



Boating Access: Invasive Mussel Response Grant Opportunity Workshop Questions and Answers

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- 1) Who can apply for this grant?

Only Nonprofits, State and Local Public Agencies, and California Native American Tribes are eligible to apply for this grant. Private businesses and individuals are not eligible, nor are any other entities not a Nonprofit, State or Local Public Agency , or California Native American Tribe.

- 2) Is there a match requirement for this grant?

No, applicants do not need to contribute a match for this grant.

- 3) Is there a minimum and/or maximum award for this grant?

No, there is no minimum or maximum award set for this grant.

- 4) The guidelines document states that an "Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)" is required. I would not be able to provide this in time to meet the application deadline. Will this disqualify my application?

No, the Authorizing Resolution is not required in order to submit your application, but may be required during the grant agreement development stage.

- 5) Is staff time to operate decontamination stations eligible for funding?

No. The only staff time eligible to be fund by this grant is labor hours to receive training on inspection and decontamination of watercraft/equipment.

- 6) Are infested bodies of water eligible for funding?

Yes. Both waterbodies where invasive mussels have been detected, and those where they have not been detected, are eligible for funding.

- 7) Would banding supplies such as seals and wires, wire spools be eligible for costs?

Yes.

- 8) Can this grant provide reimbursement for previously purchased equipment?

No, on expense incurred after the grant is executed are eligible.

- 9) Can funds be used to purchase and/or train canines and handlers for mussel detections?

The purchase of a scent detection canine could be framed as “equipment,” which is an eligible cost. Labor associated with training a canine is not eligible for funding.

- 10) Is there an established grant award date?

We will endeavor to award grants as quickly as possible, with a goal of July 1, 2025. However, we cannot guarantee we meet this date, so it is subject to change.

- 11) Does applying for this grant preclude the ability to apply for another grant in a certain timeline?

Consult the other grant program for constraints with respect to their grant opportunity.

- 12) What is the maximum term of the grant?

Grant terms will not exceed two years.

- 13) Is there a restriction on the number of applicants for the same waterbody?

No.

- 14) Can we submit a single application that covers multiple waterbodies?

Yes.

- 15) Are construction projects eligible for funding? We are considering a construction project that requires permits, etc., and sometimes these projects can take a long time.

Yes, boating facility enhancements are eligible for funding, however keep in mind the grant terms will not exceed 2 years, and that term may not be realistic to complete an entire construction project. Consider whether this grant could contribute to some discrete portion of the larger project.

- 16) Would signage and gate materials be classified as facility enhancements or equipment?

Facility enhancements.

- 17) Would it be ok for an RCD to apply for this grant opportunity? They are working (Stewardship agreement) with USFS at Trinity Lake.

Per Public Resources Code Division 9, Section 9003, “The Legislature hereby finds and declares that resource conservation districts are legal subdivisions of the state and, as such, are not-for-profit entities. For the purpose of contracting with state agencies only, resource conservation districts shall be considered agencies of the state.

- 18) Is a “wet” signature required with the application?

No. This is a completely online application process by way of CDFW WebGrants.

19) Is there any requirement that the waterbody has been tested the past 12 months for the presence of mussels?

No.

20) Does this grant have the same limitation to only be eligible for quagga and zebra mussel as the Division of Boating and Waterways' Quagga/Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant?

No, this grant is inclusive of all invasive mussel species.

21) Does this grant require an approved mussel prevention plan?

No.

22) Was the grant Workshop recorded?

No. A PDF of the presentation may be requested by emailing from Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov and is posted along with all workshop materials on our Golden Mussel webpage.