



# Proposition 84 Competitive Grant Program Informational Webinar

California Ocean Protection Council  
University of Southern California (USC) Sea Grant  
California Sea Grant

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# Ocean Protection Council

Approved the two California Sea Grant programs **to administer and fund a competitive grant program for scientific research projects that support the OPC's priorities.**

- **Up to \$3,000,000 to California Sea Grant**
  - Ocean Acidification & Hypoxia
  - Sustainable Fisheries & Aquaculture
- **Up to \$3,000,000 to USC Sea Grant**
  - Sea-level Rise Adaptation & Coastal Resilience
  - Coastal Sediment Management
  - Marine Pollution
  - Marine Renewable Energy



# Eligibility and Geographic Areas for Research

- Eligible applicants: public agencies, nonprofit corporations, or private entities subject to Public Resources Code Section 35650, as stated in OPC's Proposition 84 Grant Funding Procedures
- “Public Agencies” under Prop 84 funding include federal, state, and local agencies. Federally recognized tribes are also eligible

# Eligibility and Geographic Areas for Research

- Projects must benefit the state of California. If you have questions about your institution's eligibility to apply to this call, please contact Holly Wyer ([holly.wyer@resources.ca.gov](mailto:holly.wyer@resources.ca.gov)) or Chris Potter ([chris.potter@resources.ca.gov](mailto:chris.potter@resources.ca.gov)). OPC is the final arbiter of decisions regarding eligibility
- Projects within the San Francisco Bay are eligible under this program

# Priority Topic Areas for the USC Sea Grant Program

- **Sea-level Rise Adaptation & Coastal Resilience**
  - Assessing vulnerability to sea-level rise
  - Supporting communities, especially those with unequal burdens from climate risks or insufficient resources to respond to risks, by developing decision-support tools and implementing adaptation measures to ameliorate risks and impacts
- **Coastal Sediment Management**
  - Advancing the scientific understanding of the impacts to the coast resulting from impediments to natural sediment supply
  - Assessing the potential ecological and economic impacts of coastal sediment management projects; e.g., beach nourishment, wetlands restoration, beneficial reuse of sand, managed retreat



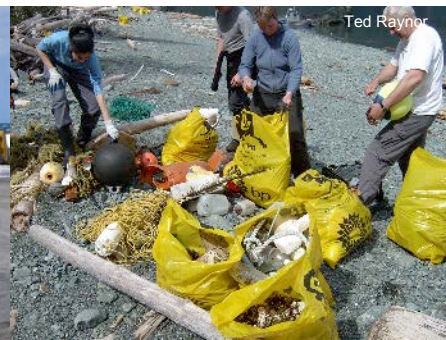
# Priority Topic Areas for the USC Sea Grant Program

- Marine Pollution

- Conducting effectiveness assessments of actions taken to improve water quality
- Advancing assessments of emerging water quality issues that impact human and ecosystem health

- Marine Renewable Energy

- Demonstrating the technological, economic, and environmental feasibility of deploying wind, wave, and/or tidal energy devices at a specific location
- Identifying and assessing the effectiveness of methods to reduce or eliminate harmful effects of marine renewable energy projects on the environment



# Priority Topic Areas for the California Sea Grant Program

- Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia & other changes in ocean conditions from a changing climate
  - Understanding the effects of changing ocean conditions and ocean acidification on fisheries and ecosystems to evaluate tolerance to change and ability to adapt
  - Assessing vulnerability of fisheries and coastal communities and advancing management actions
- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture
  - Fostering collaborative research and development among fishermen, managers, and other partners to enhance fisheries economic and ecological sustainability
  - Advancing scientific understanding of the impacts of, and opportunities for, aquaculture in state marine waters, particularly with respect to minimizing potential impacts on marine species and habitats



# Request for Proposals (RFP) Information & Proposal Review Process

- Range of funding for Projects: **up to 3 years in duration, and requesting a total budget from \$80,000-\$250,000**
  - Sum of total direct costs plus a maximum of 25% indirect costs
  - The competitive grant program will support a minimum of 24 projects
- Pre-proposals due March 15, 2018 at 5pm Pacific Time
- Proposal Review
  - Expert panels will review pre- and full proposals for each focus area
  - Expert panels will include: OPC staff, state agency representatives, scientists, and others as necessary





# Criteria for Pre-Proposal Evaluation

- *Consistent with the mission of the California Ocean Protection Council, with the request for proposals, and address at least one of the priority topic areas called out in this RFP.*

## Criteria

- **Project Rationale and Relevance:** The degree to which the proposed project addresses an important issue, scientific problem, information gap, or opportunity in the health, development, use or management of marine or coastal resources and ecosystems, as stated in the list of priority topic areas.
- **Research/Scientific Merit:** The degree to which the proposed project will advance the state of the science or discipline through use of state-of-the-art robust methods.
- **Innovativeness:** The degree to which new approaches to solving problems and exploiting opportunities in resource management or development will be employed in the proposed project.
- **User Relationships:** The degree to which the users or potential users of the proposed project's results have been brought into the planning of the proposed project, will be brought into the execution of the proposed project, or will be kept apprised of progress and results.
- **Qualifications of Investigators:** The degree to which investigators are qualified by education, training and/or experience to execute the proposed project. Evidence of any record of achievement with previous funding.



