



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 1, 2020
TO: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
FROM: Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Staff's Recommendation on Projects to be Considered for Funding through Grant Round 3

In response to its third grant solicitation, which closed on December 13, 2019, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority) received 21 applications requesting a total of approximately \$29 million. The Authority has approximately \$11.6 million available to authorize for Round 3 projects. Although the Authority has close to \$23 million available annually, this amount is reduced due to last year's authorization of five-year funding of approximately \$57 million for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, which is allocated at a rate of approximately \$11.4 million per year.

Staff and members of the Advisory Committee reviewed and scored the applications and obtained additional information from applicants, as needed. Based on this process, staff developed the following list of projects to be recommended for funding in Grant Round 3:

- San Pablo Baylands Collaborative Protection & Restoration (CPR) Project (partial funding)
- San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Removal and Tidal Restoration Project
- Hayward Marsh Restoration Project
- North Richmond Shoreline Living Levee Project
- Roberts Landing Shoreline and Long Beach Restoration Project
- Blackies Pasture Gravel Beach and Marsh Protection Project
- Suisun Marsh Fish Screen Rehabilitation Project
- Oakland Shoreline Leadership Academy
- American Canyon Wetlands Restoration Plan (partial funding)

Measure AA requires that revenue be allocated to projects throughout the region, with 50% of funds allocated to the four Bay Area regions in proportion to each region's share of the Bay Area's population, as determined in the 2010 census, and 50% allocated without regard to county. The minimum percentages that will be allocated to each of the four Bay Area regions are listed below:

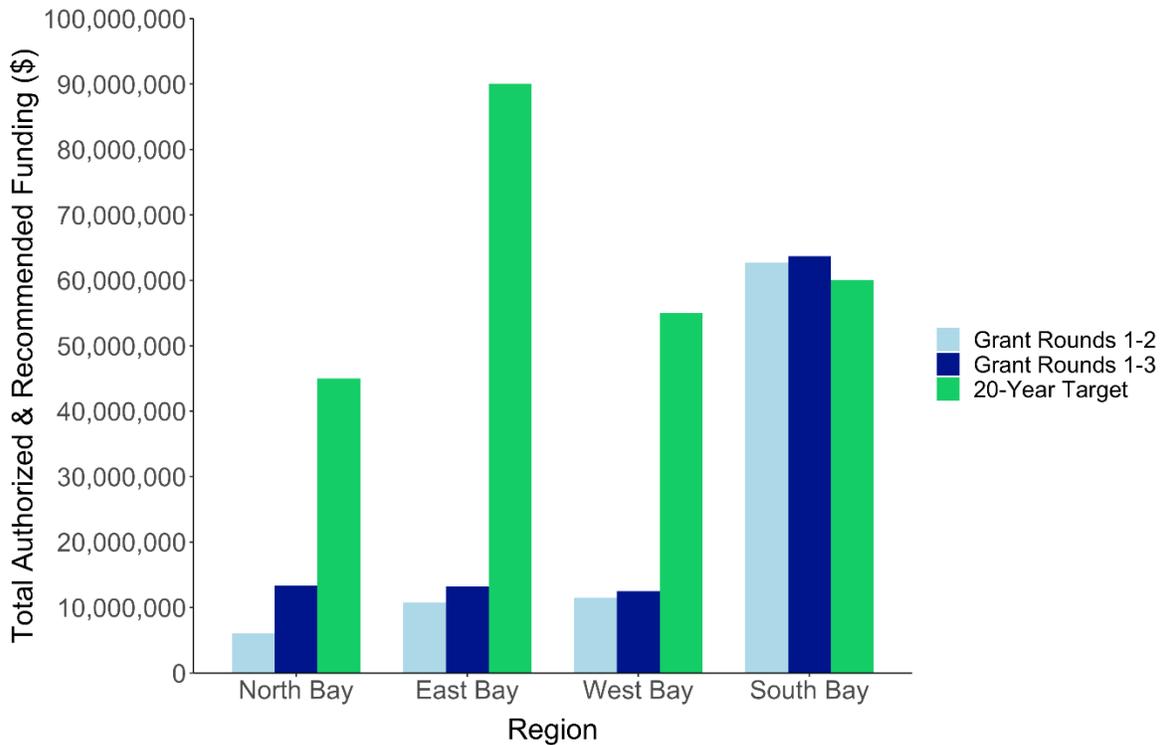
- North Bay (Sonoma, Marin, Napa and Solano Counties) = 9% minimum allocation;
- East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) = 18% minimum allocation;

- West Bay (City and County of San Francisco and San Mateo County) = 11% minimum allocation; and
- South Bay (Santa Clara County) = 12% minimum allocation.

