

**Grant Administration Guide  
for the**

**California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection,  
and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018**

**COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS**

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**



**Department Mission**

The mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

**Community Engagement Division Mission**

The mission of the Community Engagement Division is to encourage healthy communities by connecting people to parks, supporting innovative recreational opportunities, embracing diversity, fostering inclusivity, and delivering superior customer service, with integrity for the enrichment of all.

**The Office of Grants and Local Services Mission**

The mission of the Office of Grants and Local Services is to address California's diverse recreational, cultural and historical resource needs by developing grant programs, administering funds, offering technical assistance, building partnerships and providing leadership through quality customer service.

**OGALS VISION GOALS**

To Be:

- A leader among park and recreation professionals.
- Proactive in anticipating public park and recreation needs and how new legislation and grant programs could best meet these needs.
- Honest, knowledgeable and experienced grant administration facilitators.
- Sensitive to local concerns while mindful of prevailing laws, rules and regulations.
- Perceptive to opportunities for partnerships, growth and renewal where few existed before.
- Committed to providing quality customer service in every interaction and transaction.
- Responsive to the needs of applicants, grantees, nonprofit organizations, local governments, legislative members, and department employees.

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## Background

This guide provides grant administration procedures and requirements for competitive projects funded by Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018. OGALS retains the right to waive requirements not mandated by statute.

## Grant Process

1. Applicants receive a letter from OGALS indicating an application has been selected for funding.
2. Applicants attend a mandatory grant administration workshop.
3. If applicable, applicant fulfills any unmet application requirements.
4. OGALS sends a contract to the applicant:
  - a. The CONTRACT section, beginning on page 28, includes a sample contract.
  - b. The applicant returns the contract signed by the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE to OGALS within 60 days of receipt.
  - c. OGALS returns a copy of the fully executed contract, at which point the applicant becomes a GRANTEE.
5. **Payments and end of GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD:** GRANTEE requests payments for ELIGIBLE COSTS. The GRANT payments section, beginning on page 18, provides payment request instructions and forms.
  - The GRANTEE completes PROJECT no later than December 31, of the year before the GRANT liquidation date as shown on the contract.
  - The GRANTEE sends PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET(s) to OGALS no later than March 31, of the year the GRANT liquidates.
  - OGALS processes the final payment request after each PROJECT is complete as documented by the GRANTEE in the PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET, and as verified by OGALS by conducting a site inspection.
6. **Accounting and Audit:** DPR's Audits Office may conduct an audit. The GRANTEE is required to retain all PROJECT records for five years following issuance of the final GRANT payment or PROJECT termination, whichever is later. The Accounting and Audit Section, beginning on page 35, provides directions and an Audit Checklist for DPR audit and accounting requirements.

## **Projects Involving Acquisition**

### **Acquisition Rules**

1. Purchase price cannot exceed the appraised value, even if the GRANTEE is willing to pay the difference.
2. Associated acquisition costs, such as appraisals, escrow fees, title insurance, etc., are considered pre-construction costs, which are limited to 25% of the GRANT.
3. The GRANTEE must record a deed restriction on the property after the acquisition is complete.
4. GRANTEE must provide title insurance.

### **Acquisition Documentation**

For each parcel to be acquired, submit the following documents:

1. An appraisal conducted within the last twelve months.
2. A separate letter from an independent third party, AG-rated appraiser, certified by the California Office of Real Estate Appraisers, stating the appraisal was reviewed, and was completed using acceptable methods.

*For easement acquisitions, in addition to the requirements above, provide:*

3. A copy of the proposed easement guaranteeing the authority to use the property for the purposes specified in the application.

*For relocation costs, in addition to the requirements above, provide:*

4. A letter signed by the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, listing the relocation costs for each displaced tenant, certifying that the relocation amount does not exceed the maximum allowed pursuant to Government Code §§7260-7277.

### **Eligible Acquisition Costs**

- IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES – see accounting rules for more information (page 35)
- GRANT/PROJECT administration and accounting
- Public meetings/focus groups/design workshop
- Appraisals, escrow fees, surveying, other costs associated with acquisition
- Cost of land

### **Ineligible Acquisition Costs – Cannot be charged to the GRANT**

- Costs incurred outside the GRANT performance period
- Cost for land acquired through eminent domain or condemnation
- Acquisitions where purchase price is greater than appraised value
- Costs to fulfill any mitigation requirements imposed by law (PRC §80020)

## **Development Projects**

### **Development Project Rules**

1. Contracted work must comply with the provisions of §1771.5 of the State Labor Code.
2. GRANTEE must have adequate liability insurance, performance bond, or other security necessary to protect the State and GRANTEE'S interest against poor workmanship, fraud, or other potential loss associated with the completion of the PROJECT.
3. PRE-CONSTRUCTION COSTS may not exceed 25% of the GRANT.
4. PROJECTS must be accessible, including an accessible path of travel to the PROJECT.

### **Eligible Development Costs**

All costs must be incurred within the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD. Costs listed below are examples of eligible costs, and not inclusive. Contact OGALS if you have any questions regarding a PROJECT cost.

### **Eligible Pre-construction Costs – up to 25% of GRANT; incurred prior to groundbreaking as determined by the grantee**

- Public meetings, focus groups, design workshops
- Plans, specifications, construction documents, and cost estimates
- Permits
- Financing
- CEQA
- Bid preparation and packages
- IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES prior to groundbreaking
- GRANT/PROJECT administration and accounting prior to groundbreaking

### **Eligible Construction Costs – up to 100% of the grant; incurred after groundbreaking**

- Construction – necessary labor and construction activities to complete the PROJECT, including site preparation (demolition, clearing and grubbing, excavation, grading), onsite implementation and construction supervision
- Equipment – equipment use charges (rental and in-house) must be made in accordance with GRANTEE'S normal accounting practices
- Bond and other signs
- Premiums on hazard and liability insurance to cover personnel or property
- Purchase and installation of equipment: security cameras, lighting, signs, display boards, sound systems, video equipment, etc.
- Construction management, including site inspections and PROJECT administration
- Miscellaneous – other costs incurred during the construction phase, such as transporting materials, equipment, or personnel, and communications
- Financing
- IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES after groundbreaking
- GRANT/PROJECT administration and accounting after groundbreaking

### **Ineligible Development Costs – Cannot be charged to the grant**

- PRE-CONSTRUCTION COSTS that exceed 25% of the GRANT
- Development to fulfill any mitigation requirements imposed by law (PRC §80020)
- All non-capital costs, including interpretive and recreational programming, software and software development
- Construction or improvements to facilities that are not primarily designated for recreational purposes, such as park district offices
- Furniture or equipment not site specific *and* not necessary for the core function of a new facility (non-capital outlay)
- Construction costs incurred outside of the park boundaries
- Costs incurred before or after the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD
- Indirect costs – overhead business expenses of the GRANTEE’S fixed or ordinary operating costs (rent, mortgage payments, property taxes, utilities, etc.)
- Food and beverages
- Out-of-state travel
- Repairs – activities performed to a section of a structure that are intended to allow the continued use
- Maintenance – activities intended to be performed on a regular basis to maintain the expected useful life of a structure
- Fundraising and grant writing

### **Accounting Rules for In-House Employee Services**

GRANTEES must follow these accounting practices for services performed by its employees to be eligible for reimbursement:

- Maintain time and attendance records as charges are incurred, identifying the employee through a name or other tracking system, and that employee’s actual time spent on the PROJECT.
- Time estimates, including percentages, for work performed on the PROJECT are not acceptable.
- Time sheets that do not identify the specific employee’s time spent on the PROJECT are not acceptable.
- Costs of the salaries and wages must be calculated according to the GRANTEE’S wage and salary scales, and may include benefit costs such as vacation, health insurance, pension contributions and workers’ compensation.
- Overtime costs may be allowed under the GRANTEE’S established policy, provided that the regular work time was devoted to the same PROJECT.
- May not include overhead or cost allocation. These are the costs generally associated with supporting an employee, such as rent, personnel support, IT, utilities, etc.

