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Grant guidelines and deadlines are subject to periodic change. Please check the program websites for new information. Some of the deadlines listed are projected from the last funding round and may be unreliable. Check the program's website!

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TOURISM AND RECREATION: PLANNING, FEASIBILITY STUDIES, AND OTHER ASSISTANCE

Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program (Non-entitlement) Planning/Technical Assistance Grants

[California Department of Housing and Community Development – Community Development Block Grant Website](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/cdbg.shtml#redesign)
(<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/cdbg.shtml#redesign>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Up to \$250,000. A 5% cash match is required.
- Funding Focus: Economic development planning, feasibility studies, data gathering, etc.
- Estimated Deadline: Varies. (The most recent deadline was June 1, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Planning, feasibility studies, analysis, data-gathering, etc. Could be used for a county-wide tourism business development plan. Multiple counties could also engage in the planning effort under one grant.

Details

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has multiple categories of funding, all of which come out in a 'SuperNOFA' (Notice of Funding Availability) which is usually released at the beginning of each year. Application due dates change yearly. There are many technical requirements for the submission of these applications so start the application process early.

Incorporated cities under 50,000 in population and counties with an unincorporated area population of under 200,000 are eligible to participate in the State CDBG Program. These must be 'non-entitlement' jurisdictions, which is pretty much always the case in rural areas. Since only incorporated cities and counties may be applicants, contact the appropriate planning or economic development department to work with you on the application.

Planning and technical assistance studies focus on research, analysis, and planning for community needs related to housing, public improvements, community facilities, public services, and local planning issues. Planning study final products must show a connection to assisting with an eligible CDBG activity. A 5% match is required.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Development Grants

[US Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant website](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants)
(<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants>)

Summary

- Funding Range: No maximum but smaller grants preferred. A match impacts scoring but is not required.
- Funding Focus: Projects that finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging rural businesses.
- Estimated Deadline: Varies. (The most recent deadline was March 13, 2020).
- Eligible Costs: Technical assistance (including feasibility assessments), training programs, small business lending programs, business incubators, and rural distance learning networks.

Details

The Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program is designed to provide targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities that lead to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas. The program has two components:

- Rural Business Enterprise Grants, which may be used to acquire or develop land, buildings, plants, equipment, streets, parking, and other infrastructure; provide technical assistance; establish revolving loan funds; and create rural distance learning programs for adults related to employment or job advancement.
- Rural Business Opportunity Grants, which fund technical assistance, training, and planning for business and economic development.

Eligible applicants include public entities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations.

Applicants must demonstrate a successful history and track record of administering economic and community development financial and technical assistance programs designed to promote small rural business development.

The program is only available to rural areas. Rural areas are defined as cities, towns, or unincorporated areas that have a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less and are not both urbanized and immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants. There is no maximum but grants average \$50,000 - \$60,000. A match is not required but does impact scoring.

USDA Rural Community Development Initiative

[US Department of Agriculture Rural Community Development Initiative website](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants)
(<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$50,000 - \$250,000. A 100% (1:1) cash match is required.
- Funding Focus: Develop the capacity of rural nonprofits, low-income communities, and federally recognized tribes to undertake housing, community facilities, or economic development projects.
- Estimated Deadline: Varies. (The most recent deadline was May 13, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Technical assistance and capacity building related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. Eligible services include staff assistance, training, predevelopment consultations, and some computer and software expenses. The grant could be used to support tourism business development.

Details

The objective of this program is to develop the capacity of rural organizations and communities to improve housing, community facilities, and community/economic development projects.

This grant provides funding to an intermediary organization that will provide technical assistance to sub-grantees (the community organizations developing the housing, community facilities, or economic development projects). An intermediary can assist multiple sub-grantees if they meet specific organizational requirements. Part of the scoring criteria is the income level for the community served by the sub-grantee organization, which is determined to be the area where the organization's office is located.

Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be used for training sub-grantees to conduct strategic planning, fundraising, and other necessary skills. The grants can also be used for expert assistance, as well as building organizational capacity through board training, workshops, etc.

USDA Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

[US Department of Agriculture Microenterprise Assistance Program website](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program/ca)
(<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program/ca>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$50,000 - \$500,000. A 15% match is required.
- Funding Focus: Loans and technical assistance grants to business assistance organizations serving rural microenterprises.
- Estimated Deadline: Unknown – check the website to see if applications are being accepted.
- Eligible Costs: Loan funds are to provide financing to rural microenterprises. Technical assistance grants are used to provide business training services.

Details

The purpose of the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. Direct loans and grants are made to selected Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs). The MDOs then provide loans (\$50,000 or less) and technical assistance to microborrowers. Technical assistance-only (TA-only) grants are also available to MDOs to provide technical assistance and training to prospective borrowers.

Eligible applicants are nonprofit entities, Native American tribes, and public institutions of higher education. Applicants must have a record of delivering training and technical assistance to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. A microentrepreneur, or microenterprise, is defined as a business entity with not more than 10 full-time equivalent employees.

Loans can be for working capital, supplies and inventory, equipment, debt refinancing, business acquisitions, and purchase or lease of real estate.

USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

[US Department of Agriculture Farmers Market Promotion Program website](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp)
(<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$50,000 - \$250,000 for Capacity Building, \$100,000 - \$500,000 for Community Development Training and Technical Assistance. A 25% match is required.
- Funding Focus: New market opportunities for farm and ranch operations, farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer markets.
- Estimated Deadline: Varies. (The most recent deadline was May 26, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Outreach, training, technical assistance, and business assistance.

