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# CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION LCP PLANNING GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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The California Coastal Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the availability of Round 6 grant funding to support local governments in developing new or amending existing Local Coastal Programs (LCPs) pursuant to the [California Coastal Act](#) and with special emphasis on planning for strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as through smart growth and multi-modal transportation, to adapt to the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, increased drought and increased fires, and maximize benefits to disadvantaged and low-income communities.<sup>1</sup> This funding may also be used to develop technical and engineering studies as well as for planning and design of adaptation strategies that address the identified impacts of climate change and sea level rise, including phased strategies identified in recent hazards analysis, vulnerability assessments, and/or adaptation plans. These studies and analysis would inform the selection of adaptation strategies to be reflected in the Local Coastal Program.

Funding is provided by the California Climate Investments program,<sup>2</sup> a statewide initiative funded by appropriations from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), which puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

A total of up to **\$1,500,000** is available for this sixth round of grant funding. This grant application form, and other grant program related materials are available here: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/grants/>

Grant applications are due by **September 6, 2019 at 5 pm.**

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<sup>1</sup> For a description of disadvantaged and low-income communities, collectively called *Priority Populations*, see: <https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/communityinvestments.htm>

<sup>2</sup> The Cap-and-Trade program creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: [www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov).



## PURPOSE OF GRANTS

The purpose of these grants is to support local governments to develop new or amend existing LCPs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and plan for and adapt to the impacts of climate change in a manner fully consistent with the policies of the California Coastal Act. These grants can also be used to support the critical analysis and planning steps necessary to develop tangible approaches that prepare for and address significant impacts from climate change and sea level rise that will be included in an LCP.

Funds are available to support development of LCP policies that encourage reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including through smart growth and multi-modal transportation, as well as adaptation to climate change impacts, including sea level rise, increased drought and increased fires. Funds are also available to support technical studies, planning, engineering and design of adaptation strategies to be included in an LCP that result in resilient development and protection of coastal resources. Grant funding will support LCP development and certification, as well as planning work to develop the critical technical knowledge, planning, and design that will lead to development of adaptation strategies that facilitate reductions to greenhouse gas emissions, address impacts of climate change and sea level rise, maximize benefits to disadvantaged and low-income communities, and provide co-benefits to the State of California.<sup>3</sup>

Commission staff is available to assist during the application process. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to the staff of the LCP Grant Team with any questions as they develop their applications, particularly if there are questions regarding the types of projects that are eligible for funding. For staff contact information, please see page 14.

## BACKGROUND

The LCP Program is an essential component of the California Coastal Act. LCPs implement the statewide goals and policies of the Coastal Act at the local level and are required by the Coastal Act for each local coastal jurisdiction. LCPs must specify the kind, location, and intensity of land uses, the applicable resource protection and development policies, and implementing ordinances, and must be developed with the widest opportunity for public participation. LCPs and LCP updates are developed by local governments, and, once certified by the Commission, the local government assumes responsibility for issuance of most coastal development permits pursuant to the certified LCP. The Commission retains some continuing permit authority and authority to hear appeals of some local coastal permits acted on by a local government.

Goal 4 of the Commission's adopted Strategic Plan<sup>4</sup> is to strengthen the LCP Program. One important way to do this is to complete the certification of LCPs. While most of the coast (approximately 87.5% of the geographic area) is governed by a certified LCP, there are some remaining uncertified areas. When these areas become certified, the local government will assume responsibility for issuing most coastal development permits. This will allow local governments more control and input with respect to coastal regulation, while at the same time allowing the Commission to focus more resources on

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<sup>3</sup> For a description of co-benefits; see: [www.arb.ca.gov/cci-cobenefit](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cci-cobenefit) Co-benefits related to vehicle miles travelled, climate adaptation, and community engagement may be particularly relevant to the LCP Grant Program.

<sup>4</sup> California Coastal Commission, Strategic Plan 2013-2018, Approved April 2013; see: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/strategicplan/spindex.html>



assisting with matters of statewide significance and oversight, including with respect to ongoing review and coordination with local governments on LCP updates and implementation.