If claiming IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES costs, provide a sample timesheet in advance for OGALS review to confirm these accounting practices are being followed.



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## Funding Sources Form

GRANTEE:

PROJECT Name:

PROJECTS funded by the program are not complete until the PROJECT SCOPE is complete and the PROJECT is open to the public. PROJECTS will:

- Be entirely funded by the GRANT, *or*
- Require funds in excess of the GRANT.

If the PROJECT requires funds in excess of the GRANT, the SCOPE of the PROJECT may be either the SCOPE of the larger project, or a subset of the larger project.

For example, if the PROJECT is \$100,000 towards construction of a \$500,000 park, the SCOPE can be the \$500,000 park, or a \$100,000 element of the park, such as a playground, that can be complete and open to the public.

- The PROJECT will be entirely funded by the GRANT, *or*
- The PROJECT requires funds in excess of the GRANT:
- The SCOPE is the same as the scope of the larger project, *or*
  - The SCOPE is a subset of a larger project, the scope of that larger project is:

Larger project cost: \$

Anticipated completion date:

List all funds that will be used. Submit revised Funding Sources form should funding sources be added or modified.

Funding Source	Date Committed	Amount
SPP/State of California	July 1, 2019	\$
		\$
		\$

I represent and warrant that I have full authority to execute this Funding Sources Form on behalf of the GRANTEE. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that this status report, and any accompanying documents, for the above-mentioned GRANT is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title



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## CEQA Compliance Certification

**GRANTEE:**

**Project Name:**

**Project Address:**

Is CEQA complete? Yes No      Is completing CEQA a PROJECT SCOPE item? Yes No

**What document was filed, or is expected to be filed for this project’s CEQA analysis:**

Date complete/expected to be completed

- Notice of Exemption (attach recorded copy if filed)
- Notice of Determination (attach recorded copy if filed)
- Other:

If CEQA is complete, and a Notice of Exemption or Notice of Determination was not filed, attach a letter from the Lead Agency explaining why, certifying the project has complied with CEQA and noting the date that the project was approved by the Lead Agency.

<b>Lead Agency Contact Information</b>	
Agency Name:	
Contact Person:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone: ( )	Email:

**Certification:**

I hereby certify that the above referenced Lead Agency has complied or will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and that the project is described in adequate and sufficient detail to allow the project’s construction or acquisition.

I further certify that the CEQA analysis for this project encompasses all aspects of the work to be completed with grant funds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

**FOR OGALS USE ONLY**

CEQA Document	Date Received	PO Initials
<input type="checkbox"/> NOE <input type="checkbox"/> NOD		

## Special Requirements

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction and Carbon Sequestration
- Status Reports (page 9)
- Bond Act Sign (page 11)
- Deed Restriction (page 12)
- For non-profit GRANTEES: Three bid process (page 16) and Fidelity Bond (page 17)

### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction and Carbon Sequestration.**<sup>1</sup>

If your PROJECT involves tree planting, follow the instructions below and submit with the PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET.

Before getting started, gather the following PROJECT information:

- Tree species
- Size of trees at planting
- Information on the distance and direction to the nearest building (if applicable)
- Information on the age and climate control of any nearby buildings (if applicable)
- Information about the tree's growing conditions

Getting started:

1. Navigate to the [i-Tree site](https://planting.itreetools.org) at <https://planting.itreetools.org> and select the tab for a new project.
2. On the Location map, select your state, county and city, and then click Next.
3. Configure the project parameters<sup>2</sup>:
  - “Electricity emissions factor” enter 285 and select kilograms
  - “Fuel emissions factor” enter 53.1 and select kilograms
  - “Years for the project” is the age of the trees 40 years from when they are planted. So, if the trees will be four years old at the time of planting, enter 44.
  - “Tree mortality” enter 0
4. Tree Planting Configurations
  - Enter the tree groups for the project; create a new group for each new species or for each new location.
  - Species – select the species; add multiple species by creating new groups.
  - DBH – tree diameter four feet above the ground at time of planting.
  - Distance to nearest tree – select from drop down menu
  - Tree is (north, south, east or west) of Building – select the direction the tree is located to the nearest climate controlled building.

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<sup>1</sup> PRC §80001(b)(7)

<sup>2</sup> Project parameters are from the California Air Resources Board’s “Quantification Methodology for the California Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Grant Program.”

- Climate controls – select the type of climate controls the nearby building has installed. If a tree is more than 60 feet away from a climate controlled building, select “none.”
- Condition – select the overall health of the trees at the time of planting.
- Exposure to sunlight – select the amount of sun that reaches the tree, based on its surroundings.
- Number of trees – enter the number of trees that are the same species and the same characteristics (e.g. distance to building, location in respect to building, exposure to sunlight, etc.) If some of these characteristics change, multiple lines of the same species should be input into the tool.

Once all the groups are entered, click next

5. Print the report in landscape mode, and submit it to OGALS.

### **Status Report**

OGALS will send a Status Report every six months until receipt of a PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET. Payment requests will not be processed if Status Reports are overdue. See sample on following page.

**Sample Status Report – Due xx/xx/20xx (30 days from mail date)**

Grantee:  
 Project Number:  
 Project Name:  
 Project Scope:  
 Project Phase:  Pre-Construction/Pre-Acquisition  Acquisition and/or Construction

When will you submit your next payment request? For how much?

Estimated date of project completion:

Potential obstacles affecting completion:

Is the project: On Time? yes/no Within Budget? yes/no Within Scope? yes/no If no, explain:

Describe grant-funded work completed since last status report submitted on (DATE):

Are CCC or certified local corps working on this project? Yes/No

Provide photos showing work completed since (DATE)

Describe grant-funded work expected to be completed by (MailDate + 6 mos)

If there have been any changes to the proposed funding for this project, attach a revised Funding Sources Form.

Provide information on payments to be submitted over the next three years:

Between 7/1/20 and 6/30/21	Between 7/1/21 and 12/31/21	Between 1/1/22 and 6/30/22	Between 7/1/22 and 12/30/22	Between 1/1/23 and 6/30/23	Between 7/1/23 and 12/30/23	After 1/1/24
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

The purpose of this data is to help the State estimate borrowing needs; you will not be held to these estimates.

I represent and warrant that I have full authority to execute this Grant Progress Status Report on behalf of the Grantee. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that this status report, and any accompanying documents, for the above-mentioned Grant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name and Title

(\*Certification to above information requires a signature by a person authorized in the resolution)

### **Bond Act Sign**

A sign acknowledging the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 as the funding source for the project must be installed during construction and at completion (PRC §80001(b)(3)). If appropriate, the same sign can be used during construction and completion.

### **Sign requirements**

The sign must be available during construction, at the final inspection of the PROJECT, and remain in place for a minimum of four (4) years from date of PROJECT completion. There is no minimum or maximum size other than the minimum size for the logo, as long as the sign contains the required wording.

