



OPC, USC Sea Grant, California Sea Grant follow-up on informational webinar on Prop 84 competitive grant program

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Webinar Recording (45 min)

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Follow-up questions asked during the webinar:

Q: Can international collaborators be listed as a co-pi or should they only be collaborators?

A: International collaborators may be listed as a co-PI or as a collaborator, however, the proposal must benefit California. If a proposal is not California-specific, it will not compete well.

Q: What if my project has overlapping focus areas?

A: Please select the focus area(s) that most accurately reflect your proposal. More than one focus area can be identified on the cover page. Contact either California Sea Grant or USC Sea Grant with further questions.

Q: Can a proposal only be a 1 year or 2-year project, or does it have to be 3 years?

A: Proposals can have a duration of up to 3 years. They may be shorter if that is a part of the project design.

Q: Are ongoing monitoring projects eligible?

A: The proposal may include elements that are part of an ongoing monitoring program, but should focus on original research. The proposal must provide additional deliverables or outcomes applicable to the priority topic areas outlined in the call for preliminary proposals. Prop 84 funds cannot be used to support a project that is solely supporting ongoing monitoring.

Q: Which is most relevant for the sustainable fisheries focus area: commercial or recreational?

A: The sustainable fisheries and aquaculture priority area pertains to both commercial and recreational fisheries. Please contact Paige Berube (see OPC staff contact information below) with OPC for fisheries and aquaculture questions.

Q: Can proposals be for outreach and education?

A: The proposal may include an outreach and education component. However, Prop 84 funds cannot be used for standalone outreach and education projects.



Q: Are invasive species included within Marine Pollution?

A: No, invasive species are not included within the marine pollution focus area.

Q: Does a nonprofit have to be registered in California?

A: No, a nonprofit does not have to be registered in California, however, the proposal must benefit California. If a proposal is not California-specific, it will not compete well.

Q: Is a private entity registered in California eligible to apply?

A: This may depend on how a private consulting firm is involved with the project. Private entities are eligible to apply. Private entities subject to Public Resources Code Section 35650, as stated in OPC's Proposition 84 Grant Funding Procedures, are eligible to apply. Proposals from consulting firms may be more competitive if they are submitted with partners, whether they be nonprofits, universities, local governments, or another partner. For further questions about eligibility, please contact OPC staff.

Q: What amount is allocated to each focus area?

A: \$3 million has been allocated for the focus areas administered by USC Sea Grant split among the Sea Level Rise and Coastal Resilience, Marine Pollution, Coastal Sediment Management, and Offshore Renewable Energy topics. The focus areas administered by California Sea Grant are allocated a total of \$3 million to split across Ocean Acidification and Sustainable Fisheries & Aquaculture.

Q: Can an organization submit multiple proposals?

A: Yes, but if more than one proposal per organization makes it to the proposal stage the organization will need to show that it can handle the workload associated with more than one proposal within the given timeframe.

Q: If a pre-proposal is not highly rated and encouraged to continue to the full proposal phase, could a PI still submit a full proposal for consideration in August?

A: At the end of the pre-proposal review process, PIs will be either encouraged to or discouraged from submitting a full proposal. A PI may still submit a full proposal this summer, even if they are discouraged after the pre-proposal review. However, a full proposal submission would be done at the PI's risk; based upon review of the pre-proposal, the proposal may not be competitive.



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