In addition to the coastal areas that are not yet certified, many of the LCPs that were certified in the 1980s and 1990s are now out of date and would benefit from updating to reflect changed conditions, new information and knowledge, and new programs and policies, especially those related to climate change, sea level rise, and disadvantaged communities. Updated LCPs provide more certainty for economic development and enable stronger coastal resource protection in light of current environmental conditions and other factors.

Goal 3 of the Commission's adopted Strategic Plan is to address Climate Change through LCP Planning, Coastal Permitting, Inter-Agency Collaboration, and Public Education. The Commission supports local governments developing informed policies that systematically address adaptation to sea level rise and other climate change-related impacts through LCP planning, coastal development permitting, guidance, interagency collaboration, and public education. Addressing the anticipated impacts of climate change is an integrated goal that advances implementation of many Coastal Act objectives; therefore, the LCP Grant Program aims to support protection of public access and coastal resources by promoting well-informed, well-adapted, resilient communities in the face of global climate change.

Financial assistance has been, and will continue to be, a critical way to assist local governments in their coastal planning and adaptation to climate change and sea level rise preparation. Such financial assistance can serve as an incentive for local governments to undertake planning work and to develop adaptation strategies to address these impacts. However, with available funds limited, it is essential that the Commission gives emphasis to producing the most value for these funds.

The proposals for the Round 6 grant funds will require complete project and task descriptions, work schedules and benchmarks, and a budget for completion of the planned work. Additionally, the Commission will be closely reviewing applications for consistency with the goals and requirements of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, as described below. The Commission will review and approve the recommended award of any grant funds, and the proposed projects will be part of that future action. Thus, as proposed, this grant program will facilitate the completion and update of LCPs consistent with the provisions of the Coastal Act and California Code of Regulations, the furthering of site-specific and regional knowledge, and the initial steps of planning and designing resilient climate change adaptation strategies that would be included in the LCP.

Round 6 of the LCP Grant Program funding may also be used for 'next steps' that have been identified in recent LCP development, Hazard Analysis, Vulnerability Assessment, and Adaptation Planning efforts, to develop or update site-specific knowledge in light of current science regarding climate change and the anticipated impacts of sea level rise for California. Projects that include technical, planning, economic, engineering and/or design studies meant to further the development of climate change adaptation strategies (including phased approaches), and which would be reflected in eventual LCP policies, are also eligible for funding.



## SUBMISSION DEADLINES

**The application period closes Friday, September 6, 2019. Completed application packets must be RECEIVED by 5 pm, on September 6, 2019. Applications must be emailed or mailed; faxed responses will not be considered.**

If the governing body of an applicant cannot adopt a resolution similar to Attachment A of the application by the submission date, the applicant can submit the proposal with a draft resolution, provide a date for when the governing body will consider adoption of the resolution, and **submit the adopted resolution by 5 pm, Friday, September 20, 2019**. All other materials must be submitted by the September 6, 2019 deadline. Applications will not be deemed complete until an adopted resolution is received. **Applications that do not contain a final, adopted resolution by 5 pm on September 20, 2019 will not be considered for funding.**

The Commission anticipates awarding the sixth round of grants in October or November of 2019.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The grant application must include the signed Application Form, a Map of the Planning Area for the LCP Grant project, relevant analysis identifying the anticipated hazards associated with any adaptation strategies (i.e., recent hazards analysis, vulnerability assessments, and/or adaptation plans, etc.), Application Materials consisting of a Project Description, Task Descriptions, Schedule, and a proposed Budget, as well as a resolution from the applicant's governing body (either adopted or noting when adoption will occur). The application form can be downloaded here: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/grants/>. A sample resolution is available in Attachment A of the Application Form.

Please submit the completed application form, including all attachments, via email to [LCPGrantProgram@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:LCPGrantProgram@coastal.ca.gov). Submit all application materials combined in a single PDF file **AND** submit the Project Description, Task Descriptions, Schedule, and Budget as a Word document.

