



CALIFORNIA
NATURAL
RESOURCES
AGENCY



URBAN GREENING PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA

- ▷ Authority
- ▷ Eligible Applicants
- ▷ Eligible Projects
- ▷ Submission
- ▷ Timeline



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Project Examples

Evaluation Questions



LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

- ▷ SB 859 created the California Natural Resources Agency's Urban Greening Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions
- ▷ SB 170 appropriated \$50 million from the General Fund to the California Natural Resources Agency for its Urban Greening Program
- ▷ **\$47.5 million for competitive grants** for urban greening projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate extreme heat, and provide multiple benefits
- ▷ No minimum or maximum request



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- ▷ Cities
- ▷ Counties
- ▷ Special Districts
- ▷ Nonprofit Organizations
- ▷ Joint Powers Authority



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Statutory Requirements

- ▷ All projects must do at least one of the following:
 - Acquire, create, enhance, or expand community parks and green spaces
 - Use natural systems or systems that mimic natural systems to achieve multiple benefits



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Statutory Requirements (cont.)

▷ **Multiple benefits** may include, but are not limited to:

- Greening of existing public lands and structures, including school yards
- Multi-objective stormwater projects (e.g., bioswales)
- Green streets and alleys
- Urban heat island mitigation and energy conservation efforts
- Nonmotorized urban trails that provide safe routes of travel and recreation
- Economic, social, and health benefits

STATUTORY PRIORITIES

Disadvantaged Communities

Definition #1

- ▷ Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code
 - CalEnviroScreen 4.0



CalEPA
California Environmental
Protection Agency



OEHHHA
California Office of Environmental
Health Hazard Assessment

STATUTORY PRIORITIES

Disadvantaged Communities

Definition #2

- ▷ Section 75005 of the Public Resources Code
 - Median Household Income (MHI)



California Department of
Parks and Recreation



STATUTORY PRIORITIES

Disadvantaged Communities

▷ Required Target

- Minimum of 75% to projects located within and benefitting disadvantaged communities
- 50% of project footprint must be located within a disadvantaged census tract



STATUTORY PRIORITIES (cont.)

- ▷ Provide park and recreational benefits to disadvantaged or critically underserved communities
- ▷ Proposed by a disadvantaged or critically underserved community
- ▷ Develop partnerships to strengthen outreach
- ▷ Use interagency cooperation
- ▷ Use existing public lands and facilitates the use of public resources, including schools

STATUTORY PRIORITIES (cont.)

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act (AB 31)

For more information visit:

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26025



ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXAMPLES



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Green streets and alleyways

BEFORE



AFTER



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Bioswales and raingardens



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Greening of public lands/schoolyards



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Non-motorized trails



Photo by Mike Kahn



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Multi-objective stormwater projects



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Wetland Restoration



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Establishment, enhancement, expansion of parks and community green spaces



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Community or outdoor education gardens



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Urban Tree Canopies



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Acquisitions to preserve land in perpetuity



EXAMPLES OF INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- ▷ Planning only, or operation and maintenance projects
- ▷ Projects that include both acquisition and development
- ▷ Development projects contingent on future acquisition
- ▷ Projects where Applicant cannot demonstrate satisfactory permission to develop and maintain site
- ▷ Acquisitions involving eminent domain or that cannot be purchased at or below fair market value
- ▷ Active Recreation projects

OTHER FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS, PRIORITIES & REQUIREMENTS

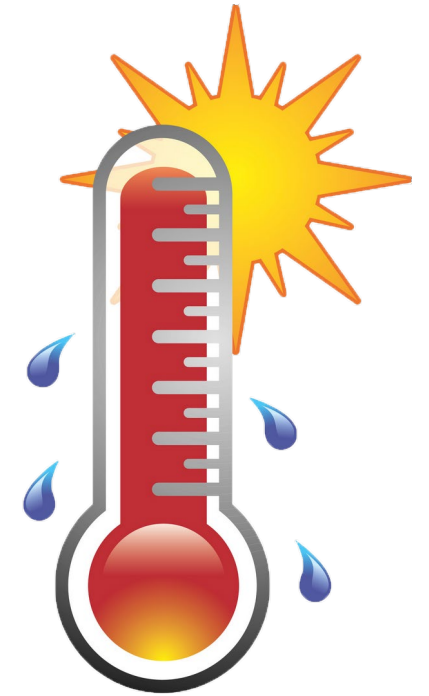


FUNDING PRIORITY

Extreme Heat

▷ California Heat Assessment Tool

- **Heat Health Events (HHE)** projects the average annual number of HHEs projected to occur within each census tract across the state.
- **Heath Action Index** measures heat vulnerability within census tracts based on indicators such as social vulnerability, health, and environment indicators
- California Heat Assessment Tool: <https://www.cal-heat.org/explore>



