

APPENDIX C: Tribal Project Grant Application

This is the Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program application for planning, project development, and project implementation funding for tribes. The solicitation details the background and requirements to apply for funding under the program.

Application Instructions

- Each application must contain all of the materials listed in the checklist below.
- Materials should be presented in the order indicated on the checklist.
- Please complete all materials using an easy-to-read font, 11 point or larger.
- In the header or footer of each page of the application, applicants must include: (1) name of applicant and (2) sequential page numbers.
- Materials not specifically requested (e.g., press clippings or brochures) will not be considered during the evaluation.

Application Checklist

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1. Cover Sheet

Project Information

Project Title:

Property Location (County and Nearest City):

SGMA Sub-basin(s):

[SGMA Sub-basin status](#) (check all that apply):

- Critically overdrafted
- High priority basin
- Medium priority basin
- Located in a county subject to an emergency drought declaration

[Groundwater Sustainability Plan](#) approved: Yes No

Landowner Name(s):

Project APN(s):

Property's 5-year agricultural history:

Disadvantaged Community: Yes No

Census Tract:

Project Category

- Project Development
- Project Implementation

Project Implementation Grants Only

Proposed Project Acreage:

Site Access Agreement:

Project type (check all that apply):

- Creation or restoration of habitat, including pollinator habitat, wetland habitat, upland habitat, and riparian habitat
- Creation of multibenefit recharge areas
- Conversion of irrigated land to dryland farming or non-irrigated rangeland
- Planting cover crops or conservation cover
- Reestablishment of tribal land uses
- Implementation of tribal cultural practices
- Facilitation of renewable energy projects that have an overall net GHG reduction
- Creation of parks or community recreation areas
- Incentive payments to landowners, farmers, and ranchers to implement a multibenefit land repurposing project
- Land acquisition to facilitate land repurposing and protect repurposed land uses
- Easement acquisition to facilitate land repurposing and protect repurposed land uses
- Other:

Project Funding

Grant Request Amount:

Total Estimated Project Cost:

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:

Applicant type (check all that apply):

- Federally Recognized California Native American Tribe
- Non-federally recognized California Native American tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission
- Member of one of the above
- Nonprofit group with 501(c) status with connections to or on behalf of an eligible tribe

Mailing Address:

Contact Person:

Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

2. Applicant Eligibility and Capacity

Eligibility

Applicants must provide the following (as relevant) to demonstrate eligibility:

- For Federally recognized California Native American tribes: Documentation of Federal acknowledgement
- For non-federally recognized California Native American tribes: Documentation that the applicant is on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission
- For Non-profit groups:
 - A copy of their IRS 501(c) Tax Determination Letter
 - A letter of support, signed agreement, board resolution, or other signed document demonstrating the non-profit's connection to or work on behalf of a tribe.

Capacity

Applicants must provide a short narrative description of their capacity to successfully implement the grant, should the project be funded. This description should address:

- How the applicant's governance and/or management structure will contribute to the effective execution of project activities.
- Any financial resources at the applicant's disposal to support the implementation of the grant.
- Any additional resources the applicant can draw on to ensure his/her success. Resources include, but are not limited to volunteers, physical capital, and existing partnerships.

3. Project Summary (1-page maximum)

Concisely summarize the proposed project. Include:

- a description of the property's existing condition and agricultural use
- a description of work proposed
- how the proposed work will enhance the project site

4. Application Questions

Groundwater Sustainability (1/2-page maximum)

Describe how the project will result in groundwater sustainability benefits, either through reduced groundwater use or increased groundwater recharge. Describe the length of the benefits to be provided by the proposed project and how those benefits will be maintained (must be a minimum of ten years).

Additional Benefits (1/2-page maximum)

Describe any additional benefits provided by the project. Additional benefits include community health, economic wellbeing, habitat, renewable energy, or climate benefits. Describe the length of the benefits to be provided by the proposed project and how those benefits will be maintained (must be a minimum of ten years).

Program Goals (1/2-page maximum)

Select three of the goals listed below. Describe how the proposed project meets those goals.

- Support coordinated, regional and basin-scale efforts to achieve groundwater sustainability in critically overdrafted basins and in high and medium priority basins where a state emergency drought declaration has been declared
- Support long-term repurposing of agricultural lands
- Provide short- and medium-term drought relief
- Support regional efforts to sustain land-based economies and the communities that rely on them while achieving groundwater sustainability
- Reduce groundwater use
- Create or restore wildlife habitat and wildlife connectivity, including seasonal wetland habitat to replenish aquifers
- Improve groundwater supply, including through groundwater recharge and improved baseflows in rivers and streams
- Support nature-based solutions to reduce the impacts of hazards on lives, property, and the economy from overdrafted groundwater basins
- Provide benefits to disadvantaged communities and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers
- Foster partnerships and collaboration among diverse entities at the regional scale to effectively meet this program's goals
- Develop scalable, transferable land repurposing models to reduce groundwater reliance
- Support farmer, rancher, and farm worker leadership in multibenefit land repurposing strategies and project implementation
- Provide flexible and efficient support to grantees so that they can lead expeditious and adaptive programs to meet their needs.