### **Sign Language**

All signs must contain the following language:

GAVIN NEWSOM, GOVERNOR

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources

Armando Quintero, Director, California Department of Parks and Recreation

Use the names of the current officials. The name of the director of the local agency or other governing body may be added. The sign may also include names (and/or logos) of other partners, organizations, individuals and elected representatives.

### **Logo**

All signs must display the Parks and Water Bond Act logo (shown on the cover of this guide). Display the logo to maximize visibility and durability. [Download the logo](https://resources.ca.gov/grants/Grant-Program-Resources) at <https://resources.ca.gov/grants/Grant-Program-Resources>, click on the logo artwork section. Each edge of the logo must be a minimum of 24" x 24". Exceptions may be approved, when appropriate, at OGALS' discretion.

### **Sign Construction**

All materials used shall be durable and resistant to the elements and graffiti.

### **Sign Cost**

The cost of the sign(s) is an eligible PROJECT cost. Permanent signage is encouraged.

### **Appropriateness of Signs**

For projects where the required sign may be out of place or affected by local sign ordinances, OGALS may authorize a sign that is more appropriate to the project.

### **State Approval**

GRANTEE shall submit the proposed number, locations, size, and language of signs for preliminary review. Final payments will not be processed until post completion signage has been approved and installed.

## Deed Restriction

The Deed Restriction restricts the title to the property, safeguarding the property for purposes consistent with the GRANT for the duration of the CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

If the GRANTEE owns the PROJECT land, a Deed Restriction must be recorded on the title to the property before OGALS will approve any grant payments except an advance into escrow and pre-acquisition costs. A Deed Restriction *is not required* if the GRANTEE does not own the PROJECT land, such as where the GRANTEE is improving property it has access to under a lease agreement.

## Deed Restriction Instructions

Before filing the Deed Restriction, the GRANTEE must own the PROJECT land, and have an encumbered CONTRACT for the GRANT amount.

The PROJECT OFFICER will send the Deed Restriction to the GRANTEE. *Do not alter the Deed Restriction.* The GRANTEE takes the following steps:

1. Add ownership information to **Paragraph I of the Deed Restriction:** [formal name of GRANTEE] *Insert ownership information as it appears on the deed.*

2. *Create 3 copies (GRANTEE copy, OGALS copy and recorder's copy) of the Deed restriction and the required attachments:*

Exhibit A: Label this attachment "Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property)" and include a formal legal description of every parcel of property to which grant funds will be used for the development and/or acquisition thereof. This information can be obtained from the grant deed or title policy. (The assessor's parcel number or a street address is NOT a valid legal description.) and,

Exhibit B: Label this attachment "Exhibit B (Grant CONTRACT)" and include a complete copy of the Grant CONTRACT and provisions signed by the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE and the State of California.

3. *Notarize it:* Take 3 copies of the following documents to a notary. OGALS recommends submitting these documents to the PROJECT OFFICER for review prior to notarizing.

- Unsigned and undated Deed Restriction
- Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property)
- Exhibit B (Grant CONTRACT)

The AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE dates and signs the Deed Restriction signature page in the presence of a notary. The notary will complete a Notary Acknowledgement (Civil Code §1189).

4. *Record it:* Take 3 copies of the notarized documents bulleted above to the County Recorder's Office of the county in which the property is located. Ask the County Clerk to record the Deed Restriction with Notary Acknowledgement, Exhibit A, and Exhibit B, on the title to the property.

5. *Send it:* Make sure to send a copy of the notarized and recorded Deed Restriction, Exhibit A, and Exhibit B to the OGALS Project Officer.

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:  
California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Office of Grants and Local Services

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:  
Office of Grants and Local Services  
PO Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001  
Attn: [Project Officer]

### **DEED RESTRICTION**

I. WHEREAS, insert ownership information as it appears on the deed (hereinafter referred to as "Owner(s)" is/are recorded owner(s) of the real property described in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"); and

II. WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (hereinafter referred to as "DPR") is a public agency created and existing under the authority of section 5001 of the California Public Resources Code (hereinafter referred to as the "PRC"). And

III. WHEREAS, Owner(s) (or Grantee) received an allocation of grant funds pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 Competitive Grant Program for improvements on the Property; and

IV. WHEREAS, on (enter date), DPR's Office of Grants and Local Services conditionally approved Grant [project number], (hereinafter referred to as "Grant") for improvements on the Property, subject to, among other conditions, recordation of this Deed Restriction on the Property; and

V. WHEREAS, but for the imposition of the Deed Restriction condition of the Grant, the Grant would not be consistent with the public purposes of the Competitive Grant Program and the funds that are the subject of the Grant could therefore not have been allocated; and

VI. WHEREAS, Owner(s) has/have elected to comply with the Deed Restriction of the Grant, so as to enable Owner(s), to receive the Grant funds and perform the work described in the Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the issuance of the Grant funds by DPR, the undersigned Owner(s) for himself/herself/themselves and for his/her/their heirs, assigns, and successors-in-interest, hereby irrevocably covenant(s) with DPR that the condition of the grant (set forth at paragraph(s) 1 through 5 and in Exhibit B hereto) shall at all times on and after the date on which this Deed Restriction is recorded constitute for all purposes covenants, conditions and restrictions on the use and enjoyment of the Property that are hereby attached to the deed to the Property as fully effective components thereof.

1. DURATION. This Deed Restriction shall remain in full force and effect and shall bind Owner(s) and all his/her/their assigns or successors-in-interest for the period running from July 1, 20xx to June 30, 20xx (20 years) or June 30, 20xx (30 years).

2. TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. It is intended that this Deed Restriction is irrevocable and shall constitute an enforceable restriction within the meaning of a) Article XIII, section 8, of the California Constitution; and b) section 402.I of the California Revenue and Taxation Code or successor statute. Furthermore, this Deed Restriction shall be deemed to constitute a servitude upon and burden to the Property within the meaning of section 3712(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, or successor statute, which survives a sale of tax-deeded property.

3. RIGHT OF ENTRY. DPR or its agent or employees may enter onto the Property at times reasonably acceptable to Owner(s) to ascertain whether the use restrictions set forth above are being observed.

4. REMEDIES. Any act, conveyance, contract, or authorization by Owner(s) whether written or oral which uses or would cause to be used or would permit use of the Property contrary to the terms of this Deed Restriction will be deemed a violation and a breach hereof. DPR may pursue any and all available legal and/or equitable remedies to enforce the terms and conditions of this Deed Restriction up to and including a lien sale of the property. In the event of a breach, any forbearance on the part of DPR to enforce the terms and provisions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of enforcement rights regarding such breach, or any subsequent breach.

5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of these restrictions is held to be invalid, or for any reason becomes unenforceable, no other provision shall be affected or impaired.

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature Date

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Print/type name and title of above

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Business Name (if property is owned by a business):

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Additional signature, if required Date

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Print/type name and title of above

### **Three-Bid Process**

(For nonprofit GRANTEES only)

1. Nonprofit GRANTEES must attempt to obtain three bids before awarding a contract on a GRANT-funded project for services greater than \$5,000 and for construction work greater than \$25,000.
  - Bid description must include the requirement to comply with §1771.5 of the State Labor Code.
  - Bid description must include all required project elements based on the original competitive application - Project Selection Criteria proposal, Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form, and concept level site plan.
2. Nonprofit GRANTEE provides each bidder (potential contractor) the same written invitation for bid describing the project work to be performed based on “Best value” (determined by price, quality of materials, equipment, and workmanship), and the required project elements based on the original competitive application.
  - By signing the GRANT CONTRACT, the nonprofit GRANTEE agreed to meet the specific objectives as described in the competitive Project Selection Criteria proposal.
3. Solicit bids by contacting at least three potential contractors or by invitation for bids advertising, or a combination of both methods.
4. The nonprofit GRANTEE’s Board of Directors evaluates the bids to determine which contractor will provide the best value and will meet project requirements. The evaluation process must ensure no conflict of interest between the contractor and the nonprofit GRANTEE’s Board of Directors. The nonprofit GRANTEE’s Board of Directors need not necessarily accept the lowest bid, but a reasonable justification for the decision must be recorded in writing.
5. The Board of Directors selects a contractor and awards a contract.
6. For audit purposes, the nonprofit GRANTEE keeps records of steps 1 – 5 above.

