

# **2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

The goals of the Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program (CWRGP) are to build local capacity to plan and implement wetland restoration projects; promote community involvement in wetland restoration activities; and foster education about wetland ecosystems. The CWRGP seeks to engage and benefit people and communities that include but are not limited to lower-income individuals and households, people with disabilities, Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), immigrant communities, and other historically marginalized communities ("CWRGP Priority Communities").

The **CWRGP** has provided funding to over 170 community-based restoration projects in coastal wetlands and along coastal stream corridors in the southern California region over the past 20 years. This program supports achieving Goals 1-3 of the **Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP)** *Regional Strategy 2018*, by restoring coastal wetlands, streams, adjacent habitats, and other non-tidal wetlands. The program has a specific emphasis on Objective 1 of Goal 3: Support Community-Based Restoration Projects.



## **PROGRAM PRIORITIES**

- 1. Engage CWRGP Priority Communities to restore or enhance coastal wetlands and coastal stream corridors.
- Implement restoration projects that have strong community benefits such as community engagement, education, workforce development, career and leadership development.
- 3. Demonstrate community-led planning and implementation of habitat restoration projects that are anchored in community expertise.
- 4. Increase organizational capacity to plan and implement habitat restoration projects.

# **PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY**



# PROJECT DURATION

Maximum of 2.5 years

PROJECTS START PROJECTS COMPLETION

WINTER 2025 FALL 2027

#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Local government agencies (City or County)
- Federally Recognized Tribes
- Universities (nonprofit or public)

#### PROGRAM FUNDED BY







## **GRANT AWARD**

- Approximately \$580,000 will be available for the 2024-2027 grant cycle
- Maximum project award \$100,000 \$150,000
- 5-8 projects selected (more projects may be selected dependent on application requests)

## **GRANT PROCESS & TIMELINE**

- Applications due May 17, 2024
- Application can be found online at: <a href="https://scwrp.org/community-wetland-restoration-grant-program/">https://scwrp.org/community-wetland-restoration-grant-program/</a>
- Application review by committee
   June 2024
- Selected project proposals to be presented to SCC Board for consideration
   September or November 2024
- Funding for all projects receiving SCC funding will be available by early 2025



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