If you are unable to submit via email, you may mail a CD and hard copy to:

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Please note: all information that you submit is subject to the unqualified and unconditional right of the State of California to use, reproduce, publish, or display it, free of charge. All documents submitted will be considered a public record upon submittal and will be treated in accordance with Public Records Act



requirements.<sup>5</sup> Please indicate if credit is requested for any photos and/or maps.

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

A complete grant application package will consist of the following materials:

1. The signed **Grant Application Form**.
2. Applications must include a **map** showing the planning area for the project. Additional photos, maps, and/or other information may be included as attachments if needed to illustrate the proposed project, including maps or other information identifying disadvantaged and low-income communities, or supporting information regarding project areas identified to be significantly impacted by climate change or sea level rise within the planning area as identified through the California Climate Investments program; see:  
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/communityinvestments.htm>

*Please note:* any photos, maps, and additional information you submit are subject to the unqualified and unconditional right of the State of California to use, reproduce, publish, or display, free of charge; Please indicate if crediting is requested for the photos and/or maps.

3. A clear **Project Description** that describes the proposed project, including the goals and objectives to be achieved, as well as how the proposed project will meet Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund goals of facilitating greenhouse gas reductions, providing co-benefits<sup>6</sup> as described further below (see Eligible Projects and Project Priorities below), adapting to the impacts of climate change, and maximizing benefits to disadvantaged and low-income communities<sup>7</sup> (collectively described as “priority populations”). The Project Description should indicate whether the proposed project area will include, and how it will benefit, priority populations as identified on the California Air Resources Board Climate Investments for Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities website (see: [www.arb.ca.gov/cc-communityinvestments](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc-communityinvestments)). The Project Description must also describe how the proposed project will fulfill the selection criteria identified below (see also Attachment C of the Application). The Project Description section should be no more than 2 pages in 12 point font, single-spaced.
4. **Task Descriptions** and a **Schedule** for the grant project.
  - A. The **Task Description** should identify specific tasks and subtasks that will be accomplished during the grant term. Each task should be described, including the technical approach needed to accomplish the task, the roles of partners and stakeholders, and the potential obstacles to successful completion of the goals and objectives discussed in the Project Description (as it relates to each task). Task descriptions should briefly state how they support the overall project goal, and how they will help the completed project meet Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the impacts of climate change,

<sup>5</sup> Per the CCI Funding Guidelines for Administering Agencies, <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-funding-guidelines-administering-agencies>; and Government Code Sections 6250-6276.48

<sup>6</sup> For a description of co-benefits, see: [www.arb.ca.gov/cc-cobenefits](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc-cobenefits). Co-benefits related to vehicle miles travelled, climate adaptation, and community engagement may be particularly relevant to the LCP Grant Program.

<sup>7</sup> Applicants are encouraged to complete and submit as supporting information, the *Evaluation Criteria for Providing Benefits to Priority Populations* template, which can be found at: [https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccidoc/criteriatable/criteria\\_table\\_planning.pdf?\\_ga=2.155306811.1489558722.1557335871-445928951.1557335871](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccidoc/criteriatable/criteria_table_planning.pdf?_ga=2.155306811.1489558722.1557335871-445928951.1557335871)



maximize benefits to disadvantaged and low- income communities, and provide co-benefits to the State of California (see Eligible Projects and Project Priorities below). Proposed deliverables for each task should be described as well (e.g., sea level rise vulnerability assessments, adaptation reports, Draft Land Use Plans, Draft Implementation Plans, Final Local Coastal Program, technical studies, economic analyses, project designs, etc.). Please describe how the project applicant will conduct outreach to engage stakeholders in the planning process, particularly those from disadvantaged and low-income communities, including how the project applicant will consult with these priority populations to determine if there are any potential substantial burdens to these communities resulting from the project efforts; how these stakeholders will be involved in the planning or assessment process; and any specific co-benefits<sup>8</sup> to disadvantaged or low income communities that will result from the project (e.g., the potential for job creation, improvements in public health, improved water quality, and new recreational opportunities). If your project includes partners, please identify their roles and responsibilities.

