

## Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy



### Proposition 68 Grant Program

Funded by the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection  
and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018



### Request for Proposals

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The Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (the “Conservancy”) is pleased to announce the launch of its Proposition 68 Grant Program. Proposals for Projects enhancing access to outdoor recreation, preserving cultural or historical resources, responding to climate change or protecting natural resources through land acquisition or restoration will be accepted on a continuing basis starting April 1, 2019.

### **Grant Eligibility**

Eligible applicants include state and local public entities, nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes within the Coachella Valley or its surrounding mountains.

The Conservancy has established the following funding priorities:

1. Enhancing access to outdoor recreation, including but not limited to:
  - a. Visitor-serving improvements (including buildings, athletic and visitor center facilities and landscaping), in parks, public open spaces or recreational areas;
  - b. Trails through urban or natural landscapes, whether for hiking, biking, walking or equestrian use;
  - c. Acquisition of land or restoration of natural features and habitat areas that expands public access; or
  - d. Community access projects, such as interpretive facilities or language services, disabled access improvements, transportation services, training or public education that focuses on natural resource management or land stewardship programs.<sup>1</sup>
2. Preserving cultural or historical resources, including but not limited to:
  - a. Stabilization or restoration of historically significant buildings, monuments or infrastructure features;
  - b. Protection of archeological or cultural artifacts; or
  - c. Improvements, such as interpretive features, that provide education about habitat conservation, cultural artifacts or local history.
3. Responding to climate change, including but not limited to:
  - a. Restoration of open space or habitat areas to remove invasive plants that contribute to global warming, use excessive amounts of water or

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Department of Finance directives, only community access projects that qualify as capital improvements under bond law may be funded.

harm endangered or threatened species of plants or animals and replace them with indigenous plants;

- b. Public improvements or facilities that contribute to a reduction in vehicle miles traveled, such as small electric vehicle or bike lanes, charging stations or public transit facilities or programs; or
  - c. Land use or management programs that prevent conversion of agricultural land to urban use, promote urban greening, enhance compost, grazing and fire prevention and similar practices.
4. Protecting the open space, wildlife, scenic, biological, hydrologic, anthropological, cultural or recreational resources of the Coachella Valley in accordance with the Conservancy’s statutory mission through other types of projects for which other Conservancy funding sources are not available.

At least 20 percent of the funds will be reserved for projects serving *severely disadvantaged communities*<sup>2</sup>. Projects serving *economically disadvantaged communities*<sup>3</sup> and those that meet more than one objective above will receive priority for funding. Refer to the CVMC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines (“Guidelines”) for more details on eligibility.

**Application Process**

Steps	Task
1	<b>Applicant</b> Submits <b>Pre-Application</b>
2	<b>CVMC</b> Notifies Applicant of Full Application Eligibility Status
3	<b>Applicant</b> Submits <b>Full Application</b>
4	<b>CVMC</b> Reviews and Scores Full Applications
5	<b>CVMC</b> Notifies Applicant of Full Application Review Status
6	<b>CVMC</b> Conservancy Board Awards Grant
7	<b>Grantee</b> Commences Grant Project Upon Grant Agreement Execution

Applications will be accepted on a continuing basis beginning April 1, 2019. Applications will be reviewed and scored by staff in accordance with the Project Evaluation Criteria in the Guidelines. Eligible projects will be presented for consideration to the Conservancy

<sup>2</sup> Communities with median household incomes less than 60 percent of the statewide average.

<sup>3</sup> Communities with median household incomes less than 80 percent of the statewide average.

Board at its bi-monthly meetings. The availability of grants is subject to legislative appropriations and applications will be accepted so long as appropriations for the Grant Program remain available.

**Further Information**

All Grant Program documents, including the Guidelines and any addenda to this RFP are available for review at [www.cvmc.ca.gov](http://www.cvmc.ca.gov). If you have questions, please contact Maximiliano Ochoa, Project Coordinator at (760) 776-5026 or [mochoa@cvmc.ca.gov](mailto:mochoa@cvmc.ca.gov).

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We fully understand that your project information may be preliminary and subject to change. Our main purpose is to understand what you hope to accomplish with program funding. Pre-application submissions will be reviewed by CVMC staff and may follow up with questions, comments, clarifications as needed. Applicants whose projects are deemed eligible will be notified with further instructions as to completing the full application narrative.

1. Name of Applicant(s):
2. Representative and contact information:
3. Please attach a brief, one-page project description that summarizes key objectives, work tasks and deliverables.
4. Was the project part of any other project that has undergone environmental review under CEQA or NEPA? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please identify the project and type of environmental document.
5. Please attach a map that depicts the location of the project or the areas to be served.
6. Does the applicant own the project site? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, how will you achieve site control?
7. Tentative amount of funding to be requested? \$\_\_\_\_\_. Please attach a summary budget.
8. Do you have, or are you seeking, other funding for the project? \_\_\_\_\_ Projects that provide at least 20% in matching funds are priorities for funding.
9. Does the project serve *severely disadvantaged communities* (i.e., with median household incomes of less than 60 percent of the statewide average)?
10. Would conservation corps services be appropriate for your project (if appropriate)?

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