Project Development Outcomes (1/2-page maximum)

Only complete this section if the application is for a project development request. Select one outcome listed below. Describe how the proposed project addresses that outcome.

- Completed project design and permitting
- Established non-state partnerships, support, and funding, as well as broad partnerships with regional stakeholders
- Completed memorandums of understanding with project partners to implement projects
- Developed pipeline of multiple years of implementation-ready projects that meet the goals of the Plan available for funding consideration

Project Implementation Outcomes (1/2-page maximum)

Only complete this section if the application is for a project implementation request. Select one outcome listed below. Describe how the proposed project addresses that outcome.

- Reduced groundwater use
- Increased groundwater recharge
- Improved baseflows in rivers and streams
- Transition of land to less water intensive, regenerative uses while maintaining natural and working lands
- Creation and/or restoration of wildlife and pollinator habitat and/or migratory resources
- Protection of cultural resources
- Improved water quality
- Land use agreements to accomplish prioritized opportunities
- Quantified achievement of multiple benefits of the program
- Incorporated participation from multiple partners, collaborators, and funding sources
- Replicability and scalability
- Integrated benefits to disadvantaged communities and tribes
- Increased community outreach, involvement, and education
- Increased regional workforce development opportunities and support of local business
- Diversified economic opportunities

5. Work Plan

Applicants must provide a detailed work plan that specifies the tasks and subtasks that will be performed during the grant term.

The work plan will also include a schedule of target completion dates, cost estimates, and a list of deliverables to be provided as proof of project completion. The schedule should be of sufficient detail to allow assessment of the progress through the work plan at regular intervals. Cost estimates should be consistent with the budget. If awarded funding, this work plan will be incorporated into the Grant Agreement.

Task 1: [Task Name]

Subtask A:

Subtask B:

Subtask C:

Deliverables:

Timeline [start and end date]:

Total Requested:

Task 2: [Task Name]

Subtask A:

Subtask B:

Subtask C:

Deliverables:

Timeline [start and end date]:

Total Requested:

Task 3: [Task Name]

Subtask A:

Subtask B:

Subtask C:

Deliverables:

Timeline [start and end date]:

Total Requested:

Other Expenses:

Education:

Total Requested:

Training:

Total Requested:

Travel:

Total Requested:

Indirect Costs:

Total Requested:

6. Budget

Applicants must provide a budget broken down by cost type and by task. Cost estimates should be consistent with the work plan. All costs must be eligible. If awarded funding, this Budget will be incorporated into the Grant Agreement. Refer to the Department's website for an excel version of this spreadsheet.

7. Project Map(s)

The following maps must be included in the application:

- A location map that identifies the project relative to nearby cities and/or landmarks
- A site map that identifies the project location, extent, and areas of impact relative to property boundaries and relevant landscape features (e.g., stream corridors)
- A parcel map that depicts the APNs of the parcels impacted by the project.
- Additional maps that further describe or otherwise support the proposal may be included.

All maps must be of sufficient resolution to be legible if printed on an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper.

The applicant may submit geographic information system (GIS) data along with any maps.

8. Photos

Applicants must provide photos of the proposed project site sufficient to convey the before condition of the site in the application.

9. Environmental Documentation

The proposed project (select the appropriate answer):

- Is not a project under CEQA. Briefly specify why.
- Is exempt under CEQA. Provide the CEQA exemption number and specify how the project meets the terms of the exemption.
- Requires Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report. Specify the lead CEQA agency (the agency certifying the document) and the expected completion date.

Provide the documentation prepared in accordance with the Environmental Compliance sub-section of the solicitation (see page 26).

10. Authorizing Resolution from Governing Body

Applicants must submit a signed Resolution of Support adopted by the entity's governing body that evidences authority to submit the application and, if awarded funding, to enter into and perform under the terms of the Grant Agreement template ([Appendix C](#)).

The resolution must:

- Authorize the submittal of the grant application for a 2022 Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program grant.
- Certify that the Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application,
- Authorize entrance into a grant agreement with the Department for the project and accept the template terms and conditions, if the project is awarded funding.
- Authorize a designated individual to, as agent, accept the award of grant funding and to execute tasks, such as signing documents, related to the application, grant agreement, reimbursement requests, if the project is awarded funding.