- B. The **Schedule** should list the start and end dates for each task, subtask, and significant milestone, as well as the end dates for the submittal of deliverables, including interim drafts and final drafts as applicable (e.g. Draft Vulnerability Assessment and Final Vulnerability Assessment). Please note that grant projects should be completed by March 31, 2022.
5. The **Budget** for the project must specify the amount of grant funding and matching funds for each task. Budgeted amounts should be provided for both county/city staff labor and for potential consultants. Budget detail on sub-tasks is not necessary. For consultant costs, amounts listed per task should be inclusive of all costs relating to consultant labor, travel, supplies, overhead, etc. If consultants will be hired at a later date, please include a budget estimate per task that can be updated after hiring the consultants.
6. **A Resolution from the applicant's governing body** that contains the following authorizations: 1) authority to submit the proposal, 2) authority to enter into a grant agreement with the California Coastal Commission if the grant is awarded, and 3) designation of the applicant's authorized representative (name and title). Resolutions should also contain clear statements of commitment to full completion of the intended grant project, including submission of applicable LCP products (LCP submittal or amendment) to the Commission for review.

## GRANT AMOUNTS

A total of up to **\$1,500,000** is available through Round 6 of this competitive grant program. There are no established minimum or maximum grant amounts. Based on prior grant experience, we expect the applications to range in amount from \$50,000 to \$300,000 and that the number and total dollar amount of the applications will exceed the available funds.

*Please note:* Awards may be offered for less than an applicant has requested.

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<sup>8</sup> For more information about co-benefits, see: [www.arb.ca.gov/cci-cobenefits](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cci-cobenefits). Co-benefits related to vehicle miles travelled, climate adaptation, and community engagement may be particularly relevant to the LCP Grant Program and grant applicants are encouraged to complete these templates and submit them as supporting information with their LCP grant application.



## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

These grants are intended to provide assistance to local governments responsible for developing and amending Local Coastal Programs, with special emphasis on planning that addresses the effects of climate change, reduces or facilitates the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, provides co-benefits to the State of California, and maximizes benefits to disadvantaged communities, such as through coastal resilience planning and environmental justice consideration.

Local governments in the coastal zone that have received prior LCP Local Assistance grants are eligible to apply for this round of grants, including to continue their work on LCP certification, or to plan for the development of materials in support of analyzing feasible adaptation strategies for future inclusion in an LCP.

Applications must include work that supports developing new or amending existing LCPs and demonstrate how this work will help achieve the legislative purpose of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to receive funding.

*Please note:* certain costs are ineligible for grant funding, including any conferences, trainings, or seminar fees, registrations, the cost of purchasing insurance, equipment, or items that will be sold. Food, drinks, snacks, or prizes are also ineligible costs for grant funding, with the exception of meals during travel consistent with state rates and travel conditions.

Commission staff is available for questions regarding eligible projects and costs.

## PROJECT PRIORITIES

Pursuant to the Commission's LCP Grant Program adopted priorities [see <https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2018/6/w6d/w6d-6-2018-report.pdf>] and GGRF funding guidelines, eligible projects should include the following:

- Planning and/or implementation of strategies to address the effects of climate change such as facilitating reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to sea level rise or increased fire risks, or other climate resilience activities;
- Completion of land use plan and/or zoning work to achieve certification of a new Local Coastal Program (or an Area of Deferred Certification) or planning and/or zoning work to change conditions, new information and scientific knowledge, new programs and policies, or other significant changed circumstances;
- Planning work and/or focused outreach efforts to address environmental justice concerns, particularly related to climate resilience, and to ensure protection of coastal resources and provision of public coastal access and lower-cost recreation for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or place of residence<sup>9</sup>;
- Planning work and/or focused outreach efforts to maximize benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities (collectively called Priority Populations) and invest in projects that

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<sup>9</sup> For the Commission's adopted Environmental Justice policy, see: [https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/assets/env-justice/CCC\\_EJ\\_Policy\\_FINAL.pdf](https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/assets/env-justice/CCC_EJ_Policy_FINAL.pdf)



provide direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to priority populations, including the removal of burdens to coastal access, resources, and/or visitor serving services<sup>10</sup> consistent with an identified priority population/community need; and

