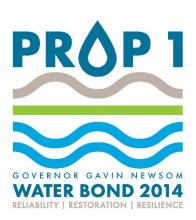# Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy

Proposition 1 Grant Program

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

Notice of Funding Availability No. 2020-01

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The Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (the "Conservancy") 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 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, such as those that reclaim natural features like streambeds, washes, or percolation areas, remove invasive species that draw water from the aquifer or harm endangered species habitat, or create new refuge or habitat areas.

(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. Refer to the attached CVMC Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines ("Guidelines") for more details on eligibility. Refer to EXHIBIT A for a list of projects that have been approved by the Conservancy Board for award of a Local Assistance Grant.

Application Process and Deadlines

Step 1: Participate in a Pre-Application Consultation with Conservancy 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 if it applies to the specific project. Schedule a meeting by calling Diana Rosas at (760) 776-5026.

LAST DAY TO REQUEST A PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020.

Step 2: File a written Application for Local Assistance Grant (using the form 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 <u>and</u> 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 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 112, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY CVMC's OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020.

NOTE: Applications will NOT be accepted from applicants who did not participate in 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 Conservancy 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, one or more additional NOFA(s) will be issued in 2021.

<u>Further Information</u>

All Grant Program documents, including the Guidelines and any addenda to this NOFA are available for review at www.cvmc.ca.gov.   If you have questions, please contact Diana Rosas, CMVC Project Coordinator at (760) 776-5026 or drosas@cvmc.ca.gov.