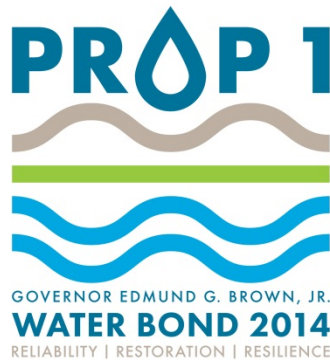


# Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy



## Proposition 1 Grant Program

Funded by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014



## Notice of Funding Availability No. 2018-01

### Watershed Acquisition Projects

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The Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (“CVMC”) is pleased to announce its latest Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) under its Proposition 1 Grant Program. CVMC is now accepting applications for Projects implementing the California Water Action Plan in the Coachella Valley.

### Grant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include State, local, 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 for this solicitation the Conservancy specifically encourages applications for Acquisition projects. Examples of historic and upcoming CVMC acquisition projects that would fulfil Proposition 1 Objectives include:

- Over 700 acres along or within the Whitewater River and its adjacent floodplain that provide natural flow into the aquifer and Salton Sea;
- More than 2500 acres in the Snow Creek area of Palm Springs at the scenic western gateway to the Coachella Valley that create a natural watershed from the National Monument into the Coachella Valley; and
- Up to 510 acres of vacant or previously-farmed land near the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Salton Sea that provide habitat for numerous protected species.

Acquisition grants fund purchases of land or interests in land that support and implement the key objectives of the California Water Action Plan. Property must be acquired from willing seller(s) at a price that does not exceed fair market value.

Properties acquired by an eligible agency with Proposition 1 funds may be transferred ONLY with prior Conservancy approval to a federal, State, local or nonprofit entity to ultimately own, manage, and steward consistent with the purpose of the grant.

The following information is required to be submitted with the grant application:

- Parcel number(s), acreage, willing seller name and address, and an acquisition schedule;
- Description of improvements or other conditions found on the property, if any; and
- Map showing lands to be acquired, including parcel lines, numbers; and
- A signed commitment letter or purchase and sale agreement from a willing seller. The letter should clearly identify the parcels to be purchased and state that “if grant funds are awarded, the seller is willing to enter into negotiations for the sale of the property at a purchase price not to exceed fair market value.” Once funds are awarded, an alternate property cannot be substituted for the property specified in the application.

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

#### Application Process and Deadline:

Step 1: Attend a Pre-Application Consultation with CVMC staff to present and discuss drafts of the project description, budget and schedule. Schedule a meeting by calling Diana Rosas at (760) 776-5026.

Step 2: File a written Application for Local Assistance Grant (using the forms to be provided at the Pre-Application Consultation), and include responses to all questions in the Project Narrative Instructions found in the Guidelines. 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 ON FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018.**

**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 in this round of funding based on the strength of responses to this NOFA. If funds remain, additional NOFA(s) will be issued later in 2018.

#### 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](http://www.cvmc.ca.gov). If you have questions, please contact Diana Rosas, CVMC Proposition 1 Project Coordinator at (760) 776-5026 or [drosas@cvmc.ca.gov](mailto:drosas@cvmc.ca.gov).