Details

The goals of the Farmers' Market Promotion Program (FMPP) grants are to increase access to locally and regionally produced agricultural products and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets. The program does this by providing outreach, training, and technical assistance. Assistance may be focused on farmers' markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

FMPP funds two categories of projects: capacity-building projects and community development training and technical assistance projects. Capacity-building projects are intended to assist applicants in building long-term organizational capacity in the development of farmers' markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, agritourism activities, online sales, or other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Community development training and technical assistance projects are intended to assist applicants' efforts to provide outreach, training, and technical assistance to farm and ranch operations serving local markets.

Priority consideration is given to projects that benefit communities located in areas of concentrated poverty with limited access to supermarkets or locally/regionally grown food.

National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Program: Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects

[National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Program website](https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/grant-program-description)

(<https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/grant-program-description>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$25,000 - \$150,000. A 100% (1:1) non-federal match is required.
- Funding Focus: Support creative placemaking projects that contribute towards the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core.
- Estimated Deadline: August. (The most recent deadline was August 6, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Eligible project activities include arts engagement, public art, cultural district planning, design of public spaces, and community engagement activities including design charrettes, design competitions, and community design workshops.

Details

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program. These grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Successful Our Town projects ultimately lay the groundwork for systemic changes that sustain the integration of arts, culture, and design into strategies for strengthening communities.

There are four program areas:

- Arts engagement (artist residency, art festivals, public art, etc.)
- Cultural planning (cultural district planning, creative asset mapping, and cultural arts planning)
- Design (including design of cultural facilities and public spaces)
- Arts and creative industry support (creative business development and professional artist development)

National Endowment for the Arts: Challenge America

[National Endowment for the Arts: Challenge America Grant website](https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description)

(<https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$10,000. A 100% (1:1) non-federal match is required.
- Funding Focus: To support the extension of arts opportunities to underserved populations, including those that have limited access to the arts because of geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.
- Estimated Deadline: April. (The funding round in 2020 was canceled. Applicants are encouraged to explore the [Grants for Arts Projects website](#) for alternative funding sources.)
- Eligible Costs: Funds may be used for salaries and wages, travel, consultant and artist fees, contractual services, promotion, acquisition fees, evaluation and assessment fees, access accommodations, office expenses, publication, rental of space or equipment, and other project-specific costs.

Details

The purpose of this program is to support the extension of arts opportunities to underserved populations, including those that have limited access to the arts because of geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Funding is available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community

development. Projects may be large or small, new or existing, and may be part of or outside of the applicant's scope of regular programming.

Projects must involve experienced artists and arts professionals and must engage the public with diverse and excellent art. Eligible projects may include:

- Arts events that will feature one or more guest artists
- Cultural tourism, specifically the unified promotion of community-wide arts activities and/or the development of cultural tourism products
- Public art projects (primarily visual arts projects) which may be temporary or permanent and that are community-based, professionally directed, and developed through a meaningful community engagement process

Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, and other organizations. They must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, units of state or local government, federally recognized tribal communities, or local education agencies.

CA Cultural and Historical Endowment: California Museum Grant Program

[CA Cultural and Historical Endowment: California Museum Grant website](https://resources.ca.gov/grants/california-museum)
(<https://resources.ca.gov/grants/california-museum>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$50,000 - \$250,000. A 20% match is required.
- Funding Focus: Supporting and enhancing museums that recognize the importance of making art, science, history, and culture available to the residents of California, with an emphasis on previously underserved communities.
- Estimated Deadline: Unknown.
- Eligible Costs: Applicants can request funding for capital projects, program projects, or a combination of capital and program projects.

Details

This program is open to museums of any size and discipline, but they must have been open to the public for at least two years for a minimum of 120 days per year. The grant funds small capital projects, exhibits, educational programs, outreach programs, public programs, curriculum, marketing, and collections care. Priorities include:

- Significant events occurring in the 20th century
- Unique identifiable ethnic and other communities

- Culturally significant changes
- Illustrations of California's economic strength
- Factors contributing to the national defense
- California's living cultural heritage and folklife
- Geologic and oceanographic history, including paleontology
- Native American archeology, history, and culture
- Natural history resources
- California history, archeology, and culture
- Preserving, documenting, interpreting, or enhancing the understanding of California's story and communities that are absent or underrepresented in existing historical parks, monuments, museums, and other facilities

National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

[National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program website](http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm)
(<http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>)

Summary

- Funding Range: No funding is provided, technical assistance only.
- Funding Focus: Development of parks, trails, and access to rivers and other special places.
- Estimated Deadline: Rolling. [Use this website to contact the program manager for your state](#) and discuss the proposed project and the application process.
- Eligible Costs: This program provides staff assistance in the form of planning, facilitation, design, and other services.

Details

This program does not provide funding but rather NPS staff provide free, on-location facilitation and planning expertise for projects related to the development of parks, trails, access to rivers, and other special places. They can help guide a project from conception to completion. Some of the ways they can help include:

- Define project vision and goals
- Inventory and map community resources
- Identify and analyze key issues and opportunities
- Engage collaborative partners and stakeholders
- Design community outreach and participation strategies
- Develop concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas
- Set priorities and build consensus

- Identify funding sources
- Develop sustainable organizational frameworks to support projects

Preserve America Communities Designation Program

[Preserve America Communities Program website](https://www.achp.gov/preserve-america/preserve-america-communities)

(<https://www.achp.gov/preserve-america/preserve-america-communities>)

Summary

- Funding Range: No funding is provided; designation makes the community eligible for other grant programs.
- Funding Focus: Preserve America community designations recognize communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.
- Estimated Deadline: Quarterly.
- Eligible Costs: Benefits of designation include White House recognition, a certificate of recognition, a Preserve America Community directory listing, national and regional press releases, and eligibility for Preserve America awards.