### **Waiver of Three-bid Requirement**

To request a waiver of the three-bid process requirement, the non-profit GRANTEE must send a written request to the Project Officer assigned to the grant project and explain why a waiver is required.

- The waiver request may include “sole source” factors where only one contractor has the expertise to deliver the work.
- The waiver request may also include “public good” or other required factors that may be based on the Project Selection Criteria proposal in the competitive APPLICATION. For example, the Project Selection Criteria proposal may require the hiring of conservation corps.

## **Fidelity Bond**

(For nonprofit GRANTEES only)

Nonprofit GRANTEES must provide a copy of a current fidelity bond policy to their PROJECT OFFICERS before any payment requests can be approved by OGALS.

The premium cost for a fidelity bond is an ELIGIBLE COST.

A fidelity bond provides insurance covering fraudulent acts of GRANTEES' employees, volunteers, officers, and directors. The nonprofit is the party insured. DPR must be named as a Third Party Loss Payee, i.e., the same as a bank on a car loan or a mortgage company on a home loan. The DPR address is: State of California, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001, Attn: Office of Grants and Local Services.

Coverage must be equal to or greater than the GRANT amount. If the GRANTEE'S existing coverage is lower than the GRANT amount, the GRANTEE needs to amend the coverage to equal or exceed the GRANT amount. Fidelity bond insurance must be kept current for at least six months after the date of the final GRANT payment.

GRANTEES may obtain the fidelity bond through their general liability carrier, a major casualty insurance carrier, or a bonds specialty company. These sources are listed in the yellow pages or internet. A list of fidelity bond frequently asked questions is available on the [OGALS web site](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants) at [www.parks.ca.gov/grants](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants).

## Grant Payments

Payments may be requested from OGALS once a PROJECT is approved and the CONTRACT is encumbered. Payment requests are processed through the State Controller's Office and are mailed to the GRANTEE approximately six to eight weeks from the date OGALS approves the request.

OGALS may withhold payment if the GRANTEE has outstanding issues, such as:

- breach of any other contract with OGALS
- an unresolved audit exception
- an outstanding conversion
- park sites closed or inadequately maintained
- overdue Project Status Reports
- other unmet grant requirements

## Payment Rules

1. Payment requests prior to groundbreaking are limited to 25% of the PROJECT amount, unless for acquisition costs.
2. Payments before the final payment may not exceed 80% of the PROJECT amount. 20% of the PROJECT amount is retained for the final REIMBURSEMENT payment. GRANTEES may contact their PROJECT OFFICER to request OGALS consider a reduced retention amount.
3. Group costs together to avoid frequent payment requests. Payment requests greater than \$10,000 are encouraged.
4. For PROJECTS where match is required, GRANTEES must show eligible costs equal to 125% of the requested reimbursement amount (see page 19).

### **These items are required *prior* to requesting any payment, if applicable:**

1. A deed restriction, except for an ADVANCE into escrow.
2. If not already submitted, complete CEQA for construction reimbursement.
3. A sample timesheet *prior* to incurring any IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES costs.
4. When the bid process is required, provide a summary list of bidders, the recommendation by reviewer of bidders, notice of award, and contract agreement.

### **These items are required with every payment request, when applicable:**

1. A Grant Expenditure Form (see page 22) is required with all reimbursement and final payment requests.
2. If a payment request includes IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES costs, provide a sample timesheet representing how employee staff time was tracked during the period of requested reimbursement.
3. Construction progress photos, including a photo with the construction sign visible on the PROJECT site (page 11), with all construction payment requests.

## **Rural Recreation Tourism Match**

(For this grant program ONLY)

Unless the PROJECT has been identified as serving a disadvantaged community, the GRANTEE must include a 20% match (PRC §80090(b)).

Costs incurred to provide match must be eligible costs.

### **Eligible match sources**

- Federal funds
- Local funds
- Private funds
- IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES
- Volunteer labor – must maintain time and attendance records showing actual hours worked (see <https://independentsector.org> for [volunteer hourly wage value](#))

### **Ineligible match source**

- State funds

## **Match and Eligible Costs**

The match is 20% but grantee must show 25% in additional costs if match is required. For example:

Determining the match amount:

PROJECT amount:	\$125,000
20% match:	(\$25,000)
GRANT amount:	\$100,000

Submitting costs for reimbursement

GRANT amount:	\$100,000
25% in additional costs:	\$25,000
PROJECT amount:	\$125,000

In summary, the 20% match calculation is based on the PROJECT amount, not on the GRANT amount.

## Payment Request Form Instructions

- All payment request types (reimbursement, final, ADVANCE) require this form.
- A fillable, digital version of the [payment request form](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants) is available at [www.parks.ca.gov/grants](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants).
- Grantees are encouraged to submit payment requests digitally, as .pdf files. E-mail each document to the PROJECT OFFICER as a separate digital file, labeled as the document item. Retain all documents with original signatures with the PROJECT records.
- Round all amounts to the nearest whole dollar.
- A Grant Expenditure Form (see page 22) is required with all reimbursement and final payment requests.
- Complete the Payment Request Form as follows:
  1. PROJECT Number – Number assigned by OGALS when this PROJECT was approved
  2. Contract Number – As shown in Certification of Funding section of the contract
  3. APPLICANT – GRANTEE name as shown on the contract
  4. PROJECT Title – Name of the PROJECT as shown in the Application
  5. Type of Payment – check appropriate box on form
  6. Payment Information – round down to the nearest dollar
  7. Send Warrant To – agency name, address and contact person
  8. Signature of AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

# Payment Request Form

State of California - Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## PAYMENT REQUEST State Grant Programs

**See Instructions on Page 2.**

1. PROJECT NUMBER	2. CONTRACT NUMBER _____
3. APPLICANT	
4. PROJECT NAME	
5. TYPE OF PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Final	
<b>6. PAYMENT INFORMATION</b> <i>(Round all figures to the nearest dollar)</i>	
a. Grant Project Amount	\$ _____
b. Funds Received To Date	\$ _____
c. Available (a. minus b.)	\$ _____
d. Amount Of This Request	\$ <input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
e. Remaining Funds After This Payment (c. minus d.)	\$ _____
<b>7. SEND WARRANT TO:</b>	
AGENCY NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	
<b>8. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION</b>	
<i>I represent and warrant that I have full authority to execute this payment request on behalf of the Grantee. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that this report, and any accompanying documents, for the above-mentioned Grant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.</i>	
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION	TITLE
DATE	
<b>FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION USE ONLY</b>	
PAYMENT APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE

**Grant Expenditure Form**

All payment requests require a summary of costs incurred. An electronic version of the [grant expenditure form](#) is available at [www.parks.ca.gov/grants](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants). GRANTEES may use their own spreadsheet if it contains the required information shown below. Keep copies of invoices or warrants with the PROJECT records, available to OGALS on request. Only provide the following information to OGALS:

**PROJECT Number:**

Warrant/Check # (1)	Date (2)	Recipient (3)	Purpose (4)	Pre-Construction Amount (5)	Construction Amount (6)
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>PRE-CONSTRUCTION Subtotal (5)</b>					\$
<b>Construction Subtotal (6)</b>					\$
<b>Grand Total (5) + (6)</b>					\$

List only ELIGIBLE COSTS charged to the GRANT.