- Planning and/or development of strategies that maximize additional co-benefits to the State of California, as defined by the GGRF funding guidelines.<sup>11</sup>

Example projects that would address the effects of climate change, help facilitate greenhouse gas reductions and provide co-benefits include LCP planning and implementation of strategies that: concentrate development to reduce vehicle miles traveled; enhance public transit, pedestrian, and biking opportunities, particularly to and along the coast to reduce vehicle miles traveled; maintain agricultural productivity and conservation; preserve, enhance, or restore agricultural lands or wetlands to maintain ecosystems or to enhance carbon sequestration; promote urban greening and urban forests; reduce fire hazards and increase forest resilience; protect areas that maintain species habitat or protect areas for threatened or endangered species; and prevent conversion of natural lands or zoned lands for open space in anticipation of sea level rise hazards. Additionally, projects that provide co-benefits include LCP planning to reduce climate change impacts on public health by, for example, addressing extreme heat and drought, improving air quality, preventing the loss of property or disruption of critical infrastructure, conserving natural resources, improving water quality and providing for or creating jobs.

Example projects that address environmental justice concerns and maximize benefits and avoid burdens to disadvantaged or low-income communities may include projects that: facilitate public access for those who work or recreate in coastal areas but do not live in coastal areas; focused outreach efforts to involve these communities in the LCP planning process; and projects focused on LCP planning and implementation of strategies that: improve coastal trails and connectivity; expand or improve active transportation routes (e.g., walking and bicycle paths) that are publicly accessible by walking; improve or create new open spaces, parks, greenbelts, and recreational areas publicly accessible by walking; maintain water quality and the health of watersheds; and, reduce vulnerabilities to flooding and other coastal hazards and increase job and educational opportunities for identified disadvantaged or low-income communities.

## **PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS**

### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

Completed proposals received by September 6, 2019 will be evaluated by a committee of Commission staff. Proposals lacking final adopted resolutions will be reviewed but will not be considered for funding absent submittal of a final, adopted resolution by September 20, 2019.

As a competitive grant program, Commission staff will review and evaluate the applications based on the extent to which a project meets the Selection Criteria below and achieves the legislative purposes of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which include planning for strategies to reduce or facilitate reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the impacts of climate change, and maximizing

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<sup>10</sup> See: Criteria Table:

[https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccidoc/criteriatable/criteria\\_table\\_planning.pdf?\\_ga=2.155306811.1489558722.1557335871-445928951.1557335871](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccidoc/criteriatable/criteria_table_planning.pdf?_ga=2.155306811.1489558722.1557335871-445928951.1557335871)

<sup>11</sup> For the full CCRF Funding guidelines, see: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-funding-guidelines-administering-agencies>.  
For specific co-benefit methodologies, see: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-methodologies>



benefits to disadvantaged and low-income communities<sup>12</sup>—both those found within the jurisdiction boundaries, as well as those from outside the jurisdiction, but whom visit or work within the jurisdiction’s coastal zone— as well as maximizing co-benefits to the state (e.g., economic, environmental, and public health benefits).<sup>13</sup> Applicants are encouraged to complete and submit as supporting documentation all relevant reporting templates found on the CCI webpage, including those that pertain to co-benefits and those that pertain to addressing the needs of low-income and disadvantaged communities. Applicants can also provide additional documentation (other than the template forms) to show how the applicant and/or proposed project will meet a priority population need and/or provide a direct, meaningful and assured benefit to priority populations, such as survey results, assessment reports, or letters of support from community based organizations that support the project. Applications that can show benefits to priority populations will receive a higher ranking in consideration for funding.