Details

The purpose of this program is to provide eligible communities with a Preserve America Community designation. Designations recognize communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

Benefits of designation include:

- A certificate of recognition
- Authorization to use the Preserve America logo on signs, flags, banners, and promotional materials
- Listing in a web-based Preserve America Community directory
- National and regional press releases
- Eligibility for Preserve America awards, when funded by Congress
- Enhanced community visibility and pride

The project that the applicant selects to feature must be one that has been supported by the community within the last three years and is complete and/or currently promoting heritage tourism or otherwise fostering economic vitality.

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CA Natural Resources Agency Youth Community Access Program

[CA Natural Resources Agency Youth Community Access Program website](https://resources.ca.gov/grants/youth)
(<https://resources.ca.gov/grants/youth>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$50,000 - \$300,000. No match is required.
- Funding Focus: Supporting youth access to natural and cultural resources with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities, including community education and recreational amenities to support youth substance use prevention and early intervention.
- Estimated Deadline: September. (The most recent deadline was September 16, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Funding is provided for small capital asset projects, public programs, educational programs, job training programs, and outreach programs to support youth access to natural and cultural resources.

Details

This program provides funding to support small capital asset projects, public programs, educational programs, job training programs, and outreach programs to support youth access to natural and cultural resources. Projects must serve youth, defined as a person between the ages of birth and 26. The projects must also increase youth accessibility to natural and cultural resources and associated services and must include design features and program elements to promote youth safety, well-being, and comfort.

Projects containing the following elements will be given priority consideration for funding:

- Projects that feature youth-led opportunities. Youth-led means projects in which youth are a participant in the planning, decision-making, facilitation, and evaluation;
- Projects that propose resource awareness campaigns featuring youth and using youth vernacular; and
- Projects that empower youth to make healthy choices.

The focus is on underserved communities, specifically on communities of color and vulnerable populations such as foster and transition-age youth, LGBTQIA youth, youth with disabilities, and youth involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system. Eligible projects include construction, access vehicles, youth-led activities and workshops, cultural festivals, installations and exhibits, workforce development, and cultural competency training.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program (Part A): Acquisition and Development Grants

[Land and Water Conservation Fund Program website](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21360)
(https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21360)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$300,000 - \$1 million. A 50% match is required.
- Funding Focus: Acquisition and/or development projects in under-served urbanized areas.
- Estimated Deadline: April. (The most recent deadline was April 6, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Acquisition and/or development projects to create or reinvigorate parks and other outdoor recreation spaces located in urbanized areas.

Details

ORLP is a federal subprogram of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). ORLP is administered at the federal level by the National Park Service. A total of \$40 million is available for all states on a competitive basis. Each state may recommend up to four projects for consideration. The minimum grant request per project application is \$300,000; the maximum request is \$1,000,000.

In California, proposals must be submitted to the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for review in April. OGALS will then submit up to four proposals on behalf of California to a National Review Committee by early July. The National Review Committee's process can take up to two years and there is no guarantee that any of the four projects nominated by California will be selected by the Committee. If a project is selected for funding, additional federal requirements must be met, which could take an additional year. Therefore, projects that can be delayed until 2023 may be the best choice for submission to this program.

The ORLP program can fund acquisition and/or development projects. Target projects create or reinvigorate parks and other outdoor recreation spaces located in census-delineated urbanized areas. These are areas that have a population of 50,000 or more

with high density. Further, the program targets projects located in or directly accessible to neighborhoods or communities that are underserved in terms of parks and recreation resources with an economically disadvantaged population.

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

[US Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program website](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program)

(<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Depends on community size and income, but in no case can the grants be more than \$50,000. Loans can be much larger. A 25% match is required.
- Funding Focus: Developing essential community facilities in rural areas. These can include parks or recreational facilities.
- Estimated Deadline: Rolling.
- Eligible Costs: Construction of buildings, roads, bridges, fences, or utilities, as well as other public improvements. Also acquisition of land and water rights, but only when they are necessary for the facility.

Details

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Essential community facilities are defined as ‘public improvements requisite to the beneficial and orderly development of a community that is operated on a nonprofit basis’. Eligible facilities include those providing community, social, or cultural services. It is possible that funding could be used for the development of parks, recreational facilities, or trailheads.

This program provides low-interest loans and grants. The percentage of the project which can be provided as a grant depends on the size of the community and its income levels.

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Land Transportation Program

[US Department of Transportation Federal Land Transportation Program website](https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/transportation)

(<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/transportation>)

Summary

- Funding Range: No maximum. No match is required.
- Funding Focus: Improving transportation facilities on public lands.
- Estimated Deadline: Periodic 'Calls for Projects'.
- Eligible Costs: Program administration, transportation planning, research, preventive maintenance, engineering, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of roads, parking areas, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, etc.

Details

The Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) was established to improve transportation facilities on public lands, including national parks and Forest Service lands. The program focuses on improving federal lands transportation facilities (FLTFs) that are located on, adjacent to, or provide access to public lands. The FLTFs must be owned and maintained by the federal government and must be included in the national FLTF inventory.

Funds can be used for:

- Program administration, transportation planning, research, preventive maintenance, engineering, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of FLTFs, as well as adjacent vehicular parking areas
- Acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
- Environmental mitigation to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity; to mitigate the damage to wildlife and promote ecosystem connectivity
- Construction and reconstruction of roadside rest areas, including sanitary and water facilities
- Congestion mitigation
- Other appropriate public road facilities

By statute, the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Forest Service receive annual FLTP allocations. For instance, the Forest Service is allocated \$30 million per year for the next five years. These agencies provide an application, also known as an "investment strategy," that describes how FLTP funds will be used to advance the performance goals of the program. One of the priorities for these strategies is high-use federal recreation sites or federal economic generators.

The program provides 100 percent of project costs.

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Land Access Program

[US Department of Transportation Federal Land Access Program website](https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access)
(<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access>)

Summary

- Funding Range: No maximum. An 11.47% match is required.
- Funding Focus: Improvement of state or county roads and other transportation facilities that provide access to high-use federal recreational areas or economic generators.
- Estimated Deadline: Periodic 'Calls for Projects'. States receive funding every 2-3 years. (California's next Call for Projects is expected in October 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: This program does not provide funding. Instead, the FLAP team will implement the project, including scoping, budgets, engineering, design, environmental review, procurement, and construction management.

Details

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) provides funds for roads and other transportation facilities (bridges, trails, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, etc.) owned/maintained by the state or county that provide access to federal lands that have high recreational use or economic impact. FLAP funds cannot be used on federally owned or maintained roads; funding for those projects is provided by the Federal Lands Transportation Program (see above).

Eligible activities include work on parking areas and trailheads, provisions for pedestrians and bicycles, mitigation measures to reduce wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity, roadside rest areas, etc.

A successful application does not result in grant funding for the project. Instead, the project goes on a list and is implemented by the Federal Lands Highway office, which takes care of scoping, environmental review, design, procurement, and construction administration in close partnership with the relevant agencies.

Applications are submitted by the agency responsible for maintaining the facility in question (usually the county), but local offices of the Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) often assist in completing the application materials. In any case, the project application must be supported by the appropriate FLMA, documented by a completed support form or a letter of support.

Calls for projects take place every two or three years. The next one in California is scheduled for fall 2020.

National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partnership Funding

[National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partnership website](http://www.wildernessalliance.org/trail_funding)
(http://www.wildernessalliance.org/trail_funding)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$2,000 - \$20,000. A 100% (1:1) match is required.
- Funding Focus: Increasing trail maintenance and reducing deferred maintenance (trail backlog) on National Forest System trails.
- Estimated Deadline: March or April. (The most recent deadline was March 30, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Maintenance work on qualifying trails, including clearing, brushing, tread repair, structure repair or replacement, and installation of trail signs.

Details

The National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partnership Funding program funds trails and stewardship organizations to increase trail maintenance accomplishments and reduce deferred maintenance (trail backlog) on National Forest System trails. Funding is available for all types of terra trails (summer use trails), for both motorized and non-motorized uses. Projects can include clearing, brushing, tread repair, structure repair or replacement, and installation of trail signs. Any activity that will reduce existing trail deferred maintenance is also acceptable. Any trail work that will meet National Quality Standards and is required under the Trail Management Objectives will qualify.

Qualified applicants include any nonprofit organization in good standing with the IRS. Organizations should have a sponsored volunteer or other agreement with their local Forest Service office for work performed under this program.

The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance (NWSA) is the lead manager for the program. NWSA works collaboratively with American Trails, the American Hiking Society, the Back Country Horsemen of America, the International Mountain Biking Association, the Blue Ribbon Coalition, and the American Motorcyclist Association to review and select projects that will provide an overall benefit to the National Forest System trails network.

CA Natural Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program

[CA Natural Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program website](http://resources.ca.gov/grants/environmental-enhancement-and-mitigation-eem/)
(<http://resources.ca.gov/grants/environmental-enhancement-and-mitigation-eem/>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Up to \$500,000 (\$1 million for acquisition projects). A match encouraged but is not required.
- Funding Focus: Urban forestry, resource lands, or additional mitigation of transportation projects.
- Estimated Deadline: June or July. (The next anticipated deadline is winter 2021.)
- Eligible Costs: Direct project-related costs (acquisition, restoration, or development) incurred during the project performance period. Indirect costs are not covered.

Details

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) is designed to fund projects that help mitigate the environmental effects of transportation facilities. Eligible projects must be directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of the modification of an existing transportation facility or construction of a new transportation facility. This means that the proposed project must be in the immediate vicinity or general area of work done on a public street, highway, mass transit guideway, or appurtenant features (park and ride facilities, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, transit stations, etc.). These are called 'Related Transportation Facilities' (RTF). Not all road work qualifies; see the guidelines. You can identify eligible RTFs by contacting your local transportation department, Regional Transit Agency, Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), Council of Local Governments (COG), Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), or Caltrans District Office. You will need a lot of documentation from this transportation agency, so contact it early in the process.

Project categories include:

- Urban forestry projects designed to offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide
- Resource lands projects for the acquisition or enhancement of resource lands to mitigate the loss of, or the detriment to, resource lands lying within or near the right-of-way acquired for transportation improvements
- Mitigation projects beyond the scope of the lead agency responsible for assessing the environmental impact of the proposed transportation improvement

The EEMP encourages projects that produce multiple benefits that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase water use efficiency, reduce risks from climate change impacts, and demonstrate collaboration with local, state, and community entities. Eligible applicants are local, state, and federal governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations.

CA Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund

[CA Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund Program website](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30240)

(https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30240)

Summary

- Funding Range: Grants up to \$6 million. A 100% (1:1) match is required.
- Funding Focus: Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
- Estimated Deadline: February. (The most recent deadline was February 3, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Can fund either acquisition or development projects, but not both.

Details

Applications may fund either acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas, and cultural areas for recreational use.

Eligible applicants include cities, counties, and districts authorized to acquire, develop, operate, and maintain park and recreation areas. Property acquired or developed under the program must be maintained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.

CA Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Program

[CA Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Program website](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29939)

(https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29939)

Summary

- Funding Range: Grants from \$200,000 to \$8.5 million. A match is not required.
- Funding Focus: To create new parks, expand, or improve existing parks.
- Estimated Deadline: December. (The most recent deadline is December 14, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Can fund the acquisition of land, pre-construction activities, and construction costs.

Details

The purpose of this grant is to create new parks, expand, or improve existing parks, and to increase park access in under-served communities throughout California. Projects in economically disadvantaged communities with a lack of parks are prioritized. Parks

designed with community residents' ideas through community-based planning and partnerships with health organizations are encouraged.

CA Wildlife Conservation Board: Public Access Program

[CA Wildlife Conservation Board Public Access Program website](https://wcb.ca.gov/Programs/Public-Access)
(<https://wcb.ca.gov/Programs/Public-Access>)

Summary

- Funding Range: The amount of grants varies with individual solicitations. Match impacts project scoring.
- Funding Focus: Creating opportunities for meaningful wildlife-oriented recreation experiences that will inspire Californians across the State to serve as conservation stewards.
- Estimated Deadline: August. (The most recent deadline for pre-applications was June 29, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Funding can be used for planning, construction, and implementation. Indirect costs cannot be funded but can be counted as cost-share.

Details

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) carries out a program to improve public access to hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-oriented recreation throughout California. Financial assistance is available to State and federal agencies, cities, counties, and public districts or corporations for the development of public access facilities such as fishing piers or floats, access roads, boat launching ramps, trails, boardwalks, interpretive facilities, and lake or stream improvements. Support facilities such as restrooms and parking areas are also eligible for funding under this program.

Under the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947, it is required that the State have a proprietary interest in the land or water on which the improvements are made. Prior to approval of a project by the WCB, either a Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement or a lease agreement may be required between the local agency and the State to secure a proprietary interest in the project site and ensure the long-term management and maintenance of the improvements. Awards are available to federal and state agencies, counties, cities, nonprofit organizations, or public districts that manage and operate wildlife oriented public access properties or programs.

Each year specific recreational needs are identified. Funding is awarded on a competitive basis using specific priorities and evaluation criteria designed to meet the identified need contained in each solicitation.

CA Department of Parks and Recreation – Recreational Trails Program

[CA Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program website](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24324)
(http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24324)

Summary

- Funding Range: Unrestricted. A 12% match is required.
- Funding Focus: Development of non-motorized trails.
- Estimated Deadline: February. (The most recent deadline was February 3, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Acquisition of easements and fee simple titles to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors; development and rehabilitation of trails, trailside, and trailhead facilities; and construction of new trails.

Details

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds annually for recreational trails and trail-related projects. This program channels federal transportation funding through the CA Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Active Transportation Program (ATP). There is no maximum or minimum limit on grant request amounts for the program generally, but a maximum grant amount may be set each year by DPR.

Eligible projects include acquisition of easements and fee simple titles to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors; development and rehabilitation of trails, trailside, and trailhead facilities; and construction of new trails.

The maximum amount of RTP funds allowed for each project is 88 percent of the total project cost. The applicant is responsible for obtaining a match amount that is at least 12 percent of the total project cost. Eligible match sources include state funds (including state grant funds), local funds (including general funds and bond funds), private funds, donated materials and services, the value of donated land (for acquisition projects only), and other federal funds.

California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Active Transportation Program (ATP)

[California Department of Transportation Active Transportation Program website](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program)
(<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Minimum \$250,000, no maximum. A match is encouraged but not required.
- Funding Focus: Active transportation projects particularly walking and biking.
- Estimated Deadline: June or July. (The most recent deadline was June 15, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Infrastructure projects (environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction), non-infrastructure projects (education, encouragement, and enforcement activities), and development of community-wide bicycle-and-pedestrian-safe routes to school, or active transportation plans (planning funds only in disadvantaged communities.)

Details

The purpose of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation such as biking and walking. The ATP consolidates previous federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S), into a single program. Eligible projects include:

- Safe Routes to School projects that improve the safety of children walking and bicycling to school.
- Recreational trails and trailheads, park projects that facilitate trail linkages or connectivity to non-motorized corridors, and conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails.
- Development or improvement of bikeways and walkways that improve mobility, access, or safety for non-motorized users.
- Development of community-wide bike-and-pedestrian-safe routes to schools, or active transportation plans in disadvantaged communities.

CA Department of Parks and Recreation – Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program

[CA State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grants Program website](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164)
(http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164)

Summary

- Funding Range: Depends on the program category. A 25% match is required.
- Funding Focus: Planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, administration, operation, enforcement, programs, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, and other facilities associated with the use of OHVs.

- Estimated Deadline: March or April. (The most recent deadline was March 2, 2020)
- Eligible Costs: Very broad – all direct costs plus 15% indirect.

Details

This program supports the planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, administration, operation, enforcement, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of OHVs, and programs involving OHV safety or education.

Relevant activities that can be funded include:

- Ground operations, including maintenance, compliance with soil standards and Habitat Management Programs, and protection of natural and/or cultural resources
- Development of trails, trailhead staging areas, parking, picnic and restroom facilities, etc.
- Planning for future projects
- Ecological restoration of habitat damaged by OHV use
- Acquisition of land to sustain or expand OHV recreation access and opportunities
- Law Enforcement activities by local and federal agencies to protect life and property related to OHV recreation
- Public awareness and safety programs for responsible OHV recreation

The proposed activity must be directly related to OHV recreation. In general, the more robust the OHV opportunities the higher the application will score. The application requires detailed information about the OHV project, and the information must be well-documented by reports, statistics, plans, studies, and other records.

National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) Public Humanities Projects Grants

[National Endowment for Humanities Public Humanities Project website](http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects)
(<http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$75,000 - \$400,000. A match is not required.
- Funding Focus: To fund projects with the potential to reach broad audiences while deepening public understanding and encouraging dialogue and discussion of significant humanities questions. Can include interpretation of historic sites and areas.

- Estimated Deadline: January and August. (The most recent deadline was August 31, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Eligible costs include research, travel, program design, development of materials and exhibits, planning, presentation of public programs, evaluation, curriculum development, etc.

