

Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program

Applicant Workshops

Planning Grants & Implementation Grant, Step 1

March 22 – April 7, 2005

Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, Riverside, and
Oakland

Overview of Program

Program Objectives

- Protect Communities from Drought
- Protect & Improve Water Quality
- Reduce Dependence on Imported Water
- Promote Integrated Regional Planning
- Achieve Multiple Benefits and Objectives

Funding

- Approx. \$380 million available for IRWM grants
- 1st Funding Cycle – Approximately \$160 million
 - Planning Grants - \$12 million
 - Implementation Grants - \$148 million
- 2nd Funding Cycle – Approximately \$220 million

Maximum Grant Amounts Funding Match Requirements

- Planning Grants
 - Maximum Award – \$500,000
 - Minimum Funding Match – 25%
- Implementation Grants
 - Maximum Award – \$50,000,000
 - Minimum Funding Match – 10%

Preference on “Project Type”

- Water Supply
 - *Protect Communities from Drought*
 - *Reduce Dependence on Imported Water*
- Water Quality
 - *Protect & Improve Water Quality*
- Multiple Benefits

Application Process

- Planning Grants
 - One-step Process
- Implementation Grants
 - 1 Application per Region
 - Two-step Process
 - Step 1
 - Conceptual Proposal
 - Step 2
 - Selected proposals called back
 - Detailed proposal

Program Preferences

- Integrated projects providing multiple benefits
- Improve water supply reliability
- Long-term attainment and maintenance of water quality standards
- Eliminate or reduce pollution in impaired waters and sensitive habitat areas
- Drinking water & water quality projects that serve disadvantaged communities
- Groundwater projects in Southern California

Statewide Priorities

- Reduce conflict between water users and resolve water rights disputes
- Implement TMDLs
- Implement RWQCB Watershed Management Initiative Chapters, Plans, and Policies
- Implement SWRCB NPS Pollution Plan
- Meet Delta Water Quality Objectives
- Implement various task force recommendations
- Address environmental justice concerns
- Assist CALFED program goals

Next Steps – Planning Grants

- Workshops – March 22 – April 7, 2005
- Planning Grant Applications Due – May 12, 2005
- Initial Funding List Ready – *September 2005*
- Awards – *October 2005*

Next Steps – Implementation Grants

- Workshops – March 22 – April 7, 2005
- Issue Draft Step 2 PSP – *mid-June 2005*
- Step 1 Applications Due – July 14, 2005
- Call Back Step 2 Proposals – *December 2005*

Planning Grants

Eligible Project

- Develop new, complete or modify IRWM Plan,
- Develop new, complete or modify ICWM Plan, or
- Components thereof

Application Instructions

II. C. Requirements for Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Authorizing Documentation (**required**)
- Attachment 2 – Eligible Applicant Documentation (**required**)
- Attachment 3 – Work Plan (**required**)
- Attachment 4 – Disadvantaged Community Supporting Information (**optional**)
- Attachment 5 – Certification of Understanding (**optional**)

Attachments 4 & 5 – submit only if requesting a waiver or reduction in Funding Match

Planning Grants

Evaluation Criteria Summary

- Work Plan
- Description of Region
- Objectives
- Integration of Water Management Strategies
- Implementation
- Impacts and Benefits
- Data and Technical Analysis
- Data Management
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Disadvantaged Community
- Relation to Local Planning
- Agency Coordination

Table 2 - Evaluation Criteria Summary

Criteria	Weighting Factor	Range of Possible Points
Funding Match <i>This evaluation will focus on whether the applicant has demonstrated ability to meet the minimum funding match or has requested a waiver or reduction in the funding match. The funding match will be presented in the budget contained in Attachment 3. For applicants requesting a waiver or reduction in the funding match, Attachments 4 and 5 must also be submitted.</i>		Pass/Fail
Work Plan	3	3-15
Description of Region	1	1-5
Objectives	2	2-10
Integration of Water Management Strategies	2	2-10
Implementation	2	2-10
Impacts and Benefits	2	2-10
Data and Technical Analysis	1	1-5
Data Management	1	1-5
Stakeholder Involvement	1	1-5
Disadvantaged Community	1	1-5
Relation to Local Planning	1	1-5
Agency Coordination	1	1-5
Range of Total Possible Points		18 - 90

Integrated Coastal Watershed Management (ICWM) Plans

- Must meet requirements of IRWM Plans
- Applicant must describe:
 - Coastal watershed that influence water quality in an area of special biological significance

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plnspols/oplans/index.html>

ICWM Plans

- Must be consistent with the Critical Coastal Areas Program “Watershed Action Plan Outline”

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/nps/cca-plan-outline.pdf>

**State Water Quality Protection Areas
Areas of Special Biological Significance**

**State Water Resources Control Board
California Environmental Protection Agency**



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