Commission staff will prepare a listing of all applications received and recommendations for award of grants to the Coastal Commission for review and action at a public hearing, most likely in October or November 2019. Applicants may be contacted to provide additional information during the review process. Commission staff may seek assistance in evaluating the proposals from individuals and/or technical experts with pertinent expertise from other governmental agencies, including the California Air Resources Board for determining how proposed projects maximize benefits to disadvantaged and low-income communities and provide co-benefits to the state. All applications that are submitted will be posted on the Coastal Commission’s LCP Grant webpage .<sup>14</sup>

The level of funding that staff will recommend to the Commission for a particular award will be determined by evaluating the grant requests against other considerations including:

- the amount of available grant funds and the number of competing proposals;
- the sequence of tasks and likelihood of timely completion of the proposed grant project;
- the necessity of each task; and
- the reasonableness of costs proposed for specific tasks.

The Commission will base the size of the recommended award on each project’s needs, its overall benefits, and the extent of competing demands for funds.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications for Round 6 LCP planning grants will be evaluated for their ability to complete the LCP planning work, and/or other adaptation planning work, in the proposed timeline. All project proposals will be reviewed and ranked based on how well they meet the Commission’s five adopted selection criteria, with each criterion weighted equally. Projects that demonstrate that they will maximize benefits to priority populations will receive a higher score under the Public Benefit/Significance and Environmental Justice criterion. The adopted selection criteria were updated at the June 2018 hearing to reflect GGRF funding goals and are listed below.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Applicants are encouraged to complete and submit as supporting information, the *Evaluation Criteria for Providing Benefits to Priority Populations* template, which can be found at: [https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccidoc/criteriatable/criteria\\_table\\_planning.pdf?\\_ga=2.155306811.1489558722.1557335871-445928951.1557335871](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccidoc/criteriatable/criteria_table_planning.pdf?_ga=2.155306811.1489558722.1557335871-445928951.1557335871)

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<sup>14</sup> See: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/grants/>

<sup>15</sup> See: [Recommended Update to Priorities and Evaluation Criteria for the Local Coastal Program \(LCP\) Grant Program](#), adopted June 6, 2018.



### ◆ **Public Benefit/Significance and Environmental Justice**

The Commission will consider the extent to which the proposed LCP planning effort will address issues of statewide significance and maximize public benefits of the coast. These can include: reducing greenhouse gases and addressing the impacts of climate change and sea level rise; preserving and enhancing coastal habitat; protecting, providing and enhancing public access; protecting priority land uses such as agriculture, coastal dependent development, or recreation; protecting and providing lower cost visitor and recreational opportunities.

LCPs are the means to implement the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act at the local level and when submitted are reviewed by the Commission for conformance with the Coastal Act. As LCPs have become more dated, their ability to provide an up to date framework to govern coastal development in light of changed circumstances and new scientific information may be weakened. The Commission will consider the extent to which priority Coastal Act resources are addressed and the public benefits maximized.

Additionally, in 2016, the Legislature passed AB 2616 giving the Coastal Commission explicit authority to consider environmental justice, defined in California Government Code Section 65040.12(e) as: “The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.” Residents of poorer communities or communities of color can often bear a disproportionate burden of pollution or other environmental harms, while suffering from a lack of environmental services, such as clean drinking water, clean air, and access to parks and open space. Addressing these types of disparities is critical for ensuring that Coastal Act goals of protecting coastal resources for all are fulfilled, particularly as climate change results in evolving risks, and the Coastal Commission will consider the extent to which environmental justice issues are addressed when evaluating grant proposals.

### ◆ **Addressing the Effects of Climate Change**

Climate change is one of the most significant policy areas to emerge since many of the LCPs have been certified. The Commission is seeking LCP updates that address the effects of climate change, including land use, transportation, and habitat restoration and conservation policies that facilitate reductions in greenhouse gases and vehicle miles travelled, as well as the planning and implementation of strategies to adapt to sea level rise and other issue areas affected by climate change, such as changes in habitat and fire hazards. Special consideration will be given to LCP amendment proposals that include coastal resilience planning.

### ◆ **Relative Need for LCP Update**

Related to the public benefits of a proposal, the Commission will consider the relative need for an LCP update, considering the length of time since an LCP or LCP segment has been updated and the significance of the issues proposed to be updated. For example, many jurisdictions have identified needs to reduce vehicle miles travelled, improve public transit, and enhance pedestrian and bicycle options, particularly to and along the coast. Others may seek to assess vulnerability and develop adaptation solutions to address sea level rise, fire, or other climate change impacts to critical infrastructure, recreational amenities and open space, or significant wetland and habitat areas. A proposal to complete technical studies, economic analyses, mapping, public outreach, and development of LCP policies in support of these options may be important.



### ◆ **Likelihood of Success/Effectiveness**

The Commission has had past grant programs where the investment of public funds has not resulted in completed certified LCPs or LCP Amendments. In a few cases, funding has been awarded but reverted. Overall, the success of the Commission's grant program will be measured by the progress made toward LCP certification, update, or amendment.

The Commission thus will consider the likelihood of success of each proposal, including evaluating the practicality, feasibility, and effectiveness of a proposed work program that may lead to successful implementation. Proposals should address the need for coordination with the public and the Commission, and provide for practicable benchmarks for LCP amendment development and review.

Other evidence in support of this criteria may include resolutions of intent and endorsement for the proposed work from the jurisdiction and other organizations, matching funds or other complementary efforts (see below), or other factors that may affect the likelihood that an LCP amendment will be successfully completed. Applicants will be asked to describe any LCP planning work that has been initiated or is already underway at the local level and how this grant program is needed to substantially further that effort. A resolution from the applicant committing to completing an LCP Amendment submittal to the Commission will be required as part of the application.

For new LCP development, the local government should demonstrate its willingness and capacity to assume local coastal development permit processing. Related, some areas of the coastal zone remain uncertified because the Commission and local government have been unable to reach agreement on the resolution of issues or the issue is particularly intractable. The Commission will consider the likelihood that such areas and specific policy questions can be successfully addressed, leading to certification of the area.

### ◆ **Project Integration/Leverage/Matching Funds**

The Commission will consider the relationship of the LCP work program to other planning work being undertaken by the jurisdiction. There are several statewide grant programs underway which may positively integrate with this LCP Planning Grant program. Applicants will be asked to describe any other related grant awards (such as through past Coastal Commission grant rounds, or from the Ocean Protection Council, Coastal Conservancy, Caltrans, or the Strategic Growth Council) that may support the LCP planning work. The Commission will consider the ability to integrate and leverage any additional program funds available that could help support LCP certification, update, or amendment.

## **COMMISSION APPROVAL OF GRANT AWARDS**

Projects recommended for funding are subject to Coastal Commission approval. Project funding will not be available until after approval of the grant award by the Commission, at a noticed public meeting, and upon the execution of a grant agreement between the Commission and the grantee. The Commission anticipates awarding the sixth round of grants in October or November of 2019.

## **GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

1. **Commission.** The Coastal Commission will draft and execute the grant agreements and review, approve and process invoices under the grant agreements. The Commission will also appoint an LCP grants project representative (LCP Grant Coordinator) to function as the main point of contact for grantees.



2. **Grantee.** The grantee must assume responsibility for administering the project, including: employing any necessary staff or consultants, maintaining complete accounting and time records, and providing fiscal management. The grantee must designate a project director. The project director may be a staff member of the applicant’s agency or an elected official. The project director will be the main point of contact for the Commission and will be responsible for reviewing and signing the work products prepared as part of the program. If awarded a grant, all contracts with the State, and any subcontract under the grant, must comply with all provisions of the State Public Contract Code, State Administrative Manual, and the State Contracting Manual, as well as more specific terms and conditions (e.g., reporting requirements) required by the California Climate Investments program as funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (see below).
3. **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Requirements.** Projects selected for funding under the Commission’s sixth round of LCP Grants will be funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). In order to meet GGRF’s legislative purpose, projects must facilitate reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and further the purposes of AB 32 and related statutes, as well as maximize benefits and avoid burdens to disadvantaged and low-income communities.<sup>16</sup> Projects must also maximize co-benefits to the state (e.g., economic, environmental, and public health benefits).<sup>17</sup> The Commission will work with applicants to document compliance with GGRF requirements, including describing how the completed work is facilitating GHG reductions and/or other co-benefits and jobs created or provided through the grant funds. Funded recipients will be required to work with the Commission to meet reporting requirements as described in the Commission’s approved Expenditure Reports for these funds ([https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccc\\_attestation\\_expenditure\\_fy1819.pdf](https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccc_attestation_expenditure_fy1819.pdf); and [https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccc\\_attestation\\_expenditure\\_fy1920.pdf](https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccc_attestation_expenditure_fy1920.pdf)), and in accordance with GGRF funding guidelines provided by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) ([www.arb.ca.gov/cci-fundingguidelines](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cci-fundingguidelines)). Funding recipients may also be required to report semiannually to the Commission and CARB on how their projects meet GGRF funding goals, as well as reporting on project outcomes following the completion of the grant project. Reported project information may be posted publicly on the CARB website.

