

California River Parkways Grant Program

Applications must be postmarked by October 14, 2011

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Eligible Applicants

Grant Funds will be awarded to Public Agencies and California Nonprofit Organizations. All nonprofits must be a 501(c)(3) as verified by the Internal Revenue Service.

Statutory Requirements

1. Projects must involve natural creeks, streams and/or rivers, even if they flow only during the rainy season, or channelized or culverted creeks, streams and/or rivers.
2. Projects must meet at least **two** of the following five statutory conditions:
 - **Recreation** - Provide compatible recreational opportunities, including trails for strolling, hiking, bicycling and equestrian uses along rivers and streams.
 - **Habitat** - Protect, improve, or restore riverine or riparian habitat, including benefits to wildlife habitat and water quality.
 - **Flood Management** - Maintain or restore the open space character of lands along rivers and streams so that they are compatible with periodic flooding as part of a flood management plan or project.
 - **Conversion to River Parkways** - Convert existing developed riverfront land into uses consistent with river parkways.
 - **Conservation and Interpretive Enhancement** - Provide facilities to support or interpret river or stream restoration or other conservation activities.

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program

The California Natural Resources Agency and The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) are pleased to announce the joint release of the Guidelines and Application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for the 2011/12 grant cycle, which began July 1, 2011.

Applications must be received by Monday, September 12, 2011 at the Natural Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento CA, 95814, no later than 4 p.m.

You may access the EEMP Guidelines and Application at <http://www.resources.ca.gov/eem/>.

The Guidelines include information to assist you in preparing an application for funding. Please be sure to read the Guidelines and FAQs in their entirety for important information on project eligibility, evaluation criteria and submission requirements.

Two workshops are planned to provide assistance in preparing grant applications. New applicants are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to reserve your space by calling (916) 653-2812 or by emailing eemcoordinator@resources.ca.gov.

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

City of Los Angeles

1:00 to 3:00

California Department of
Transportation
Caltrans District 07 Offices,
100 South Main Street, 1st Floor,
Rm 1.040B
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

City of Sacramento

1:30 to 3:30

Sacramento Area Council of
Governments
(SACOG) 3rd Floor Board Room
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Eligible Applicants

Any State, local, federal or 501(c)(3) non-profit entity may apply for and receive grants. The agency or entity is not required to be a transportation or highway related organization, but must be able to demonstrate adequate charter or enabling authority to carry out the type of project proposed. Two or more entities may participate in a project with one designated as the lead agency.

Eligible EEMP Projects

The Categories of EEMP projects eligible for funding are:

- A. **Highway Landscaping and Urban Forestry** projects are designed to offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide.
- B. **Resource Lands** projects provide for the acquisition or enhancement of resource lands to mitigate the loss of, or the detriment to, resource lands lying within or near the right-of-way acquired for transportation improvements. Resource lands include natural areas, wetlands, forests, woodlands, meadows, streams or other areas containing fish or wildlife habitat. Enhancement of resource lands may include the restoration of wildlife corridors and fish passages. Additionally, resource lands may contain features of archaeological or historical value.
- C. **Roadside Recreation** projects provide for the acquisition and/or development of roadside recreational opportunities.
- D. **NEW! Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency** responsible for assessing the environmental impact of the proposed transportation improvement.

Related Transportation Facility (RTF)

- A. Every EEMP project must be **directly** or **indirectly** related to the environmental impact of the modification of an existing Transportation Facility, or the environmental impact of the construction of a new Transportation Facility (hereafter referred to as Related Transportation Facility or RTF.)
- B. For purposes of this program, a Related Transportation Facility is defined as a public street, highway, mass transit guideway or their appurtenant features (e.g. park and ride facilities, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, transit stations, etc.)
- C. The Related Transportation Facility **cannot** be the same as the EEMP project.
- D. “Directly” and “indirectly” refer to:

The geographic location of the two projects:

Directly	Indirectly
The EEMP project is in the immediate vicinity of the RTF	The EEMP project is in the general area of the RTF

The type of benefit produced by the two projects:

Directly (example)	Indirectly (example)
The EEMP project replaces pine trees removed during construction of the RTF.	The EEMP project develops a scenic viewpoint to mitigate removal of pine trees during construction of the RTF.

Transportation Projects in the Delta

Contra Costa County

Antioch Bridge (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/antioch/>)

Environmental Impacts: impacts to the following species may occur: delta smelt, Sacramento River winter run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring run Chinook salmon, green sturgeon, Central Valley steelhead, Central Valley fall run and late fall run Chinook salmon, giant garter snake (including habitat loss), California sea lion, and Pacific harbor seal. Upland areas that are potentially suitable habitat for the western pond turtle and burrowing owl.

State Route 4 (East) Widening Project: Loveridge Road to State Route 160
(<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/documents/sr4eais/route4eais.htm>)

Environmental Impacts: wetland loss; upland and aquatic habitat for the California red-legged frog; upland habitat.

Solano County

State Route 12 Azevedo Road to Liberty Island Road Shoulder Widening Project
(http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/documents/12shoulder_26200_azevedo_final_fed.pdf)

Environmental Impacts: wetland loss; California tiger salamander (40.86 acres of upland habitat needed).

Sacramento County

I-5 Elk Grove Blvd to Downtown Sacramento Bus/Carpool Lane Project
(<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/projects/I5elkgrove/documents.htm>)

Environmental Impacts: revegetation of trees, shrubs, vines, and groundcovers; wetland loss; impacts to Great Valley Mixed Riparian Forest habitat; giant garter snake habitat.

I-80 Across the Top Bus/Carpool Lane Project
(<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/departments/envinternet/topbus/topbus.htm>)

Environmental Impacts: greenhouse gas emissions; giant garter snake habitat (upland and aquatic habitat); Swainson's hawk foraging habitat.

Measure A Sac I-5/I-80 Interchange Modification Project
(http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/projects/I-5_I-80Interchange/index.htm)

Environmental Impacts: wetland loss; Swainson's hawk habitat; giant garter snake upland habitat.

San Joaquin County

Interstate 5 North Stockton Improvement Project
(<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/i5nstkn/index.htm>)

Environmental Impacts: greenhouse gas emissions; wetland loss; giant garter snake upland and aquatic habitat.

State Route 12 Improvement Project

(<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/sr12/index.htm>)

Environmental Impacts: giant garter snake habitat.

State Route 99 Widening Arch Road to Hwy. 120

(<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/99widening/index.html>)

Environmental Impacts: giant garter snake habitat.