

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FLOOD CORRIDOR PROGRAM

NOTICE OF 2010-2011 PROPOSAL SOLICITATION

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is soliciting grant applications for the Flood Corridor Program (FCP) 2010-2011 competitive funding cycle beginning December 15, 2010. The deadline for proposals is February 25, 2011.

In addition to implementing primarily non-structural methods to achieve a significant reduction in flood risk or potential flood damages, projects must also include elements that provide for (1) agricultural land preservation or (2) wildlife habitat protection or enhancement, or both.

Who May Apply

Any local government agency or non-profit organization with an interest in flood protection and flood risk reduction issues is eligible to sponsor projects that seek to acquire, restore, enhance and protect real property for the purposes of flood water management and flood damage reduction together with agricultural land preservation and/or wildlife habitat conservation. Sponsoring agencies or organizations that meet the aforementioned criteria may partner with other types of agencies and organizations as necessary to ensure diverse funding sources and necessary expertise on the project team.

Funds Available

Up to \$75 million will be available for the 2011 funding cycle from Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 beginning at Section 75001 of the California Public Resources Code, and from Proposition 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, using funds from Section 5096.825 of the Public Resources Code.

Grant Cap

The involvement of cost-sharing partners is strongly encouraged. A grant cap of \$5 million per project has been established for grants from the FCP; however, total project costs can exceed \$5 million if the additional funds required come from another source. The purpose of the grant cap is to spread the available grant funds among the greatest number of qualified projects. Requests for funding greater than the established cap will be considered on a case-by-case basis for projects with exceptionally high flood risk reduction, wildlife, or agricultural conservation benefits. The minimum requirement for non-government funding is 10% of the FCP grant amount, and higher amounts of non-State funding brought to the project by funding partners will translate to a higher score in the competitive evaluation.

Fundable Activities

- Non-structural flood risk reduction projects within flood corridors;
- Acquisition of real property fee title or easements in a floodplain;
- Setting back or removing existing flood control levees, or strengthening or modifying existing levees in conjunction with levee setbacks;
- Preserving or enhancing flood-compatible agricultural use of real property,
- Preserving or enhancing wildlife values of real property through permanent enforceable land use restrictions, title restrictions, and/or restoration of habitat compatible with seasonal flooding;
- Repairing breaches in flood control systems, water diversion facilities, or flood control facilities damaged by a project developed pursuant to Chapter 5, Article 2.5 of the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act of 2000 including new projects funded through Propositions 84 and 1E.;

- Establishing a trust fund for up to 20 percent of the money paid for acquisition or restoration for the purpose of earning interest to fund long-term maintenance of the acquired or restored lands (Proposition 84 only); and/or
- Paying costs associated with administration of the projects.

Proposal Deadline

Applicants must submit a complete application on-line using DWR's Bond Management System (BMS) software which is located at the following Internet address: <http://www.water.ca.gov/bms/>. BMS can only be accessed with Internet Explorer. Applicants must submit a complete application both electronically and in hard copy.

Applications submitted during competitive solicitation should be completed on BMS by:

5:00pm, February 25, 2011.

Please make sure that your hardcopy application package with original signature is postmarked on or before February 25, 2011.

Proposals received after this date and time will not be accepted. Signed hard copies should be delivered to the address below:

Earl Nelson, Program Manager
Flood Protection Corridor Program
Department of Water Resources, Division of Flood Management
3310 El Camino Avenue, Room 140
Sacramento, CA 95821

Visit the Flood Corridor Program website at <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/fpo/sgb/fpcp/> to download a copy of the application and instructions and FCP Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E funding guidelines. There will also be a series of five regional workshops in January at the times, dates, and locations described on the following page.

Additional Information

For questions regarding the application, application process, the regional workshops, or other concerns, please contact:

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**Notice of Flood Corridor Program Grant Application Pre-Submittal Workshops
in Fresno, Riverside, San Diego, Sacramento, and Red Bluff**

Five separate pre-submittal workshops will be held to provide opportunities for applicants to become familiar with application materials and to resolve questions that may arise during the application process. The January 18, 2011 Sacramento workshop will also be available by WebEx. To participate in the WebEx, please contact Amy Young at ayoung@water.ca.gov to receive an invitation; you will need an active internet connection and phone line. Workshop times have been selected to allow for participation of the greatest number of prospective applicants while considering local traffic congestion patterns.

The following five workshops have been scheduled:

- Fresno:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 from 1 to 3 p.m.
San Joaquin District Office
Department of Water Resources
3374 East Shields Avenue
Fresno, CA 93704
- Riverside:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 from 1 to 3 p.m.
California Tower Building, Victoria Room 205
3737 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501
- San Diego:** Friday, January 14, 2011 from 1 to 3 p.m.
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123
- Sacramento:** Tuesday, January 18, 2011 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Resources Building Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Red Bluff:** Friday, January 21, 2011 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Red Bluff City Council Chambers
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080