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- ▷ Comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000)
- ▷ Located in an urban area (not required for projects that qualify as disadvantaged)
- ▷ Acquired from a willing seller (acquisitions only)
- ▷ **Walkability and functionality**
- ▷ Local community engagement
- ▷ Provide public access, where feasible
- ▷ Low water, drought tolerant plantings



SELECTION PROCESS

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Step One: Project Proposal



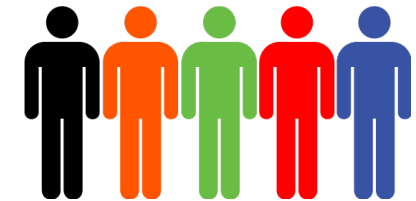
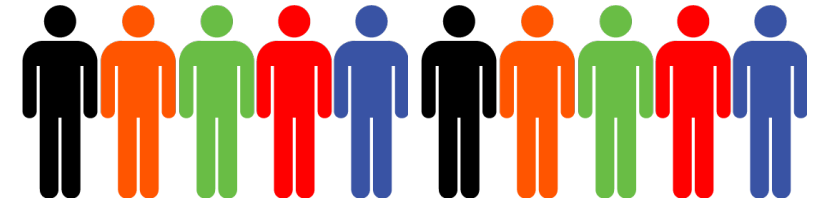
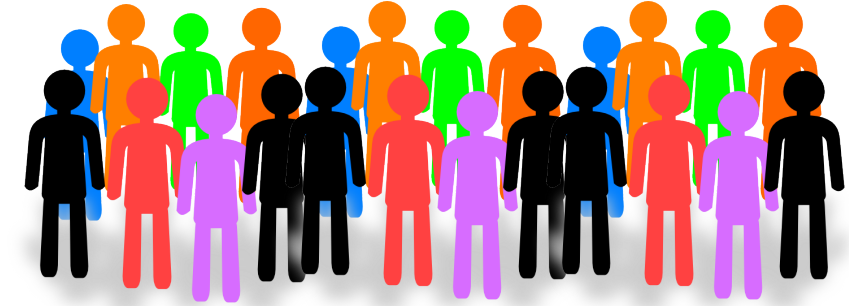
Step Two: Field Inspection



Step Three: Supporting Documentation



Funding Awards to Most Competitive Projects



PROJECT PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Scoring Criteria	Points
Eligibility, Statutory Requirements and Project Need	0-40
Statutory and Program Priorities	0-30
Disadvantaged Communities	30
Extreme Heat Threat	0-5
Statewide Park Development & Community Revitalization Act	5
Additional Project Characteristics	0-5
Project Readiness	0-10
Organizational Capacity	0-10
Total Points Possible	135



ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

Solicitation for Project Proposals	February 2022
Technical Assistance Workshops	Feb – March 2022
Project Proposal Deadline	March 2022
Field Inspections	Aug – Sept 2022
Supporting Documentation	Oct – Nov 2022
Grant Awards Announced	December 2022

Comments due December 10, 2021

▷ Public Meetings

▷ Via Email

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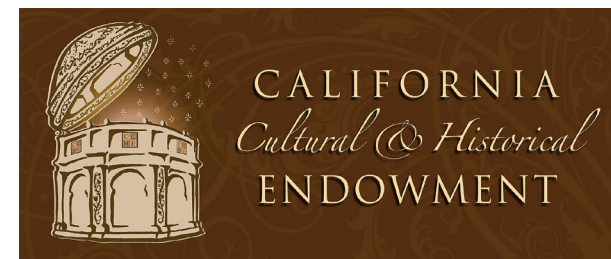
▷ Or US Mail

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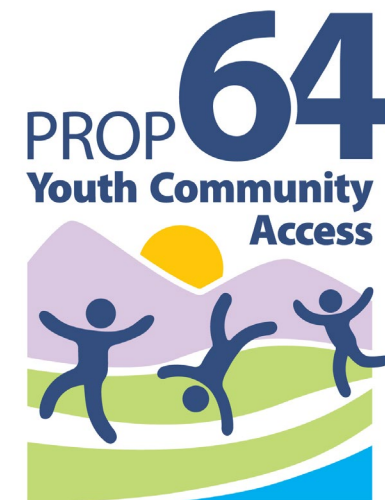


Additional Funding Opportunities

▷ Museum Grant Program



▷ Youth Community Access



▷ EEM



▷ California Grants Portal



Comments/Questions?



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<http://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening>