

Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy



Proposition 1 Grant Program

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



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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, tribes recognized by the state or federal government, and mutual water companies.

Any project that fulfills 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; or 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 or emailing Diana Rosas at (760) 776-5026, drosas@cvmc.ca.gov.

LAST DAY TO REQUEST A PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025.

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. **The Application and supporting materials must be in PDF and Word/Excel formats and must be submitted to drosas@cvmc.ca.gov.**

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY CVMC's OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025.

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 2025.

Further Information

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.

**EXHIBIT A
COACHELLA VALLEY MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
PROPOSITION 1 GRANT PROGRAM
BOARD AWARDED PROJECTS**

CATEGORY	APPLICANT	PROJECT	AWARD AMOUNT
Acquisition	Coachella Valley Conservation Commission	Snow Creek/Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Watershed Acquisition Project	\$501,305.10
Planning	City of Coachella	City-wide Stormwater Improvement Project	\$200,461.85
Planning	City of Palm Springs	San Jacinto Mountains Watershed Restoration Project, Phase I Environmental Review and Remediation Plan	\$59,154.42
Planning	Friends of the Desert Mountains	Palm Canyon Watershed and Santa Rosa Mountains Watershed Restoration Projects, Phase I Environmental Review	\$15,647.39
Planning	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Salton Sea Wetlands Restoration Project, Phase I Environmental Review for Site 1 (74th Ave. and Lincoln St.)	\$7,532.56
Planning	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Salton Sea Wetlands Restoration Project, Phase I Environmental Review for Site 2 (72nd Ave. and Johnson St.)	\$16,330.75
Planning	The Wildlands Conservancy	Whitewater Preserve Flood Improvement Project	\$455,055.71
Scientific Study	University of California	Salton Sea Crust and Water Quality Remediation Project	\$215,911.82
Restoration	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Oasis Springs Ecological Reserve - Artesian Well Restoration Project	\$150,000.00
Restoration	Center for Natural Lands Management	Desert Pupfish Refuge Habitat Restoration Project	\$135,884.20
Restoration	Center for Natural Lands Management	Core Marsh Burn and Restoration Project	\$57,865.14
Restoration	City of Palm Springs	Tahquitz Creek-Triangle Parcel Restoration Project	\$50,000.00
Restoration	City of Palm Springs	San Jacinto Mountains Watershed Restoration Project, Phase II Remediation Plan Implementation	\$803,611.00
Restoration	Coachella Valley Conservation Commission	Willow Hole Mesquite Restoration and Groundwater Monitoring Project	\$111,407.56
Restoration	Coachella Valley Conservation Commission	Wetlands Restoration, Tamarisk Control and Rail Habitat Enhancement at North Shore Ranch	\$132,318.65
Restoration	Friends of the Desert Mountains	Palm Canyon Watershed Restoration Project, Phase II Implementation	\$111,043.69
Restoration	Friends of the Desert Mountains	Santa Rosa Mountains Watershed Restoration Project, Phase II Implementation	\$90,515.15
Restoration	Palm Springs Cemetery District	Invasive Species Removal Project at Desert Memorial Cemetery	\$54,000.00
Restoration	Salton Sea Authority	Harbor Rehabilitation and Flood Infrastructure Project at NSBYC	\$152,707.71
Restoration	Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians	Santa Rosa Horse Creek Dam and Wetlands Restoration Project	\$96,832.57
Restoration	Southern CA Mountains Foundation	Dos Palmas Restoration Project	\$71,841.35
Restoration	Southern CA Mountains Foundation	Palm Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	\$182,264.00
Restoration	The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens	Desert Pupfish Refugia and Native Habitat Restoration	\$101,556.35
Restoration	The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens	Salt Creek Restoration Project	\$72,136.27
Restoration	Sea and Desert Interpretive Association	Varner Harbor Restoration Project	
Restoration	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Salton Sea Wetlands Restoration Project, Phase II Implementation for Site 1 (74th Ave. & Lincoln St.)	\$169,580.71
Restoration	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Salton Sea Wetlands Restoration Project, Phase II Implementation for Site 2 (72nd Ave. & Johnson St.)	\$236,728.07
Infrastructure	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Monitoring Wells Project Surrounding the Agua Caliente Casino in Cathedral City	\$232,000.00
Infrastructure	City of Indio	Flood Prevention Project at Jackson St. and Ave. 50	\$525,000.00
Infrastructure	Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District	Water Management System	\$54,100.00
Infrastructure	Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District	Root Water Project	\$7,178.00
Infrastructure	City of Coachella	50th Avenue Stormwater Diversion Infrastructure Project	
Infrastructure	Coachella Valley Water District	Groundwater Monitoring Wells	\$235,000.00
Infrastructure	Coachella Valley Water District	Monitoring Wells Project Surrounding the DHS and Mission Creek Subbasins	\$160,000.00
Infrastructure	Desert Recreation District	North Shore Park Flood Improvement Project	\$150,000.00
Infrastructure	Desert Recreation District	Oasis Park Flood Improvement Project	\$500,000.00
Infrastructure	Mission Springs Water District	Willow Hole Groundwater Monitoring Wells Project	\$95,156.53
Infrastructure	The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens	San Felipe Creek Desert Pupfish Pond Project at TLD Preserve	\$60,515.00
Infrastructure	Desert Recreation District	Thermal Park Water-Efficient Infrastructure Project	\$847,285.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PROP 1 AWARDED TO DATE:			\$7,117,926.55
TOTAL REVERSIONS TO DATE:			
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