**Column (1)** Electronic payment numbers/electronic funds transfer numbers in the “Warrant/Check Number” column are acceptable. Include an “EP” next to the electronic payment numbers/electronic funds transfer numbers.

If IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES or GRANTEE’S own equipment was used, a work order or other tracking number can be used instead of a check/warrant number.

**Column (2)** Date payment was made to recipient. If IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES were used, provide the date range with a summary of actual hours worked, and a sample timesheet.

**Column (3)** Name of Contractor, IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES, or other entity providing services and/or materials.

**Column (4)** SCOPE item related to the expenditure and a brief description, such as “playground design,” “community center permits,” “walkway materials,” “sports field construction.”

**Column (5)** PRE-CONSTRUCTION costs eligible for up to 25% of the GRANT.

**Column (6)** DEVELOPMENT costs eligible for up to 100% of GRANT.

## **Project Completion Packet**

PROJECT COMPLETION PACKETS must be submitted by March 31, of the year the GRANT liquidates, as shown on the contract.

GRANTEES are encouraged to submit documents digitally, as .pdf files. E-mail the documents to the PROJECT OFFICER as separate .pdf files for each document. Retain all documents with original signatures with PROJECT records. GRANTEES should follow up with PROJECT OFFICER to confirm documents were received.

The final payment (not less than 20% of the GRANT) will be processed after PROJECT COMPLETION and the following occurs:

1. Approval of the PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET (page 23)
2. Site inspection by the PROJECT OFFICER to verify PROJECT COMPLETION

To request the final payment and complete the PROJECT, the GRANTEE must submit the following documents:

1. Payment Request Form (page 21)
2. Grant Expenditure Form (page 22)
3. Final Funding Sources Form (page 6)
4. Project Completion Certification Form (page 24)
5. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction and Carbon Sequestration (if applicable) (page 8)
6. Notice of Completion (optional)<sup>3</sup>
7. Photo of the bond act sign and location (page 11)
8. Recorded Deed Restriction if not already provided (page 12)
9. Completed CEQA if not already provided (page 7)
10. Audit checklist with items checked that GRANTEE will retain for five years following receipt of final payment (page 36)

For PROJECTS involving acquisition, the GRANTEE must submit these additional documents, if not already provided:

1. A copy of the recorded deed to the property
2. A map sufficient to verify the description of the property including parcel numbers and acreage, preferably an assessor's parcel map
3. Copy of title insurance policy

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<sup>3</sup> OGALS recommends that the GRANTEE file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder pursuant to State of California Civil Code §3093. Filing the Notice of Completion is not a PROJECT COMPLETION requirement.



**Advance Payments**

- OGALS reserves the right to disapprove ADVANCE payment requests. Past performance, GRANTEE capacity, and the GRANTEE’S financial resources will all be considered before issuing an ADVANCE.
- ADVANCE payments may be requested for costs expected to be incurred in the next six months.
- ADVANCE payments may be placed in an interest bearing account. Earned interest must be spent on the project, and cannot be returned to OGALS.
- ADVANCE funds *must* be spent within six months of receipt, or returned to OGALS.
- The sum of DEVELOPMENT ADVANCES cannot exceed 80% of the GRANT.

There are two types of DEVELOPMENT ADVANCE payments: PRE-CONSTRUCTION and CONSTRUCTION:

**Pre-Construction Advance**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Maximum Request</b>	<b>When to Request</b>	<b>Documents to Send to PROJECT OFFICER</b>
Costs to be incurred in next six months	Preconstruction estimate shown on PROJECT SCOPE/cost estimate form	After the contract has been encumbered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment Request Form</li> <li>• ADVANCE justification (see page 26)</li> <li>• Sample timesheet if funds will be spent on IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES</li> </ul>

**Construction Advance**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Maximum Request</b>	<b>When to Request</b>	<b>Documents to Send to PROJECT OFFICER</b>
Costs to be incurred in next six months	No more than 80% of the GRANT.	After the contract has been encumbered, and construction will commence during the next six months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment Request Form</li> <li>• ADVANCE justification (see page 26)</li> <li>• Bid documents (see page 16, number 7), copy of signed construction contract and a notice to proceed or IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES schedule</li> <li>• Filed NOD or NOE (page <b>Error! Bookmark not defined.</b>)</li> <li>• Sample timesheet if funds will be spent on IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES</li> </ul>

## **Advance Justification**

Provide the following information:

- Explanation why an ADVANCE is needed instead of a reimbursement. Describe any hardships the GRANTEE will experience if a reimbursement were issued instead of an ADVANCE.
- A payment schedule, with a month-by-month estimate, for up to six months, showing the anticipated amount needed, and to whom the funds will be paid (IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES or name of contractor). The six month period should begin twelve weeks after payment request is submitted.
- A funding plan, indicating how the GRANTEE intends to provide cash flow to the percentage of the PROJECT exceeding the 80% ADVANCE limit.
- A statement indicating the GRANTEE will or will not put the advanced funds into a separate, interest bearing account, and spend any interest earned on the PROJECT.
- An acknowledgement that all invoices and contracts pursuant to which payments are made shall be made available to OGALS on demand.

## **Clearing the Advance**

ADVANCES must be cleared with six months of receipt, or earlier. ADVANCES should be cleared incrementally, that is, as costs are incurred. An ADVANCE is cleared as follows:

- Submit a grant expenditure form (see page 22) documenting expenditures of eligible costs equal to the ADVANCE amount *plus any earned interest*.
- Submit photos of construction completed and the construction sign (see page 11) with the ADVANCE funds (for construction ADVANCES).
- Return the balance of unspent GRANT funds to OGALS no later than thirty days after the end of the six month ADVANCE period. OGALS will then return the GRANT funds to the CONTRACT balance. OGALS cannot return interest to the contract balance.

## **Subsequent Payments**

ADVANCE payments must be cleared before *any* payments will be approved.

This requirement may be waived in cases where a PROJECT requires timely payments to contractors, and the remaining balance of unspent ADVANCED funds cannot cover the next PROJECT payment. The following are required to request a waiver:

1. A letter to the PROJECT OFFICER, signed by the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, explaining why the waiver is needed.
2. A statement in the letter that the majority of ADVANCED funds has been cleared.
3. A payment schedule with month by month estimates detailing the anticipated amount needed including the unspent balance of previously ADVANCED funds, along with the additional requested reimbursement or ADVANCE.

