



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2021
TO: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
FROM: Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Staff's Recommendation on Projects to be Considered for Funding in Grant Round 4

In response to its fourth grant solicitation, which closed on October 23, 2020, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority) received 18 applications requesting a total of approximately \$25 million. Although the Authority has close to \$23 million available annually, only about \$11.6 million of the total \$23 million is available for Round 4 projects because of the Authority's 2019 authorization to fund the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project at a rate of approximately \$11.4 million per year for five years.

Staff and members of the Advisory Committee reviewed and scored the applications and obtained additional information from applicants, as needed. Based on this process, staff developed the following list of eight projects to be recommended for funding in Grant Round 4, listed in descending order of dollar amount:

- Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access (partial funding)
- Calabazas/San Tomas Aquino Creek - Marsh Connection Project (partial funding)
- Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project (partial funding)
- Baylands Habitat Restoration and Community Engagement in East Palo Alto
- McInnis Marsh Restoration and Gallinas Creek Geomorphic Dredging Project
- Colma Creek Restoration and Adaptation Project
- Burlingame Shoreline Park (partial funding)
- Evolving Shorelines Project at Bothin Marsh

These include five planning projects and three construction projects. (See Attachment 1 for additional project details.)

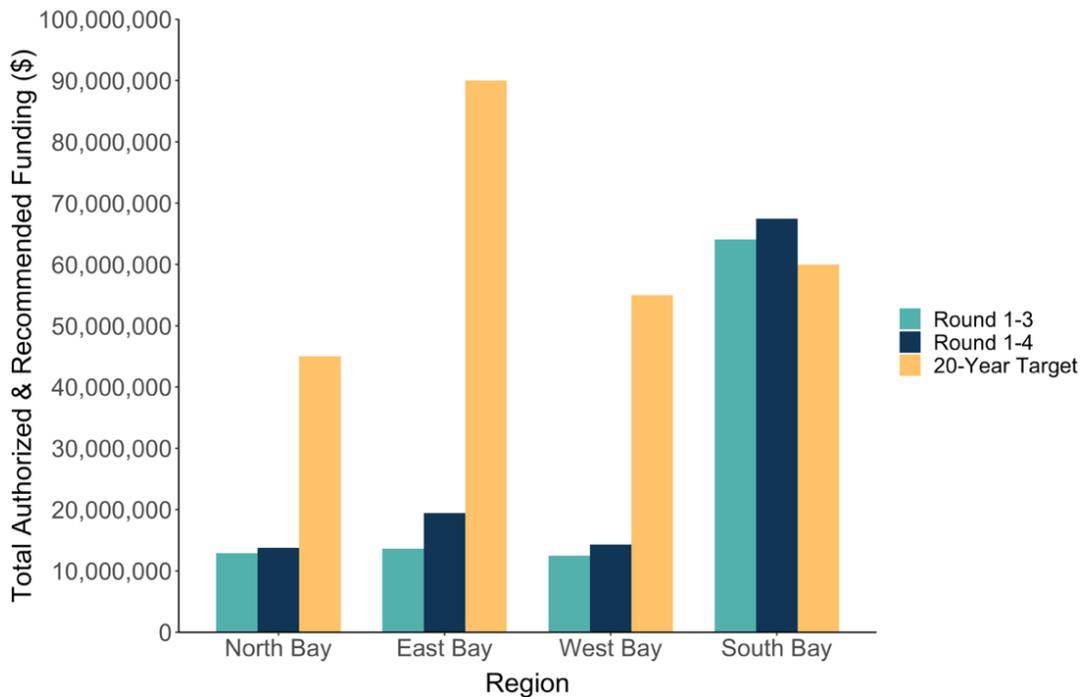
Cumulative Distribution by Region: Measure AA requires that revenue be allocated to projects throughout the region, with 50% of funds allocated to the four Bay Area regions in proportion to each region's share of the Bay Area's population, as determined in the 2010 census, and 50% allocated without regard to region. The minimum percentages that will be allocated to each of the four Bay Area regions are listed below:

- North Bay (Sonoma, Marin, Napa and Solano Counties) = 9% minimum allocation;

- East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) = 18% minimum allocation;
- West Bay (City and County of San Francisco and San Mateo County) = 11% minimum allocation; and
- South Bay (Santa Clara County) = 12% minimum allocation.