Details

Public Humanities Projects grants support projects that bring the ideas and insights of the humanities to life for general audiences. Projects must engage humanities scholarship to illuminate significant themes in disciplines such as history, literature, ethics, and art, or to address challenging issues in contemporary life. NEH encourages projects that involve members of the public in collaboration with humanities scholars, or those which invite contributions from the community in the development and delivery of humanities programming.

This grant program supports a variety of forms of audience engagement. Applications can be in one of three formats: community conversations, exhibitions, and historic places. The final format supports the interpretation of historic sites, houses, neighborhoods, and regions, which might include living history presentations, guided tours, exhibitions, and public programs.

Applicants are advised to consider forming partnerships with other institutions, particularly organizations such as local cultural alliances, broadcast media stations, cultural heritage centers, arts councils, veterans' centers, and branch libraries.

Planning grants (available in the categories of Exhibitions and Historic Places) provide up to \$75,000 to refine the content, format, and interpretive approach of a humanities project; develop the project's preliminary design; test project components; and evaluate the project's likely impact. Implementation grants (\$50,000 to \$400,000) are for projects that are in the final stages of preparation to "go live" before the public.

National Forest Foundation (NFF): Forest Stewardship Fund (FSF)

[National Forest Foundation Forest Stewardship Fund website](https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/stewardship-funds)
(<https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/stewardship-funds>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Awards vary based on funding availability. A 50% non-federal match is required.
- Funding Focus: Results-oriented, on-the-ground projects that improve the quality, condition, and care of outdoor experiences on National Forests.

- Estimated Deadline: Rolling, based on funding.
- Eligible Costs: On-the-ground projects that include civic engagement and volunteers. Projects must be on USFS lands.

Details

This grant supports results-oriented, on-the-ground, projects that improve the quality, condition, and care of Outdoor Experiences on National Forests by:

- Improving, or maintaining recreation resource connectivity including trail maintenance, bridge and crossing construction or repair, and installation of trail drainage structures.
- Engaging youth, volunteers, or diverse, underserved, or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities.
- Employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship, and/or restoration work.

Projects should generate tangible conservation outcomes or enhance high-quality recreational experiences for the users of the National Forest System. Funds cannot support improvements of hardened facilities including campgrounds, parking lots, restrooms, visitor centers, and major signage.

Rails to Trails Conservancy: Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund

[Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund website](https://www.railstotrails.org/our-work/doppelt-family-trail-development-fund/)

(<https://www.railstotrails.org/our-work/doppelt-family-trail-development-fund/>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$5,000 - \$35,000. No match is required.
- Funding Focus: Organizations that are implementing projects to build and improve multiuse trails. Projects on rail-trails and rails-with-trails are given preference
- Estimated Deadline: January. (The most recent deadline was January 31, 2019.)
- Eligible Costs: Capacity building, organizational support, new trail construction, trail facilities and infrastructure (including trailheads and bathrooms), land acquisition, trail signage, improvements to existing trails, and significant maintenance.

Details

The purpose of this program is to support organizations that are implementing projects to build and improve multiuse trails. Projects on rail-trails and rails-with-trails will be

given preference; however, a rail-trail designation is not a requirement. Projects must take place on trails that serve or plan to serve multiple user types, such as bicycling, walking, and hiking, and must be considered a trail, greenway, multiuse trail, or shared-use path. Projects must advance trail development, help establish corridor connections, or improve current conditions on the trail.

Applicants may apply for either ‘community support’ or ‘project transformation’ awards types. Community support awards are for capacity-building projects that are intended to help groups that need critical funding to help get trail development or improvement efforts off the ground. Eligible projects may include promoting a local trail project in the local media, conducting feasibility studies, or adding personnel or volunteer coordination capacity. Project transformation awards are designed to catalyze projects and can be used to leverage other funding sources through matching opportunities.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, state, regional, or local government agencies, tribal government agencies, and other organizations.

Hind Foundation: Standard Grants

[Hind Foundation website](http://www.hindfoundation.org/)

(<http://www.hindfoundation.org/>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Up to \$100,000. Match is not required, however there is a preference for projects with most of the funding in place.
- Funding Focus: Ecosystem conservation and plant and wildlife protection.
- Estimated Deadline: Ongoing
- Eligible Costs: Project implementation.

Details

The Hind Foundation has several categories of funding. The most relevant is ‘Land Conservation’ - projects that protect and manage land with scenic, agricultural, or cultural values, such as parks, streams, and botanical gardens. This category of funding has been used for trail restoration and signage.

Grants seem to be in the range of \$100,000. There is an on-line application process. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, must receive the majority of their funding support from our local community, must hold or sponsor at least one fundraising event annually, and must have been in operation for more than one year. The foundation prefers to fund organizations that have raised most of the funding needed to complete the project.

This grant has no deadline; the foundation accepts applications July 1 – June 30 until it runs out of funds.

The Conservation Fund: Land Conservation Loan Program

[The Conservation Fund Loan Program website](http://www.conservationfund.org/what-we-do/land-conservation-loans)

<http://www.conservationfund.org/what-we-do/land-conservation-loans>

Summary

- Funding Range: Loans and technical assistance for conservation organizations to purchase land.
- Funding Focus: The goal of the program is to conserve America's legacy of land and water resources and to strive to achieve balanced conservation solutions that emphasize the integration of economic and environmental goals.
- Estimated Deadline: Rolling.
- Eligible Costs: Loans, bridge funding, lines of credit, and technical assistance. Projects should protect natural habitat, provide opportunities for outdoor recreation or educational use, improve water quality, or address threats to conservation values.

Details

The purpose of this program is to assist and empower conservation organizations to accelerate the pace of conservation in their operating regions. Awards provide recipients with flexible financing and the capacity to swiftly purchase high-priority lands that come up for sale. In the past, purchase lands have included historic battlefields, state parks, natural areas for wildlife, forests, farms, historic sites, trails, and open space areas. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to conserve America's legacy of land and water resources and to strive to achieve balanced conservation solutions that emphasize the integration of economic and environmental goals.