## Acquisition Advance

Payment Type	When to Request	Documents to Send
ADVANCES up to 100% of the acquisition amount.	After the contract is encumbered and escrow is open	See following instructions 1. Escrow letter 2. Preliminary title report 3. Payment request form

The following items are required to request an ADVANCE payment into escrow:

1. A letter on the GRANTEE’S letterhead, addressing all of the following elements, and signed by the GRANTEE’S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:
  - a) Name, address and telephone number of the title company or escrow holder, and the escrow account number to which the GRANT funds will be disbursed.
  - b) Copy of the property appraisal and written concurrence (page 3).
  - c) GRANT CONTRACT number and amount of GRANT funds requested.
  - d) A statement by the GRANTEE that “the preliminary title report shows that there are no liens, easements, or any other restrictions that would prevent completion of the SCOPE and fulfillment of the CONTRACT provisions.”
  - e) A statement by the GRANTEE that “all funds (exclusive of the GRANT funds to be provided under this agreement) needed for the completion of the acquisition of the property or properties have been secured and have been or will be deposited to escrow on or about the same date as the requested GRANT funds.” In making this statement, the GRANTEE is entitled to reasonably rely on the representations of the seller.
2. Copy of the preliminary title report.
3. Payment Request Form: the “Send Warrant To” item 7 on the Payment Request Form must be completed using the title company’s or escrow holder’s name, mailing address, and contact person (see page 21).

After approval by OGALS, the payment will be mailed by the State Controller’s Office to the designated escrow company within approximately 30 working days.

### Returning Unexpended Advanced Funds for Acquisition

If all or a portion of GRANT funds ADVANCED to the title or escrow company are not expended, the unused portion of the ADVANCED funds must be returned to OGALS within 60 days after completion of the acquisition(s), within 60 days of the acquisition withdrawal, or within 60 days after the end of the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD, *whichever is earlier*. A grantee may also submit a Grant Expenditure Form (see page 22) documenting expenditures of eligible costs.

# Competitive Grant Program Contract



State of California – The Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## Sample Grant Contract Competitive Grant Program

GRANTEE: Grantee Name

GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2049

The GRANTEE agrees to the terms and conditions of this contract (CONTRACT), and the State of California, acting through its Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the State of California, agrees to fund the total State grant amount indicated below.

The GRANTEE agrees to complete the PROJECT SCOPE(s) as defined in the Development PROJECT SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form or acquisition documentation for the application(s) filed with the State of California.

The General and Special Provisions attached are made a part of and incorporated into the Contract.

Total State grant amount not to exceed \$ [GRANT amount]

GRANTEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING (FOR STATE USE ONLY)					
AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE \$		CONTRACT NUMBER		FUND	
ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$		APPROPRIATION			
ADJ. DECREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$		ITEM VENDOR NUMBER			
UNENCUMBERED BALANCE \$		LINE ITEM ALLOTMENT		CHAPTER	STATUTE
T.B.A. NO.	B.R. NO.	INDEX		Funding Source	OBJ. EXPEND
I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance.					
SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER				DATE	

## **I. RECITALS**

This CONTRACT is entered into between the California Department of Parks and Recreation (hereinafter referred to as “GRANTOR,” “DEPARTMENT” or “STATE”) and [grantee name] (hereinafter referred to as “GRANTEE”).

The DEPARTMENT hereby grants to GRANTEE a sum (also referred to as “GRANT MONIES”) not to exceed \$grant amount, subject to the terms and conditions of this CONTRACT and the 20xx/xx California State Budget, Chapter xx, statutes of 20xx, Item number – 3790-xxx-xxxx (appropriation chapter and budget item number hereinafter referred to as “COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM GRANT”). These funds shall be used for completion of the GRANT SCOPE(S).

The Grant Performance Period is from July 1, 20xx to June 30, 20xx.

## **II. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **A. Definitions**

As used in this CONTRACT, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. The term “ACT” means the California Drought, Water, Parks Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, as referred to in section I of this CONTRACT.
2. The term “APPLICATION” means the individual project APPLICATION packet for a project pursuant to the enabling legislation and/or grant program process guide requirements.
3. The term “DEPARTMENT” or “STATE” means the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
4. The term “DEVELOPMENT” means capital improvements to real property by means of, but not limited to, construction, expansion, and/or renovation, of permanent or fixed features of the property.
5. The term “GRANTEE” means the party described as the GRANTEE in Section I of this CONTRACT.
6. The term “GRANT SCOPE” means the items listed in the GRANT SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form found in each of the APPLICATIONS submitted pursuant to this grant.
7. The term “GUIDES” means (1) the document identified as the “Grant Administration Guide for California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 Competitive Grant Programs Capital Improvement Projects” and (2) The Application Guide that established the competitive procedures and policies for the selection of projects.

### **B. Project Execution**

1. Subject to the availability of GRANT MONIES in the act, the STATE hereby grants to the GRANTEE a sum of money not to exceed the amount stated in Section I of this CONTRACT, in consideration of, and on condition that, the sum be expended in carrying out the purposes as set forth in the scope described in the enabling legislation and referenced in the APPLICATION, Section I of this CONTRACT, and under the terms and conditions set forth in this CONTRACT.

The GRANTEE shall assume any obligation to furnish any additional funds that may be necessary to complete the GRANT SCOPE(S).

The GRANTEE agrees to submit any change or alteration from the original GRANT SCOPE(S) in writing to the STATE for prior approval. This applies to any and all changes that occur after STATE has approved the APPLICATION. Changes in the GRANT SCOPE(S) must be approved in writing by the STATE.

2. The GRANTEE shall complete the GRANT SCOPE(S) in accordance with the time of the Performance Period set forth in Section I of this CONTRACT, and under the terms and conditions of this contract.

To maintain the integrity of the competitive grant program, the GRANTEE agrees that any other project changes or alterations which deviate from the intent of the project selection criteria provided by the GRANTEE in the original competitive APPLICATION must be submitted in writing to the STATE for prior approval.

3. The GRANTEE shall comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, §21000, et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations, §15000 et seq.).
4. The GRANTEE shall comply with all applicable current laws and regulations affecting DEVELOPMENT projects, including, but not limited to, legal requirements for construction contracts, building codes, health and safety codes, and laws and codes pertaining to individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.) and the California Unruh Act (California Civil Code §51 et seq.)

### **C. Procedural Guide**

1. GRANTEE agrees to abide by the GUIDES.
2. GRANTEE acknowledges that STATE may make reasonable changes to its procedures as set forth in the GUIDES. If STATE makes any changes to its procedures and guidelines, STATE agrees to notify GRANTEE within a reasonable time.

### **CI. Project Administration**

1. If GRANT MONIES are advanced for DEVELOPMENT projects, the advanced funds may be placed in an interest bearing account until expended. Interest earned on the advanced funds shall be used on the project as approved by the STATE. If grant monies are advanced and not expended, the unused portion of the grant and any interest earned shall be returned to the STATE within 60 days after project completion or end of the grant performance period, whichever is earlier.
2. The GRANTEE shall submit written project status reports within 30 calendar days after the STATE has made such a request. In any event, the GRANTEE shall provide the STATE a report showing total final project expenditures within 60 days of project completion or the end of the grant performance period, whichever is earlier. The grant performance period is identified in Section I of this CONTRACT.
3. The GRANTEE shall make property or facilities acquired and/or developed pursuant to this contract available for inspection upon request by the STATE.

### **E. Project Termination**

1. Project Termination refers to the non-completion of a GRANT SCOPE. Any grant funds that have not been expended by the GRANTEE shall revert to the STATE.
2. The GRANTEE may unilaterally rescind this CONTRACT at any time prior to the commencement of the project. The commencement of the project means the date of the letter notifying GRANTEE of the award or when the funds are appropriated, whichever is later. After project commencement, this CONTRACT may be rescinded, modified or amended only by mutual agreement in writing between the GRANTEE and the STATE, unless the provisions of this contract provide that mutual agreement is not required.

3. Failure by the GRANTEE to comply with the terms of the (a) GUIDES, (b) any legislation applicable to the ACT, (c) this CONTRACT as well as any other grant contracts, specified or general, that GRANTEE has entered into with STATE, may be cause for suspension of all obligations of the STATE unless the STATE determines that such failure was due to no fault of the GRANTEE. In such case, STATE may reimburse GRANTEE for eligible costs properly incurred in performance of this CONTRACT despite non-performance of the GRANTEE. To qualify for such reimbursement, GRANTEE agrees to mitigate its losses to the best of its ability.
4. Any breach of any term, provision, obligation or requirement of this CONTRACT by the GRANTEE shall be a default of this CONTRACT. In the case of any default by GRANTEE, STATE shall be entitled to all remedies available under law and equity, including but not limited to: a) Specific Performance; b) Return of all GRANT MONIES; c) Payment to the STATE of the fair market value of the project property or the actual sales price, whichever is higher; and d) Payment to the STATE of the costs of enforcement of this CONTRACT, including but not limited to court and arbitration costs, fees, expenses of litigation, and reasonable attorney fees.
5. The GRANTEE and the STATE agree that if the GRANT SCOPE includes DEVELOPMENT, final payment may not be made until the work described in the GRANT SCOPE is complete and the GRANT PROJECT is open to the public.

**F. Budget Contingency Clause**

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the budget act for purposes of this program, the STATE shall have the option to either cancel this contract with no liability occurring to the STATE, or offer a CONTRACT amendment to GRANTEE to reflect the reduced grant amount. This Paragraph shall not require the mutual agreement as addressed in Paragraph E, provision 2, of this CONTRACT.

**G. Hold Harmless**

1. The GRANTEE shall waive all claims and recourse against the STATE including the right to contribution for loss or damage to persons or property arising from, growing out of or in any way connected with or incident to this CONTRACT except claims arising from the concurrent or sole negligence of the STATE, its officers, agents, and employees.
2. The GRANTEE shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the STATE, its officers, agents and employees against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses or liability costs arising out of the ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, construction, operation or maintenance of the property described as the project which claims, demands or causes of action arise under California Government Code Section 895.2 or otherwise except for liability arising out of the concurrent or sole negligence of the STATE, its officers, agents, or employees.
3. The GRANTEE agrees that in the event the STATE is named as codefendant under the provisions of California Government Code Section 895 et seq., the GRANTEE shall notify the STATE of such fact and shall represent the STATE in the legal action unless the STATE undertakes to represent itself as codefendant in such legal action in which event the GRANTEE agrees to pay the STATE's litigation costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney fees.
4. The GRANTEE and the STATE agree that in the event of judgment entered against the STATE and the GRANTEE because of the concurrent negligence of the STATE and the GRANTEE, their officers, agents, or employees, an apportionment of liability to pay such judgment shall be made by a court of competent jurisdiction. Neither party shall request a jury apportionment.
5. The GRANTEE shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the STATE, its officers, agents and employees against any and all claims, demands, costs, expenses or liability costs arising out of

legal actions pursuant to items to which the GRANTEE has certified. The GRANTEE acknowledges that it is solely responsible for compliance with items to which it has certified.

#### **H. Financial Records**

1. The GRANTEE shall maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, including loan documents, and all other records for the project and to make them available to the STATE for auditing at reasonable times. The GRANTEE also agrees to retain such financial accounts, documents and records for five years following project termination or issuance of final payment, whichever is later.  
The GRANTEE shall keep such records as the STATE shall prescribe, including records which fully disclose (a) the disposition of the proceeds of STATE funding assistance, (b) the total cost of the project in connection with such assistance that is given or used, (c) the amount and nature of that portion of the project cost supplied by other sources, and (d) any other such records that will facilitate an effective audit.
3. The GRANTEE agrees that the STATE shall have the right to inspect and make copies of any books, records or reports pertaining to this CONTRACT or matters related thereto during regular office hours. The GRANTEE shall maintain and make available for inspection by the STATE accurate records of all of its costs, disbursements and receipts with respect to its activities under this CONTRACT. Such accounts, documents, and records shall be retained by the GRANTEE for at least five years following project termination or issuance of final payment, whichever is later.
4. The GRANTEE shall use a generally accepted accounting system.

#### **I. Use of Facilities**

1. The GRANTEE agrees that the GRANTEE shall operate and maintain the property acquired or developed with the GRANT MONIES, for the duration of the Contract Performance Period.
2. The GRANTEE agrees that, during the Contract Performance Period, the GRANTEE shall use the property acquired or developed with GRANT MONIES under this contract only for the purposes of this grant and no other use, sale, or other disposition or change of the use of the property to one not consistent with its purpose shall be permitted except as authorized by the STATE and the property shall be replaced with property of equivalent value and usefulness as determined by the STATE.
2. The property acquired or developed may be transferred to another entity if the successor entity assumes the obligations imposed under this CONTRACT and with the approval of STATE.
3. Any real Property (including any portion of it or any interest in it) may not be used as security for any debt or mitigation, without the written approval of the STATE provided that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld as long as the purposes for which the Grant was awarded are maintained. Any such permission that is granted does not make the STATE a guarantor or a surety for any debt or mitigation, nor does it waive the STATE'S rights to enforce performance under the Grant CONTRACT.
4. All real property, or rights thereto, acquired with GRANT MONIES shall be subject to an appropriate form of restrictive title, rights, or covenants approved by the STATE. If the project property is taken by use of eminent domain, GRANTEE shall reimburse STATE an amount at least equal to the amount of GRANT MONIES received from STATE or the pro-rated full market value of the real property, including improvements, at the time of sale, whichever is higher.

5. If eminent domain proceedings are initiated against GRANTEE, GRANTEE shall notify STATE within 10 days of receiving the complaint.

**J. Nondiscrimination**

1. The GRANTEE shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, age, religion, ancestry, sexual orientation, or disability in the use of any property or facility developed pursuant to this contract.
2. The GRANTEE shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of residence except to the extent that reasonable differences in admission or other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence and pursuant to law.
3. All facilities shall be open to members of the public generally, except as noted under the special provisions of this project CONTRACT or under provisions of the enabling legislation and/or grant program.

**K. Severability**

If any provision of this CONTRACT or the application thereof is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the CONTRACT which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this CONTRACT are severable.

**L. Liability**

1. STATE assumes no responsibility for assuring the safety or standards of construction, site improvements or programs related to the GRANT SCOPE. The STATE'S rights under this CONTRACT to review, inspect and approve the GRANT SCOPE and any final plans of implementation shall not give rise to any warranty or representation that the GRANT SCOPE and any plans or improvements are free from hazards or defects.
2. GRANTEE will secure adequate liability insurance, performance bond, and/or other security necessary to protect the GRANTEE's and STATE'S interest against poor workmanship, fraud, or other potential loss associated with completion of the grant project.

**M. Assignability**

Without the written consent of the STATE, the GRANTEE'S interest in and responsibilities under this CONTRACT shall not be assignable by the GRANTEE either in whole or in part.

**N. Use of Grant Monies**

GRANTEE shall not use any grant funds (including any portion thereof) for the purpose of making any leverage loan, pledge, promissory note or similar financial device or transaction, without: 1) the prior written approval of the STATE; and 2) any financial or legal interests created by any such leverage loan, pledge, promissory note or similar financial device or transaction in the project property shall be completely subordinated to this CONTRACT through a Subordination Agreement provided and approved by the STATE, signed by all parties involved in the transaction, and recorded in the County Records against the fee title of the project property.