Twenty-year targets for minimum allocations were calculated assuming that Measure AA generates roughly \$500 million over 20 years. The table and chart below show progress toward these targets. Funding for the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team Project is not included in the regional totals because it is a special project focused on permitting. Funding for the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Removal and Tidal Marsh Restoration Project is divided equally among the four regions for the purpose of this analysis.

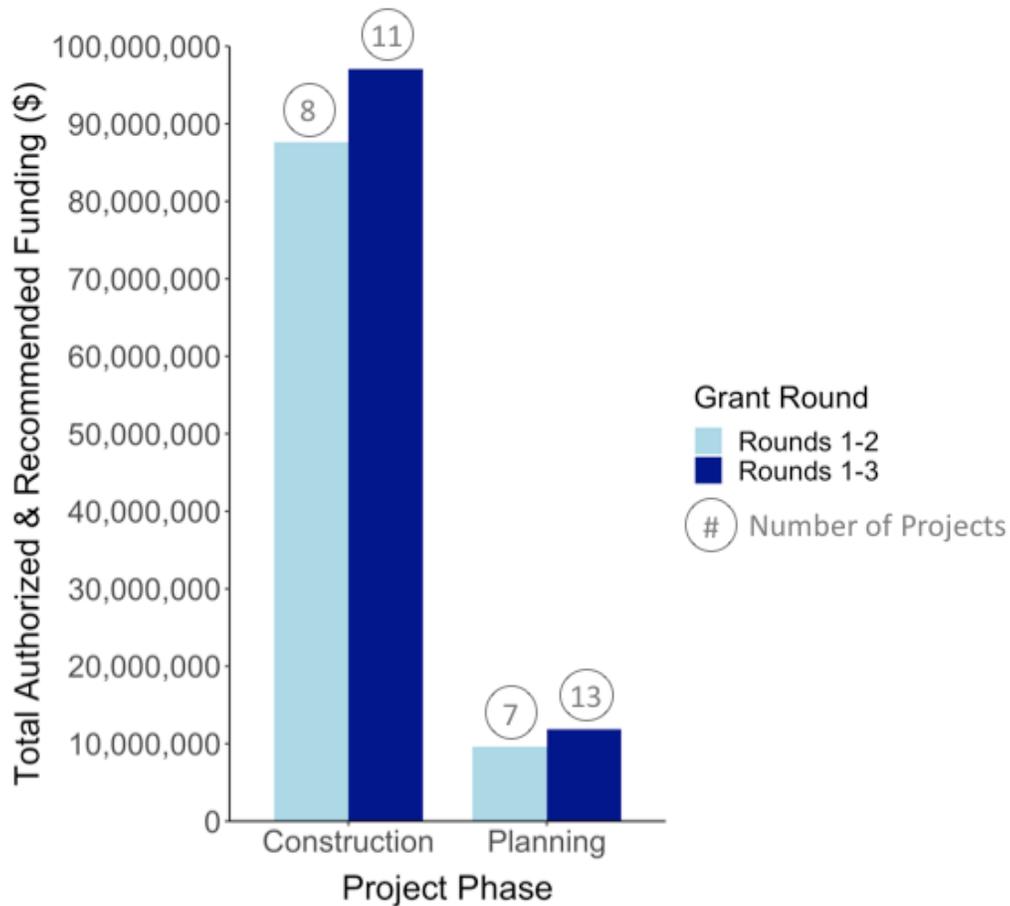
	North Bay	East Bay	West Bay	South Bay
Rounds 1 and 2 Projects, Cumulative	\$6,042,680	\$10,782,241	\$11,493,558	\$62,679,465
Rounds 1 - 3 Projects, Cumulative	\$13,327,304	\$13,226,950	\$12,493,558	\$63,679,465
20-Year Target	\$45,000,000	\$90,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$60,000,000

Cumulative Authorized and Recommended Funding by Region



The Governing Board previously expressed interest in tracking the number of construction projects as compared to planning projects. The Measure AA grant program criteria place emphasis on prioritizing projects that can be implemented in a timely way, which leads to prioritizing construction projects. The Governing Board has also directed staff to ensure that an adequate number of planning projects are funded, so that more constructions projects can be funded in future years. The breakdown between planning (used here to mean all phases prior to construction, including design and permitting) and construction projects is provided below.

**Construction vs. Planning Projects:
Authorized and Recommended Number of Projects and Funding**



Please see the attached table for the full list of projects, including brief project descriptions, and funding amounts requested. Staff has sent letters to proponents indicating these recommendations and has begun the process of bringing projects to the Governing Board as they are ready for approval.