# Process & Anticipated Timeline

- **January 10, 2018:** Request for Pre-proposals released
- **February 20, 2018:** Informational webinar
- **March 15, 2018:** Pre-proposals due at 5pm Pacific Time
- **Spring 2018:** Pre-proposals reviewed
- **June 2018** (approximate): Applicants notified whether they are invited to submit a full proposal
- **August 1, 2018:** Full proposal submission deadline
- **August-October 2018:** Review panels convene for full proposal review
- **October-November 2018:** Projects selected through this review process will be brought back to the Council for final consideration of grant awards
- **December 1, 2018:** Projects begin and must be complete by **early 2022**



# Contents of a Pre-Proposal

- 1) **Cover Page** – Basic summary information regarding the project, and identifies which broad focus area(s) the project addresses. Budget requests are here considered only to be good-faith estimates – itemized budgets are not required in a pre-proposal.
- 2) **Main Project Narrative** – A brief project summary or abstract. Thereafter the format is flexible, but we recommend you list project goals or objectives, provide a brief background justifying the project, briefly describe methods, and state the likely value of project outcomes (to science, state management and policy entities, specific communities, regulators, or the general public). We encourage the use of headers to delimit appropriate sections of the narrative.
- 3) **(Optional) Tables, Figures and References** – The main project narrative may refer to tables or figures, and may cite references. These items (with legends) should be placed immediately after the 3-page main project narrative. Do not embed tables and figures in the 3-page Main Project Narrative. You may also append the CVs (3 pages max) of additional personnel that are not listed as the PI or as Co-PIs (Investigators). CVs of the PI and co-PIs will need to be uploaded into eSeaGrant when creating the pre-proposal.

**\*See the full call for preliminary proposals for additional detail, size and page limits for the pre-proposal contents.**



# eSeaGrant



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USC Sea Grant: <http://usc.eseagrant.ecsion.com/>

California Sea Grant: <https://eseagrant2.ucsd.edu>

# eSeaGrant: Registration

## LOGIN

REGISTRATION for online proposal submission is only open to Primary Investigators (PI).

- ❑ DO NOT register using information not directly related to the Primary Investigator of the intended proposal(s).
- ❑ A PI that has changed their email address should login with their old email address and update their email address in the system at the Investigators step within proposal submission. If a PI registers twice, they should notify the [eSG Administrator](#) to remove the duplicate, log-in with their old email address and update their email address in the system at the Investigators step.
- ❑ Not sure if you are registered?... [Retrieve Password](#)

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### Name & Affiliation



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CURRENT TASKS

COMPLETED TASKS

OPEN PROJECTS

CLOSED PROJECTS

Nick Test ▾



## Current Tasks

**Note:** If the screen shows the loading animation for more than 15 seconds, please refresh screen and click on the proposal link to continue.

### Request For Proposal (RFP)

Ocean Protection Council- Prop 84: USC Competitive Grants Program (Pre-Proposal) | Deadline: 15 Mar 2018, 05:00 PM

[Instructions PDF](#) | [Add Proposal](#)

Proposal not started for this RFP



# eSeaGrant: Pre-Proposal



Nick Test  

**CURRENT TASKS** COMPLETED TASKS OPEN PROJECTS CLOSED PROJECTS

- Start Here
- OPC Prop 84: Investigators
- OPC Prop 84: Cover Page
- OPC Prop 84: Main Project Narrative
- Submission Preview

Proposal > Start Here

Due in **45 days**

RFP Call: Ocean Protection Council- Prop 84: USC Competitive Grants Program | Phase: Pre-Proposal | PI Name: Nick Test | PI Email:

Delegate: No Delegate Selected

Title: Nick's Project Title

Submission Status: In Progress Deadline Date:03-15-2018 05:00:00 PM

ACTIONS 

Welcome Nick Test to the USC eSeaGrant proposal submission system.

For the current call for proposals **Ocean Protection Council- Prop 84: USC Competitive Grants Program**, we ask that you carefully review the requirements and instructions document [PDF Instructions](#).

When you understand the requirements, fill out the online forms. Navigate by using the left-hand navigation pane or by clicking "Next" and "Previous" links.

You may return and edit your proposal at any time up until deadline. Your proposal must be submitted by **03-15-2018 05:00:00 PM** when the system will close automatically.

# Additional Info

- Prop 84 projects focus primarily on research, not construction
- If an organization submits a proposal for the Marine Pollution focus area and a separate proposal for the Marine Renewable Energy focus area, will they compete with each other?
  - No. Projects within a focus area will compete with projects within the same focus area.
- A PI can submit more than one pre-proposal
- There is no matching fund requirement (however, PIs are encouraged to point out related research and collaborations that would compliment the submitted proposal)
- Letters of support from agencies or stakeholders are not required, but are welcomed



# Thank You!

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