**O. Section Headings**

The headings and captions of the various sections of this CONTRACT have been inserted only for the purpose of convenience and are not a part of this CONTRACT and shall not be deemed in any manner to modify, explain, or restrict any of the provisions of this CONTRACT.

**P. Waiver**

Any failure by a party to enforce its rights under this CONTRACT, in the event of a breach, shall *not* be construed as a waiver of said rights; and the waiver of any breach under this CONTRACT shall *not* be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach.

GRANTEE

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature Date

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Print Name and Title

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature Date

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Print Name and Title

## Accounting and Audits

### Accounting Requirements

GRANTEES must use accounting practices that:

- Provide accounting data that clearly records costs incurred on the PROJECT and accurately reflects fiscal transactions, with the necessary controls and safeguards.
- Provide good audit trails, especially the source documents (purchase orders, receipts, progress payments, invoices, time cards, cancelled warrants, warrant numbers, etc.) specific to the PROJECT.

### Accounting Rules for Employee Services (IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES)

GRANTEES must follow these accounting practices for employee services:

- Maintain time and attendance records as charges are incurred, identifying the employee through a name or other tracking system, and that employee's actual time spent on the PROJECT.
- Time estimates, including percentages, for work performed on the PROJECT are not acceptable.
- Time sheets that do not identify the specific employee's time spent on the PROJECT are not acceptable.
- Costs of the salaries and wages must be calculated according to the GRANTEE'S wage and salary scales, and may include benefit costs such as vacation, health insurance, pension contributions and workers' compensation.
- Overtime costs may be allowed under the GRANTEE'S established policy, provided that the regular work time was devoted to the same PROJECT.
- May not include overhead or cost allocation. These are costs generally associated with supporting an employee, such as rent, personnel support, IT, utilities, etc.

### State Audit

Grants are subject to audit by DPR (see page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, Audit Checklist). All PROJECT records must be retained for five years after final payment was issued, or PROJECT terminated, whichever is later.

The GRANTEE must provide the following when an audit date and time has been confirmed by DPR:

- All PROJECT records, including the source documents and cancelled warrants, books, papers, accounts, time sheets, or other records listed in the Audit Checklist or requested by DPR.
- An employee having knowledge of the PROJECT and its records to assist the DPR auditor.

### Record Keeping Recommendation

GRANTEES are encouraged to keep records of all eligible costs, including those not submitted to OGALS for payment. This provides a potential source of additional eligible costs, should any submitted expenses be deemed ineligible.

Contact the DPR Audits Office at (916) 657-0370 for questions about these requirements.

## **Audit Checklist**

An audit of the PROJECT may be performed before or following PROJECT completion. The GRANTEE must retain and make available all PROJECT related records for five years following PROJECT termination or final payment of GRANT funds. Listed below are some of the items the auditor will examine during the review of your records as applicable. It is the responsibility of the GRANTEE to have these records available in a central location ready for review once an audit date and time has been confirmed. If you have any questions regarding these documents, contact the State Department of Parks and Recreation Audits Office at (916) 657-0370.

### **CONTRACTS**

- Summary list of bidders (including individual bid packages)
- Recommendation by reviewer of bids
- Award by governing body (minutes of the meeting/resolution)
- Construction contract agreement
- Contract bonds (bid, performance, payment)
- Contract change orders
- Contractor's progress billings
- Payments to contractor (cancelled checks/warrants, bank statements, EFT receipts\*\*)
- Stop Notices (filed by sub-contractors and release if applicable)
- Liquidated damages (claimed against the contractor)
- Notice of completion (recorded)

### **IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES\***

- Authorization/work order identifying project
- Daily time sheets signed by employee and supervisor
- Hourly rate (salary schedules/payroll register)
- Fringe benefits (provide breakdown)

### **IN-HOUSE EQUIPMENT\***

- Authorization/work order
- Daily time records identifying the project site
- Hourly rate related backup documents

### **MINOR CONTRACTS/ MATERIALS/ SERVICES/EQUIPMENT RENTALS**

- Purchase orders/Contracts/Service Agreements
- Invoices
- Payments (cancelled checks/warrants, bank statements and EFT receipts \*\*)

### **ACQUISITION**

- Appraisal Report
  - Did the owner accompany the appraiser?
  - 10-year history

- Statement of just compensation (signed by seller)
- Statement of difference (if purchased above appraisal)
- Waiver of just compensation (if purchased below appraisal: signed by seller)
- Final Escrow Closing Statement
- Cancelled checks/warrants, bank statements and EFT receipts, [payment(s) to seller(s)]
- GRANT deed (vested to the participant) or final order of condemnation
- Title insurance policy (issued to participant)
- Relocation documents
- Income (rental, grazing, sale of improvements, etc.)

### **INTEREST**

- Schedule of interest earned on State funds advanced (Interest on grant advances is accountable, even if commingled in a pooled fund account and/or interest was never allocated back to the grant fund.)

### **AGREEMENT/CONTRACTS**

- Leases, agreements, etc., pertaining to developed/acquired property
- Proof of insurance pertaining to developed/acquired property

*\* Estimated time expended on the projects is not acceptable. Actual time records and all supporting documentation must be maintained as charges are incurred and made available for verification at the time of audit.*

*\*\* Front and back if copied.*

## Definitions

Capitalized words and terms used in this guide are defined below.

**ADVANCE** – payment made to the GRANTEE for work that will occur in the future or work that has already occurred during the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD and has not been paid for by the GRANTEE.

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE** – the GRANTEE’S designated position authorized in the Resolution to sign all required GRANT documents.

**CEQA** – the California Environmental Quality Act established policies and procedures requiring GRANTEES to identify, disclose to decision makers and the public, and attempt to lessen, significant impacts to environmental and historical resources that may occur as a result of the GRANTEE’S proposed PROJECT. (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.; Title 14 California Code of Regulations §15000 et seq.)

**CONSTRUCTION COSTS** – costs incurred starting with the date when ground-breaking construction activities such as site preparation, grading, or gutting begins, and continuing to the end of the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

**CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD** – the amount of time stated on the contract agreement, specifying the performance of the contractual grant obligations between the GRANTEE and DPR.

**DEVELOPMENT** – construction, expansion, or renovation.

**DPR** – the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

**GRANT** – funds made available to a GRANTEE for completion of the PROJECT during the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

**GRANTEE** – an entity having a fully executed contract with DPR.

**GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD** – period of time that ELIGIBLE COSTS may be incurred by the GRANTEE and paid for by DPR, as specified in the fully executed contract.

**IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES** –GRANTEE’S employees working on the PROJECT SCOPE.

**OGALS** – DPR’S Office of Grants and Local Services.

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION COSTS** – costs incurred within the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD for the planning, design, and permit phase of the PROJECT before construction can begin.

**PROJECT** – the SCOPE as described in the competitive application to be completed with GRANT funds and committed funds, if identified on Funding Sources Form (page 6).

**PROJECT COMPLETION** – when the SCOPE is complete and the facilities are open and useable by the public.

**PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET** – The documents listed on page 23 that are required in order to request final payment following PROJECT COMPLETION.

**PROJECT OFFICER** – an OGALS employee, who acts as a liaison with GRANTEES and administers GRANT funds, facilitates compliance with the Administration Guide and the GRANT contract.

**SCOPE** – the recreation features and major support amenities, as described in the competitive application that must be completed prior to final GRANT payment.