The Conservation Fund provides loans and bridge funding and also offers technical assistance throughout real estate deals to assist award recipients.

Applicants must describe how their proposed projects:

- Protect the natural habitat for fish, wildlife, plants, or ecosystems.
- Provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and educational use, or support government policies such as protecting farmland, fulfilling a Wildlife Action Plan, or implementing a local open space plan.
- Improve water quality.
- Address threats to conservation values that may occur if the project is not completed or will be addressed by new stewardship practices.

There is no deadline for the program; applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, contact one of the California Field Offices.

Access Fund: Climbing Conservation Grant Program

[Access Fund/Take Action website](https://www.accessfund.org/take-action/apply-for-a-climbing-conservation-grant)

(<https://www.accessfund.org/take-action/apply-for-a-climbing-conservation-grant>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$1,000 - \$4,000. Match requirements are not stated.
- Funding Focus: Projects that preserve or enhance climbing access/opportunities and conserve the national climbing environment. The funding agency seeks projects that build a strong base of local climber support and activism.
- Estimated Deadline: March and August. (The most recent deadline was August 1, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Programs that build local climber involvement and support, encourage access, raise awareness about climber responsibility toward conserving the environment, and develop knowledge about natural and cultural resource values.

Details

The Access Fund's Climbing Conservation Grant Program funds projects that preserve or enhance climbing access and opportunities, and conserve the climbing environment throughout the U.S. The fund supports projects that demonstrate local climber support, collaboration with land managers, and a commitment to long-term change. Efforts should be quantifiable, with specific objectives, a detailed budget, and measures for evaluating success. Most grant requests range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. The Access Fund considers requests for over \$10,000, but these projects should have national significance and utilize a high degree of matching funds. The fund supports work that:

- Is action-oriented.
- Builds local climber involvement and support.
- Is strategic in its targeting and goals.
- Accomplishes specific goals and objectives that can be effectively measured
- Develops knowledge about natural and cultural resource values where the information is used to open climbing areas or mitigate climbing impacts.
- Raises awareness about climber responsibility toward conserving the climbing environment.
- Utilizes matching agency or local funds (ideally this will be at least 50 percent).

The fund does not support:

- Fixed anchors, bolts, bolt installation, etc.
- Outdoor programs (e.g., taking groups climbing, at-risk programs, youth groups)
- Climbing equipment
- Marketing or membership recruitment
- Facility construction (e.g. indoor climbing walls, artificial climbing facilities, ice parks)
- Paid positions and travel stipends

American Alpine Club (AAC) Cornerstone Conservation Grant

[Cornerstone Conservation Grant Program website](https://americanalpineclub.org/cornerstone-conservation-grant)

(<https://americanalpineclub.org/cornerstone-conservation-grant>)

Summary

- Funding Range: \$1,000 - \$8,000. Match requirements are not stated.
- Funding Focus: Creating healthy climbing landscapes, promoting respect for the places we climb, and empowering local climbing communities.
- Estimated Deadline: June 15 – August 15 (The most recent deadline was August 15, 2019; there will be no funding round in 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Trails, waste management policies and systems, etc. Note that the AAC has additional small grant programs for other climbing-related activities.

The AAC's Cornerstone Conservation grant powered by Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) creates healthy climbing landscapes, promotes respect for climbing places, and empowers local climbing communities. Past AAC projects include new trails and human-waste management policies at Utah's Castleton Tower and Indian Creek climbing areas, a new human-waste management system in Grand Teton National Park, new trails and waste-management systems in Rocky Mountain National Park's Lumpy Ridge climbing area, and the Clean Mountain Can program on Denali.

Grants range from \$1,000 to \$8,000, depending on the size and scope of the project. The AAC accepts applications every year between June 15 and August 15. Note that the organization has additional small grant programs for other climbing-related activities. See the web site for more information.

Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative: Guaranteeing Responsible Access to Our Nation's Trails (GRANT)

[Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative website](http://www.yamahaoai.com/online-application/)

(<http://www.yamahaoai.com/online-application/>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Not stated, appears to be about \$5,000- \$15,000. Match requirements are not stated.
- Funding Focus: Promote safe, responsible use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs), educate the public on proper recreational land use and wildlife conservation practices, and protect access to public lands.
- Estimated Deadline: Quarterly
- Eligible Costs: Trail development, signage, facility construction, equipment rental, mapping, educational materials, resources management, etc.

Details

The purpose of this program is to support efforts that promote safe, responsible use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs), educate the public on proper recreational land use and wildlife conservation practices, and protect appropriate and sustainable access to public lands.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Trail development, restoration, and/or maintenance.
- Trail signage.
- Staging area renovation or facilities.
- Protecting environmentally sensitive areas from illegal or inadvertent OHV use through fencing, bridges, or hardscape.
- Adopt-a-Trail activities, such as renting equipment, purchasing tools and safety gear, or volunteer coordination.
- Trail mapping or map production, including GPS equipment purchase, production, and printing.
- Promoting safety and education, including educational materials, signage, safety gear, or events.
- Wildlife and habitat maintenance and management.
- Land management projects that increase the diversity of use of agricultural land.
- Establishing, increasing, and/or maintain access to land for outdoor recreation.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and law enforcement agencies, including emergency responders and forest field staff.

Applicants must obtain a letter of endorsement from a local Yamaha dealership. Dealership locations can be found online at the [Yamaha dealership location website](#).

