



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**

**RESTORATION AUTHORITY**

# 2022 Networking Sessions Overview of Restoration Authority Grant Programs

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# What is the SF Bay Restoration Authority?

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- The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority was created by the legislature in 2008 due to the urgent need to restore the Bay.
- Funded by Measure AA, went into effect in 2017
- Guided by a
  - (1) Governing Board
  - (2) Advisory Committee
  - (3) Independent Oversight Committee





# SF Bay Restoration Authority Act: Funding Requirement

The Restoration Authority can fund:

- **Habitat projects** that will restore, protect, or enhance tidal wetlands, managed ponds, or natural habitats along the shoreline.
- **Flood management features** that are part of a habitat project.
- **Public access or recreational amenities** that are part of a habitat project.



Photo: National Geographic



## Where is “along the Shoreline”?

**Subtidal Habitats:** Area that is below the average height of the low tide line

**Baylands:** Areas that lie between the maximum and minimum height of the tides.

**Transitions Zones:** On uplands next to tidal wetlands that can provide transitional habitat and enhance the project’s resilience to sea level rise.

\*Delta Primary Zone and outer coast is NOT eligible

\*Creeks up to head of tide are eligible

Let us know your area of interest and we will work with you to determine eligibility!



# Eligible Grantees and Locations

## Eligible Grantees:

- Federal, state, and local agencies
- Tribal governments (unrecognized Tribes can apply as nonprofit or with fiscal sponsor)
- Nonprofit organizations
- Owners or operators of shoreline parcels

## Eligible Locations:

- Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Francisco counties
- Delta Primary Zone not eligible





# Eligible Project Phases

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## Project Phases:

- Acquisition
- Planning
- Design
- Permitting
- Construction/Implementation
- Operation
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Maintenance





# Projects Funded

- 35+ Projects funded to-date
- In each of the Bay Area's 9 counties
- New Projects in Gold
- Community Grants in Teal



# Prioritizing Equity and Community Engagement: Community Grants Program

- Updated Grant Program Materials and Processes
- Changed Funding Policies and Approaches to Lower Barriers to Community Participation
- Technical assistance during application process and during grant
- Rolling Application (can apply any time of year)
- Increased grant limit from \$100,000 to \$200,000 this year



Marin City Urban Wetland Community Visioning Project



# Community Grants Program

- Fund **projects led by community-based organizations** in economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs)
  - Community visioning
  - Training and education
  - Relationship building
  - Implementation of shoreline habitat projects



Oakland Shoreline Leadership Academy hosted by WOEIP

# Restoration Authority Networking Sessions

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Previously, there were very few partnerships between CBO's and restoration agencies/non-profits

Now there are more due in part to changes in Authority's grant program scoring criteria

These networking sessions are intended to foster more partnerships for future projects





# Examples of Partnerships & Projects

Landowner implements  
shoreline restoration construction project  
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CBO subcontractor trains apprentices and  
restores habitat

**Heron's Head Park Shoreline Resilience Project Phase I**  
\$297,000 to the Port of San Francisco for implementation



<https://www.lejyouth.org/index.php/eco-apprentices/>

Will hire and train local young adults in bay ecology and hands-on conservation, such as native plant propagation, revegetation, and invasive plant control





# Examples of Partnerships & Projects

Agency or non-profit leads project

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CBO partner leads community outreach



## **Tiscornia Marsh Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Project** ~\$4,000,000 to Marin Audubon Society



<https://www.sfbayrestore.org/projects/tiscornia-marsh-restoration-and-sea-level-rise-adaptation>

Two grants for design, community engagement, and construction, providing habitat restoration, flood protection, public access, benefits to community

# Examples of Partnerships & Projects

## Oakland Shoreline Leadership Academy Phase I \$180,000 to West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project

CBO develops project ideas

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Landowner provides information about  
site conditions and feasibility



<https://www.sfbayrestore.org/projects/oakland-shoreline-leadership-academy-project>



Provided local residents from economically disadvantaged communities information and training to enable them to meaningfully engage in restoration planning process.

# Examples of Partnerships & Projects

CBO develops project idea

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Landowner helps refine scope  
and hosts on-the-ground implementation



## **Bay Restoration: Youth Engagement & Service Learning Project in East Oakland** \$99,173 to Planting Justice



<https://www.sfbayrestore.org/projects/bay-restoration-youth-engagement-and-service-learning-east-oakland>

Developed a training curriculum, conducted workshops on environmental justice issues, lead interns to carry out shoreline restoration



# Restoration Authority Networking Sessions

- What shoreline restoration projects are you working on or hope to work on?
- What types of partners are you looking for?
- What lessons learned can you share with others about project partnerships?