Projects that receive funds will also be required to consult with priority populations located within a plan area through outreach activities to determine if there are potential for substantial burdens to disadvantaged and/or low-income communities resulting from the project effort; any identified burdens will then be addressed in proposed adaptation plans or LCPs policies before submitting to the Commission for review and approval. These consultations will be documented in progress reports to the Commission.

4. **General LCP Grant Reporting and Auditing Requirements.** All projects selected for funding will be required to report on LCP grant progress at a minimum every 3 months (e.g., on a quarterly basis) in conjunction with submitting invoicing materials described below under Payment. Reporting materials must be prepared and signed by project representatives identified in executed LCP grant agreements. All projects selected for funding must also maintain project documents for oversight and auditing purposes, as audits and program reviews may occur at any time during project implementation and up to three years after projects are completed. All projects selected for funding

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<sup>16</sup> See Evaluation Criteria for Providing Benefits to Priority Populations: [https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccidoc/criteriatable/criteria\\_table\\_planning.pdf?\\_ga=2.155306811.1489558722.1557335871-445928951.1557335871](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/ccidoc/criteriatable/criteria_table_planning.pdf?_ga=2.155306811.1489558722.1557335871-445928951.1557335871)

<sup>17</sup> See CCI Co-benefit Assessment Methodologies, specifically the Climate Adaptation and Community Engagement methodologies and any other relevant methodology applicable to individual LCP grant applications: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-methodologies>



will also be subject to audit procedures and remedies for non-performance. The full terms and conditions for all grant projects will be provided during the grant agreement execution stage following the grant awards.

5. **Payment.** Grant funds will **not** be available in advance of expenditures. Expenses will be **paid in arrears** no more than once per month and no less than quarterly (assuming billable work occurred) upon submission of an approved invoice by the grantee and consistent with general LCP grant reporting requirements described above. Reimbursement will be dependent upon successful completion of work benchmarks detailed in the grant agreement. Based on task schedules and budget, grant reimbursements may be made for a portion of the grant award, with full reimbursement pending final completion of task deliverables as listed in the executed grant agreement.
6. **Schedule.** Work should be completed by March 31, 2022.

## HELPFUL RELATED MATERIALS

The California Coastal Act and California Code of Regulations may be accessed from the Coastal Commission website at: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccatc.html#otherlegislation>

Information on Updating the LCP can be reviewed at: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/rflg/lcp-planning.html>

Information on LCP status and history can be reviewed at: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcps.html>

For information on grants awarded during the FY 2013-2014 (Round 1), FY 2014-2015 (Round 2), FY 2016-17 (Round 3), FY 2017-18 (Round 4), and FY 2018-19 (Round 5) award cycle, visit: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/grants/>

For information on the California Climate Investments, visit: <http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/>

Funding Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds are available at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/2018-funding-guidelines.pdf>



## QUESTIONS

Coastal Commission staff are pleased to assist local governments during preparation of LCP grant applications. Please send questions on the grant application process, including project eligibility and the California Climate Investment program and GGRF funding requirements to: **Tamara Doan**, at [LCPGrantProgram@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:LCPGrantProgram@coastal.ca.gov), or call **(831) 427-4863**

Questions regarding the LCP process and update approach should be directed to the LCP grant coordinator for Northern, Central or Southern California:

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