Community Grants Program Overview

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Community Grants Program

• Separate application pathway to support **projects led by community-based organizations** in economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs)
• Pre-applications accepted on **rolling basis**
• **Staff will work with project proponent to develop a staff recommendation** that can be brought to the Board for funding authorization
Overview of Grants Process

- **Grant Round:**
  - Submit full application
  - Staff and AC review applications
  - Top-ranked projects recommended for funding

- **Community Grants:**
  - Develop project with staff
  - Eligible projects recommended for funding
Community Grants: Pilot Phase

• **Pre-Application**: July 22, 2020 release
  • Accepted on rolling basis

• **Webinar**: August 19, 2020

• **Matching Sessions**: TBA

• **Award Dates**: rolling basis

• **Total Funding Available**: $200K (max individual award $100k)
Eligible Projects for Community Grants

- **Community visioning** led by community-based organizations in economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs)
- **Training** for EDC leaders to develop, apply for, and implement small shoreline habitat projects
- Supporting community-based organizations in EDCs in **gaining knowledge** of shoreline issues and **building relationships** with government agencies and nonprofits
- **Implementing** shoreline habitat projects with strong community benefits
Facilitating Capacity Building

Future steps:

• **Coordinate cohort** to share strategies and lessons learned over course of grant period

• **Provide group trainings** on goal setting, preparing work program and invoices, communicating successes

• **Invite AC members to help** with training, give presentations, be mentors to grantees

• Recruit grantees and other EDC representatives to **apply to be on AC**
Thank you!

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