

## GRANT AGREEMENT INFORMATION

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Although the State Water Board oversees the grant solicitation and the selection process, both State and Regional Water Board staff will coordinate on grant agreement development and oversight. This will be coordinated between the State Water Board and the Regional Water Boards depending on the scope of the grant project.

After awarding funds, the State Water Board will execute a grant agreement with the grantee. Grant agreements are not executed until signed by authorized representatives of the grantee and the State Water Board. A copy of a Grant Agreement Template will be available on the State Water Board [NPS Grant Program Webpage](#).

The State Water Board encourages stakeholder collaboration in the development of grant projects. Parties that wish to collaborate on a proposal may elect to use a contractor-subcontractor relationship, a joint venture, a joint powers authority, or other appropriate mechanism. Grant agreements will be executed with one eligible grantee per project type (Implementation and/or Planning/Assessment). The State Board will be work with the grantee on the grant agreement. However, if the grantee subcontracts the implementation work, the grantee will be responsible implementation of the component projects. The grant funding and the implementation responsibilities will be the province of the grantee. The State Water Board will not have a funding relationship with collaborators.

Non-responsiveness of grant recipients has been an issue in the past. Such non-responsiveness slows down the funding process. Non-responsiveness has resulted in grant funds being left unused for a substantial and unwarranted amount of time and has led to the termination of grant agreements. For this reason, lack of responsiveness prior to finalizing and executing a grant agreement may result in withdrawal of the grant award. These funds will be made available to un-funded competitive projects at the discretion of the State Water Board.