Twenty-year targets for minimum allocations were calculated assuming that Measure AA generates roughly \$500 million over 20 years. The table and chart below show progress toward these targets. Funding for the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team Project is not included in the regional totals because it is a special project focused on permitting. The grant of \$4,000,000 for the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Removal and Tidal Marsh Restoration Project is divided among the four regions as follows: North 15%, East 25%, West 25%, South 35%.

Cumulative Authorized and Recommended Funding by Region

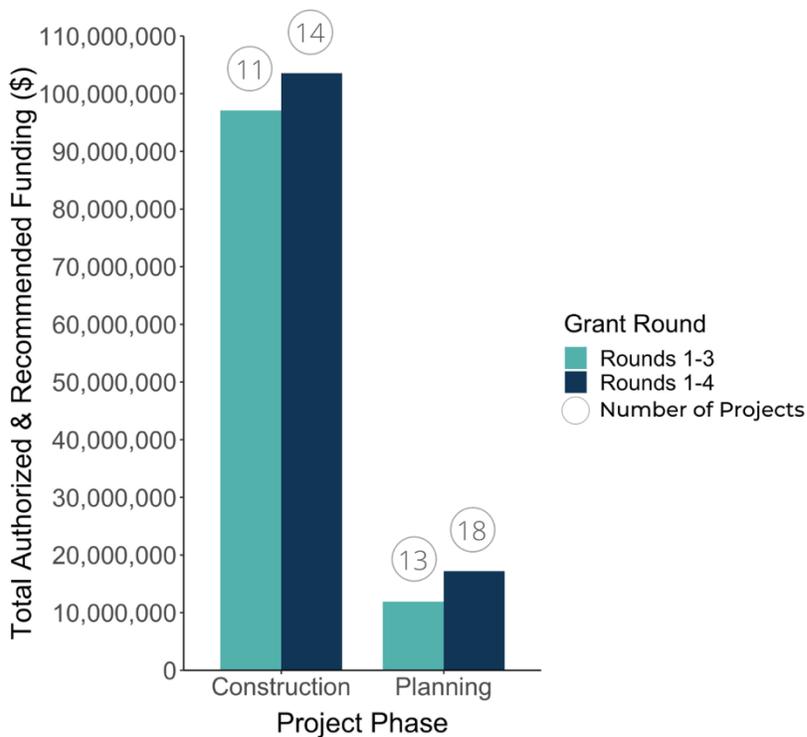


	North Bay	East Bay	West Bay	South Bay
Rounds 1 - 3 Projects, Cumulative	\$12,927,304	\$13,621,450	\$12,493,558	\$64,079,465

Rounds 1 - 4 Projects, Cumulative	\$13,792,304	\$19,421,450	\$14,276,574	\$67,449,465
20-Year Target	\$45,000,000	\$90,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$60,000,000

Cumulative Distribution by Project Type: The Governing Board previously expressed interest in tracking the number of construction projects as compared to planning projects. The Measure AA grant program criteria place emphasis on prioritizing projects that can be implemented in a timely way, which leads to prioritizing construction projects. The Governing Board has also directed staff to ensure that an adequate number of planning projects are funded, so that more construction projects can be funded in future years. The breakdown between planning (used here to mean all phases prior to construction, including design and permitting) and construction projects is provided below. The BRRIT is included as a planning project.

**Construction vs. Planning Projects:
Authorized and Recommended Number of Projects and Funding**



Please see Attachment 1 for the full list of projects, including brief project descriptions, and funding amounts requested and recommended. Staff has sent letters to proponents indicating these recommendations and will bring projects to the Governing Board as they are ready for approval.