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# **Incorporation of Equity Recommendations from the Advisory Committee**

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# AC Recommendations Incorporated into the 2020 Grant Program Materials

AC Recommendation	Staff Response
<p><b>1.1 Request a Letter of Inquiry prior to submitting grant application.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff drafted a Pre-Application.</li> <li>• If the project is eligible for Authority funding, staff will advise applicant to submit a full application for the grant round or work with staff for the Community Grants Program.</li> <li>• If the project is not eligible for Authority funding, staff will provide suggestions on how it could be modified to become eligible.</li> </ul>
<p><b>1.4 Amend scoring criteria to show stronger nexus/relationships with EDCs.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFP scoring criteria amended: 20 points out of 40 in the “Likelihood of Success” section for the “project’s level of meaningful community involvement and benefits and/or innovative partnerships.”</li> <li>• 40 points can be earned in the Prioritization Criteria section. One of the priorities are projects that benefit economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs).</li> </ul>



# AC Recommendations Incorporated into 2020 Grant Program Materials (cont.)

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<b>1.9 Create a document with a basic template of what's expected of applicants with examples of what a competitive proposal looks like and how to implement the scoring criteria in order to help clarify eligibility requirements.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff to complete this before releasing the RFP.</li></ul>
<b>1.10 Create an application checklist for the applicants with a roadmap/blueprint of what they need to have ready in order to fulfill the grant criteria written in plain and accessible language.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The grant application's checklist has been edited to improve clarity.</li></ul>



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<p><b>1.11 Begin simplifying language and phrasing in Measure AA grant program materials.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Program Guidelines and RFP were combined into a single document.</li> <li>• Language in RFP and application was simplified and clarified.</li> <li>• Questions that resulted in repetitive answers were combined.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.7 Require or encourage project applicants to engage communities, with a focus on disadvantaged communities during or prior to the design process.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grant application was revised to ask how the project will seek community involvement and what community benefits it is expected to provide. The application checklist includes the option to include support letters from community representatives.</li> </ul>



# AC Recommendations Incorporated into FY 2020/21 Staff Work Plan

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<p><b>1.3 Conduct community outreach workshops for prospective applicants.</b></p> <p><b>1.7 Foster partnerships between community-based organizations and local government/implementing entities.</b></p>	<p><b>“Outreach to potential Authority project proponents and partners, with a focus on building capacity for projects that include meaningful community engagement and provide tangible benefits to EDCs. This will include technical assistance, such as workshops .... It will also include outreach to agencies and organizations engaged in habitat restoration in or near EDCs to assist them in forming partnerships with local community-based organizations and other local experts...”</b></p>
<p><b>1.12 Enter all funded and potential EDC projects into EcoAtlas as a project hub. Once these projects can be visualized, it will be easier for us and applicants to see if and how these projects can be consolidated or integrated with other bigger projects to achieve a higher level of benefits on a watershed scale.</b></p>	<p><b>“...adding projects proposed by community-based organizations to [EcoAtlas] Project Tracker to raise awareness of their interests and facilitate partnerships among proponents of nearby projects.”</b></p>



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<p><b>2.3 Develop a second, separate application track for small community groups.</b> Community groups should not have to compete against much more established organizations and larger agencies with the capacity and resources required to apply under the current process (9).</p> <p><b>2.4 Prioritize building capacity of partners and applicants from historically underrepresented groups by offering technical assistance</b> to support first-time applicants with navigating the process and eliminating barriers (11).</p> <p><b>2.6 Provide project planning assistance</b> to help local groups identify appropriate projects and habitat restoration goals (Cmte)</p> <p><b>2.8 Recognize community-based expertise</b> and confidence in genuinely community-led processes (14.2).</p>	<p><b>“Development of a Community Grants Program, with a focus on funding projects that include meaningful community engagement and provide tangible benefits to economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs).”</b></p>





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