Polaris Industries T.R.A.I.L.S. Grant Program

[Polaris T.R.A.I.L.S. Program website](http://www.polaris.com/en-us/rider-support/trails-application)

(<http://www.polaris.com/en-us/rider-support/trails-application>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Up to \$10,000. Match requirements are not stated.
- Funding Focus: Promoting safe and responsible riding and preserving access for all-terrain vehicles.
- Estimated Deadline: March and September. (The most recent deadline was September 1, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Funds can be used by organizations for trail development and maintenance projects, safety and education initiatives, lobbying, and other projects to increase and maintain land access.

Details

The T.R.A.I.L.S. grant program was launched in January 2006 for all-terrain vehicle (ATV) clubs, associations, and grassroots groups. The purpose of the program is to promote safe and responsible riding and preserve access for ATV vehicles. Funds can be used by organizations for trail development and maintenance projects, safety and education initiatives, lobbying, and other projects to increase and maintain land access.

Grant funding is limited to a maximum of \$10,000 per request. Organizations can apply for either monetary awards or products as long as the value does not exceed \$10,000 and may apply for two grants per year. All organizations must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 501(c)(7) social clubs, or government organizations. There are two deadlines per year, in March and September.

AARP Community Challenge Grants

[AARP Community Challenge website](https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2020/2020-challenge.html)

(<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2020/2020-challenge.html>)

Summary

- Funding Range: No minimum or maximum, but probably under \$25,000. Match requirements are not stated.
- Funding Focus: Helping communities become more livable for people of all ages, including improvements to public spaces that improve open spaces, parks, and access to other amenities.

Updated July 2020

- Estimated Deadline: May. (The most recent deadline was May 15, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Permanent physical improvements in the community, temporary demonstrations that lead to long-term change, and new, innovative programming or services.

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund "quick-action" projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Projects can improve housing, transportation, public space, technology, civic engagement, etc. One area of improvement is creating vibrant public places that improve open spaces, parks, and access. Projects that increase community livability, particularly for those over 50, are particularly competitive.

Assessment criteria include the impact on the community, leverage, organizational capacity, and innovation.

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The Campbell Foundation

[Campbell Foundation Pacific Program website](http://www.campbellfoundation.org/what-we-fund-pacific)

(<http://www.campbellfoundation.org/what-we-fund-pacific>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Wide range of awards but usually around \$25,000. Match requirements are not stated.
- Funding Focus: Sustainable fisheries, protection of special places, land-sea connection, water quality, or communication of ocean conservation issues.
- Estimated Deadline: February and August. (The most recent deadline was August 31, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Outreach, education, and action programs related to water quality. The foundation has made quite a few grants to environmental film festivals.

Details

This foundation provides moderate grants (usually \$25,000 or less) for outreach, education, and action programs related to water quality, specifically as it impacts the west coast. The program looks for opportunities that (a) are gaining political momentum, (b) present a great opportunity to leverage resources of all kinds, and (c) are innovative from a business and social perspective. Their areas of interest include land-sea connection as related to water quality (focused on Northern California) and the impact of climate change on water resources in the western United States. This foundation has a history of giving grants to environmental film festivals.

Alliance for California Traditional Arts: Living Cultures Grants Program (California)

[Alliance for California Traditional Arts Living Cultures Grants Program website](https://www.actaonline.org/program/living-cultures-grant/)

(<https://www.actaonline.org/program/living-cultures-grant/>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Up to \$5,000. Match requirements are not stated.
- Funding Focus: Sustain and strengthen folk and traditional arts in California; create a sense of belonging, community continuity, empowerment, and action.
- Estimated Deadline: July. (The most recent deadline was July 15, 2019.)

- Eligible Costs: Workshops and gatherings; conservation, creation, and acquisition of important traditional arts items; purchase of equipment and materials; documentation of traditional arts, skills, ceremonies, beliefs, or performances; public presentations, workshops, and gatherings; and other types of projects that lead to active participation in traditional arts practices.

Details

The purpose of this program is to sustain and strengthen folk and traditional arts in California, to create spaces and activities of inclusion where all people, including members of marginalized and aggrieved communities, can publicly participate as cultural citizens and experience a sense of belonging. Projects must make use of one of the following pathways to nurture, sustain, and engage participation in traditional arts practices:

- Cultural continuity of traditional arts practices: projects including workshops and gatherings; conservation, creation, and acquisition of important traditional arts items; mentorships, intergenerational classes, and other educational projects within a community; endangered language conservation and revitalization within the context of traditional art forms; and other types of activities that lead to cultural continuity of traditional arts practices.
- Sustaining future traditional arts practices with needed purchases, services, or acquisition of skills: purchase of equipment and materials; documentation of traditional arts, skills, ceremonies, beliefs, or performances; investments that result in future revenues; learning new skills; and other activities leading to long-term sustainability.
- Engaging and strengthening our own communities as well as engaging with others: public presentations, workshops and gatherings, and other types of projects that lead to active participation in traditional arts practices within and between cultural communities.

Preference will be given to projects with traditions and cultural practices that face endangerment.

Schwemm Family Foundation

[Schwemm Family Foundation Grant Process website](https://schwemmfoundation.org/grant-process-1)
(<https://schwemmfoundation.org/grant-process-1>)

Summary

- Funding Range: Up to \$8,000. Match requirements are not stated.
- Funding Focus: Preserve and share historical and cultural heritage through literature, digital archives, and other interpretive means.

- Estimated Deadline: February. (The most recent deadline was February 29, 2020.)
- Eligible Costs: Interpretive projects of pre-WW II history.

Details

The foundation has three categories of interest, one of which is literature, archiving, and interpretation. These projects help instill a sense of connection and belonging to one's community through the preservation of local history and culture. They should preserve and share history and cultural heritage through literature, digital archives, and other interpretive means. Funded projects should:

- Document or interpret some portion of pre-WWII community history or culture.
- Be locally relevant.
- Speak to a wide audience.
- Provide an enduring component accessible to the general population.

Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.