

Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy



Proposition 1 Grant Program

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The Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (“CVMC”) is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$1.95 Million in Proposition 1 grants in Fiscal Year 2016-17 for Projects implementing the California Water Action Plan in the Coachella Valley.

Grant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include state and local public entities, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes and mutual water companies.

Any project that fulfils one or more of the objectives of Proposition 1 is eligible for consideration, but the Conservancy specifically encourages applications for:

- (a) Conservation land acquisition projects that: preserve watershed features or water flows into the aquifer, Salton Sea or local streams; prevent flooding or contain habitat for endangered or threatened species that are part of the ecosystem of the watershed, Salton Sea or local streams.
- (b) Watershed restoration or enhancement projects, including: reclamation of natural features such as streambeds, washes, or percolation areas; or invasive species removal.
- (c) Infrastructure projects that improve water management or delivery structures to reduce water use or enhance efficiency in a manner that complements surrounding habitat values.

Projects that meet more than one objective will receive priority for funding. Consult the attached CVMC Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines (“Guidelines”) for more details on eligibility.

Application Process and Deadlines:

Step 1: Attend a Pre-Application Consultation with CVMC staff to present and discuss drafts of the project description, budget and schedule. In addition, we will address environmental review requirements, if applicable, and collect information needed for the consultation corps review of certain projects. Schedule a meeting by calling Bob Gossman at (760) 776-5026.

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST A PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION:
APRIL 29, 2016.**

Step 2: File a written Application for Local Assistance Grant using the application and certification form, including responses to all questions in the Project Narrative Instructions. Five hard copies and an electronic version (in WORD/EXCEL format on a CD or USB drive) of

the application and supporting materials must be submitted to CVMC at 73710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 112, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY CVMC's OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5 PM JUNE 17, 2016.

NOTE: Applications will NOT be accepted from applicants who did not attend a Pre Application Consultation. Late applications may be considered in future rounds of funding.

Applications will be reviewed, scored and ranked in accordance with the competitive process established by Proposition 1 and the Guidelines, with final awards to be made by the CVMC Board. The Board reserves the discretion to award available funds for FY 2016-17 in this round of funding based on the strength of responses to this NOFA. If funds remain, one or more additional NOFA(s) will be issued beginning in autumn 2016.

Further Information

All Grant Program documents, including the Guidelines and any addenda to this Notice of Funding Availability are available for review at www.cvmc.ca.gov. If you have questions, please contact Bob Gossman, CMVC Project Coordinator at (760) 776-5026 or bgossman@cvmc.ca.gov.