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RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Request to Release 2026 Grant Round Materials

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Grant Round Process

- RFP release
- Pre-application consultations
- Full application submissions
- Staff and AC grant reviews
- Discussion of project strengths, weaknesses, and follow-up questions
- Recommended projects list, considering budget availability, campaign goals, regional goals, and equity goals



Request for Proposals

- I. Introduction
- II. Eligibility and Required Criteria
- III. Prioritization Criteria
- IV. Grant Application Timeline and Process
- V. Grant Application Review and Evaluation
- VI. Additional Information
- VII. Grant Application
- VIII. Appendices



RFP Section II. Eligibility and Required Criteria: Measure AA 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.



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Photo: National Geographic

RFP Section V. Application Review and Evaluation: Measure AA Programs

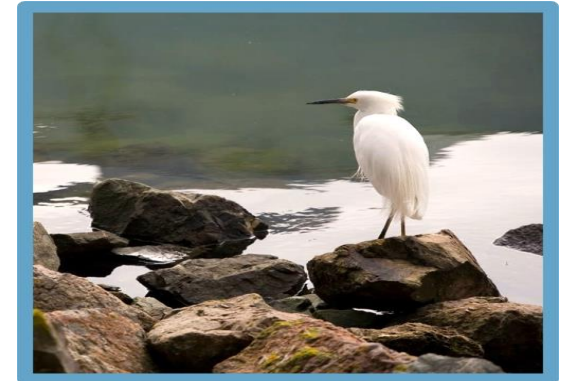
- Safe, Clean Water and Pollution Prevention
- Vital Fish, Bird and Wildlife Habitat
- Natural Flood Protection
- Shoreline Public Access

(20 pts)



RFP Section V. Application Review and Evaluation: 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 (EDCs)
- Benefit region's economy
- Engage youth and young adults
- Incorporate monitoring, maintenance and stewardship
- Meet selection criteria of Coastal Conservancy, BCDC, and SBJV
- Serious effort to engage tribes



(40 pts)

RFP Section V. Application Review and Evaluation: Project's Likelihood of Success

Project's Likelihood of Success, based on:

- Applicant's capacity and resources to complete and maintain the project
- Project's level of community involvement and benefits and/or innovative partnerships

(40 pts)



Pre-Application

- Project and Site Description
- Project Schedule
- Preliminary Budget
- Project Partners

Project Schedule

Estimate the completion dates of major project tasks and any major milestones.

#	Task	Estimated Completion Date
1		
2		

Preliminary Budget

Estimate the budget by major task identified in the Project Schedule. Include the total cost of the project, and the proposed sources of funding (specify if funding is secured or pending).

#	Task Name	Restoration Authority Grant Request	Other Fund Sources	Total Cost
1				
2				



Grant Application

GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A complete application will consist of the following files:

- Grant application:
 - PDF cover pages
 - Project description section I
 - Preliminary budget section II
 - Prioritization criteria section III
- Project maps and design plans (in one pdf file, 10 MB maximum size)
- Project photos (in jpg format)
- If a Tribe or Tribal organization has confirmed their interest in the project, a letter from their leadership confirming their involvement
- If you are not the landowner, a letter from the landowner confirming their willingness to host the project
- Support letters from community-based organizations, local jurisdictions, partners, and/or other community representatives



Summary of Proposed Edits

RFP:

- Remove requirement to list the Authority as “additional insured” for insurance coverage.
- Provide link to map resources for eligible project locations, and additional guidance on permissible use of mitigation funds for Authority-funded projects.

Pre-Application:

- Ask applicant to indicate whether they have spoken to San Francisco Bay Trail or Water Trail staff if their proposed project will overlap with existing or future trail alignments.

Grant Application:

- Ask applicant to list proposed public access facilities and to indicate whether they have spoken to San Francisco Bay Trail or Water Trail staff if relevant.
- Provide examples of how a project may benefit an Economically Disadvantaged Community, including goal categories from the Equity Guidelines.



Proposed Timeline

- If Governing Board authorizes, staff will release RFP: **July 2026**
- Informational Webinar: **mid-July 2026** (pre-app consultations July to Sept)
- Applications Due: **October 2026**
- Grant funding recommendations: **Spring 2027**





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