



SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Funding Opportunities

This fact sheet lists some funding opportunities for groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) and other organizations involved with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This fact sheet, and others, are available at the State Water Resources Control Board's [Groundwater Management Program website](#).

Groundwater is a limited natural resource that Californians use for many purposes. In the state's high- and medium- priority groundwater basins, SGMA requires local GSAs to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans (plans) so that these uses can continue in the future.

As of April 2019, applications are being accepted for approximately \$581 million in grant funding and financing available to GSAs. An additional \$1.06 billion is earmarked for application periods opening in the future. Application period dates and other details are provided in the table on the following pages. Public agencies, public utilities, tribes, non-profits, and mutual water companies are eligible to apply for numerous planning implementation grants which may assist with development of plan components, such as recharge projects, groundwater contamination cleanup, and water recycling projects described under Additional Plan Elements (Water Code § 10727.4(h)) and other projects and management actions that a GSA has determined will achieve the sustainability goal for the basin (GSP Regulations § 354.44).

For More Information

Instructions on the application process, timelines, and example projects are available at the State Water Board's: [funding webpage](#).

Submit questions about State Water Board funding to: gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov.

These online resources may be updated. Parties interested in funding updates are encouraged to subscribe to the State Water Board's: [email lists under Financial Assistance](#).

Additional information is also available at the Department of Water Resources' (DWR): [funding webpage](#).

Submit questions about DWR funding to: funding@water.ca.gov.



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Funding Type	Program	Purpose	Project Limit	Amount Remaining as of April 2019	Due Dates
Planning and construction grants and financing	Water Recycling Funding Program (Prop 1 and 13)	Water recycling projects	\$75,000 (planning grant) to \$5M (construction grant)	\$49M for planning and construction grants \$137M for construction loans	Planning applications accepted on continuous basis Construction applications received by December 31st each year will be used to develop a priority score. Projects which receive a priority score equal to or greater than the yearly fundable list cutoff score will be placed on the fundable list for the upcoming fiscal year.
Planning and construction grants and financing	Small Community Grant Fund (Prop 1 and CWSRF)	Wastewater treatment projects for small communities, disadvantaged communities, and severely disadvantaged communities	\$500,000 (planning grant) to \$8M (construction grant)	\$78M	Applications accepted on continuous basis
Planning and construction grants and financing	Drinking Water Grants (Prop 1 and 68, and DWSRF)	Public water system infrastructure improvements	\$500,000 (planning grant) to \$5M (construction grant)	\$215M	Applications accepted on continuous basis

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Planning and implementation grants	Groundwater Grant Program (Prop 1)	Cleanup projects to benefit drinking water	\$2M (planning grant) to \$50M (construction grant)	\$550M	Round 2 awards late 2019, Round 3 Solicitation to be released 2020
Implementation grants	Groundwater Treatment and Remediation Grant Program (Prop 68)	Cleanup projects to benefit drinking water, including operations and maintenance costs	TBD	\$74M	Draft guidelines to be released Spring 2019. Solicitation period anticipated for Summer 2019
Implementation grants	Storm Water Grant Program (Prop 1)	Stormwater recharge projects	\$10M	\$95M ¹	Solicitation Period Summer/Fall 2019

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Planning Grant	Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program (Prop 68)	Plan development. Priority on GSAs that didn't receive funding last round	TBD	Around \$50M	Proposal solicitation package to be released May 2019, Draft awards August 2019
Implementation Grant	Prop 68	Implementation of plans	TBD	Around \$100M	Planned for release in 2020

¹ Projects must comply with Storm Water Resource Plan requirements and be included in an adopted Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

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Facilitation Support Services	Facilitation Support Services for plan Development	Assist GSAs with stakeholder communication during plan development	\$50,000 in general but flexible	\$250,000 \$2M additional will be available mid 2019	Applications accepted on continuous basis
Implementation Grant	IRWM Implementation Grant Program (Prop 1)	For projects that are included and implemented in an adopted IRWM Plan	None listed	\$194M for Round 1	Solicitation planned for release spring 2019. Round 1 applications likely due summer 2019. Round 2 solicitation in 2020.
Not Applicable	Region Acceptance Process (RAP)	For IRWM regions to become accepted into the IRWM Grant Program	Not applicable	Not applicable	Applications accepted on continuous basis
Planning and implementation grants	Water Desalination Grant Program (Prop 1)	Development of potable water for municipal uses	\$500,000 (environmental planning) to \$10M (construction)	\$100M	Applications accepted on continuous basis until funds are exhausted. Next release of draft funding recommendations expected March 2019

M = million, Prop = Proposition, CWSRF = Clean Water State Revolving Fund, DWSRF = Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, IRWM = Integrated Regional Water Management, TBD = to be determined.

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