Design
 - Permitting
 - Construction/Implementation
 - Operation
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Maintenance

Start thinking about [how to engage communities](#) early on, at any project phase. Partnerships are key!



Geographic Distribution of Funds

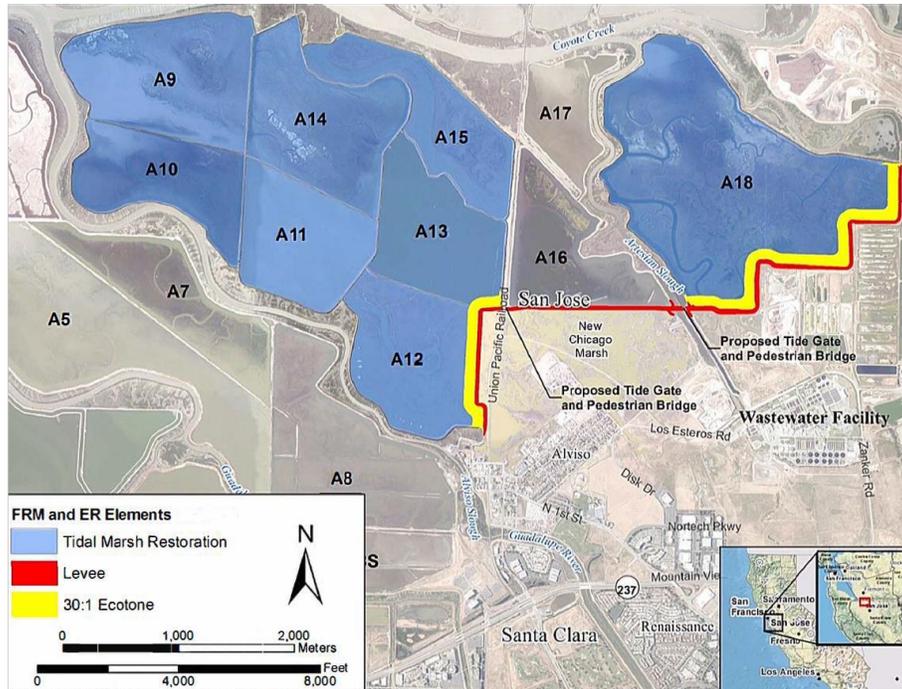
Region	Counties	Percentage
North Bay	Sonoma, Marin, Napa & Solano	9%
East Bay	Contra Costa & Alameda	18%
West Bay	San Francisco & San Mateo	11%
South Bay	Santa Clara	12%
Baywide	All 9 Counties	50%



Examples of Projects the Authority Has Funded

South Bay Shoreline Project

Two grants to Santa Clara Valley Water District totaling \$61 million for construction



Tiscornia Marsh Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Project

~ \$1 million grant to Marin Audubon Society for planning

Both include:

- Habitat restoration
- Flood protection
- Public access
- Benefits to economically disadvantaged communities



More Examples of Projects the Authority Has Funded

Restoring Wetland-Upland Transition Zone with STRAW

~\$2.6M to Point Blue for implementation



Will engage over 5,000 participants in restoring 1.3 miles of shoreline habitat over five years

San Leandro Treatment Wetland Project

\$539,000 to City of San Leandro for planning



Will improve habitat conditions and filter nitrogen waste from the wastewater treatment plant



Grant Application Tips

- **Review:**
 - Measure AA ELIGIBILITY Criteria and PRIORITY Criteria
 - Refer to Grant Guidelines, Request for Proposals, and Application (<http://sfbayrestore.org>)
 - Applications will be evaluated based on Eligibility Criteria, Priority Criteria, and project/applicant's likelihood of success (←include community support, involvement, etc.)
- **Note:**
 - Pre-application consultations encouraged (email grants@sfbayrestore.org)
 - Application packet (submit to grants@sfbayrestore.org)
 1. PDF cover sheet
 2. Word application questions
 3. Excel budget template
 - <http://sfbayrestore.org/restoration-authority-grants> for more information



Frequently Asked Questions

- Is there a maximum or minimum grant award? No
- Will the Restoration Authority fund pilot projects? Yes
- Is there a matching funds requirement? No, but leveraging ability is a Measure AA priority
- Will a project proposal receive more points the more programs/activities it meets? Not necessarily. Projects will also be assessed based on how well the project meets these programs/activities.
- Is the geographic distribution of funds required for each grant round or over the 20 years of Measure AA? Geographic distribution requirement is over the 20 years
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Thank you!

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