2022 Networking Sessions
Overview of Restoration Authority Grant Programs

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What is the SF Bay Restoration Authority?

- 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
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.
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

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
Restoration Authority Networking Sessions

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

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

Landowner implements shoreline restoration construction project

CBO subcontractor trains apprentices and restores habitat

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

https://www.lejyouth.org/index.php/eco-apprentices/
Examples of Partnerships & Projects

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

Agency or non-profit leads project + CBO partner leads community outreach

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

Examples of Partnerships & Projects

CBO develops project ideas

+ Landowner provides information about site conditions and feasibility

Oakland Shoreline Leadership Academy Phase I

$180,000 to West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project

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

https://www.sfbayrestore.org/projects/oakland-shoreline-leadership-academy-project
Examples of Partnerships & Projects

CBO develops project idea

+ 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


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?