

California Forests: Large Watershed Planning Grants

Applicant Webinar
December 12, 2023



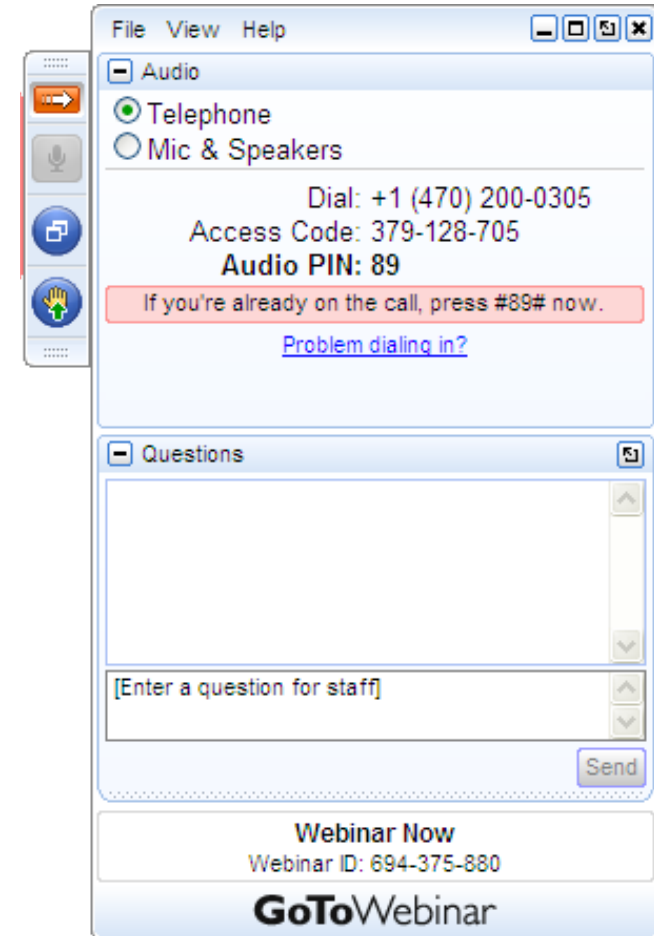
Northern California Watershed



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The webinar will be available for download within 48 hours at [California Forests: Large Watershed Planning Grants 2024 Request for Proposals](#)



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Program Overview

Purpose of Program:

Ecological restoration and protection at a landscape scale requires a comprehensive approach that takes into account the interdependencies between water and fire. Applicants will have to exhibit their competency to manage not only funding, but also project activities across the landscape.

The major goals of grants which will be awarded through this solicitation are to: Improve fuels management, forest/upland restoration and management, and aquatic organism passage improvements.



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Program Priorities

1. Increase the pace and scale of restoration to address impacts to communities and watersheds from unnatural, high intensity wildfire events;
2. Working closely with USFS and CAL FIRE to align large scale forest health projects;
3. Plan for post-fire resilience and manage the risk of climate-driven hazards;
4. Engage in inclusive community-driven process;
5. Facilitate appropriate environmental compliance and permitting strategy to meet long-term objectives;
6. Establish a transparent strategy and funding which will give organizational clarity on capacity needs and opportunities;
7. Provide sustainable and lasting ecological benefits to the forests;
8. Engage in efficient, strategic, and innovative solutions to develop and implement forest health and resilience projects;
9. Encourage shared stewardship of USFS lands through expanded partnerships and cooperation;
10. Increase the capacity to plan and implement prescribed fire to reduce hazardous fuel loads;
11. Increase forest carbon storage capacity;
12. Accelerate species recovery, protect biodiversity, decrease the rate of loss for sensitive species' habitat, and reduce the footprint of invasive species, and;
13. Incorporate monitoring to track species and habitat recovery.



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Geographic Focus

- Areas of focus should include, but not be limited to, the following USFS lands and exhibit significant watershed and community benefits as a result of their work:
- Mendocino National Forest – Watersheds impacted by the August Complex.
- Shasta-Trinity National Forest – Watersheds impacted by the River Complex.
- Six Rivers National Forest – Watersheds impacted by the Knob and McCash fires.
- Lassen National Forest – Watersheds impacted by the Dixie Fire.
- Eldorado National Forest – Watersheds impacted by the Caldor Fire.
- Angeles National Forest – Watersheds within the San Gabriel Foothills
- Klamath, Los Padres, and Inyo National Forests – Landscape-scale projects which protect communities within the wildland, urban interface and benefit the Klamath; Watersheds impacted by the Thomas Fire within the Ventura-San Gabriel Coastal area, and; Owens River watersheds respectively.



Project Metrics

Funding Strategies:

- Habitat Restoration
- Habitat Management
- Capacity & Outreach
- Species-specific Strategies
- Planning, Research, Monitoring



[California Forests and Watersheds
RFP Webpage](#)



Eligibility

Eligible and Ineligible Entities

- **Eligible applicants include:** non-profit 501(c) organizations, U.S. Fed local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes, educational institutions.
- **Ineligible applicants include:** businesses, unincorporated individuals

Ineligible Use of Grant Funds

- NFWF funds and matching contributions may not be used to support political advocacy, fundraising, lobbying, litigation, terrorist activities or Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations.
- NFWF funds may not be used to support ongoing efforts to comply with legal requirements, including permit conditions, mitigation and settlement agreements. However, grant funds may be used to support projects that enhance or improve upon existing baseline compliance efforts.

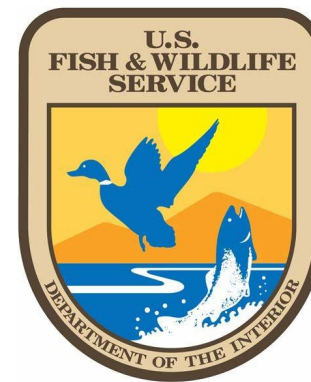


Funding Availability and Match

Funding Availability

- **Funding Availability:** \$50M
- **Typical Grant Award Range:** \$5M - \$10M
- **Number of Grant Awards Planned:** 5-10
- **Grant Period:** Up to 7 years
- **Matching Contributions Requirement:** 20%

Program Partners



Evaluation Criteria

All proposals will be screened for relevance, accuracy, completeness and compliance with NFWF and funding source policies. Proposals will then be evaluated based on the extent to which they meet the following criteria:

- Program goals and priorities
- Technical merit
- Cost-effectiveness
- Transferability
- Communication
- Funding Need
- Conservation Plan and Context
- Monitoring
- Long-term Sustainability
- Past Success
- Partnership



Timeline

Dates of activities are subject to change. Please check the program page of the NFWF website for the most current dates and information.

Applicant Webinar:	Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 1:00pm PST
Pre-Proposal Due Date:	Thursday, January 18, 2024 by 8:59pm PST
Invitations for Full Proposals Sent	Mid-February
Full Proposal Due Date	Wednesday, March 20th 2024 by 8:59pm PST
Review Period	April 2024
Awards Announced	Spring 2024



How to Apply in Easygrants



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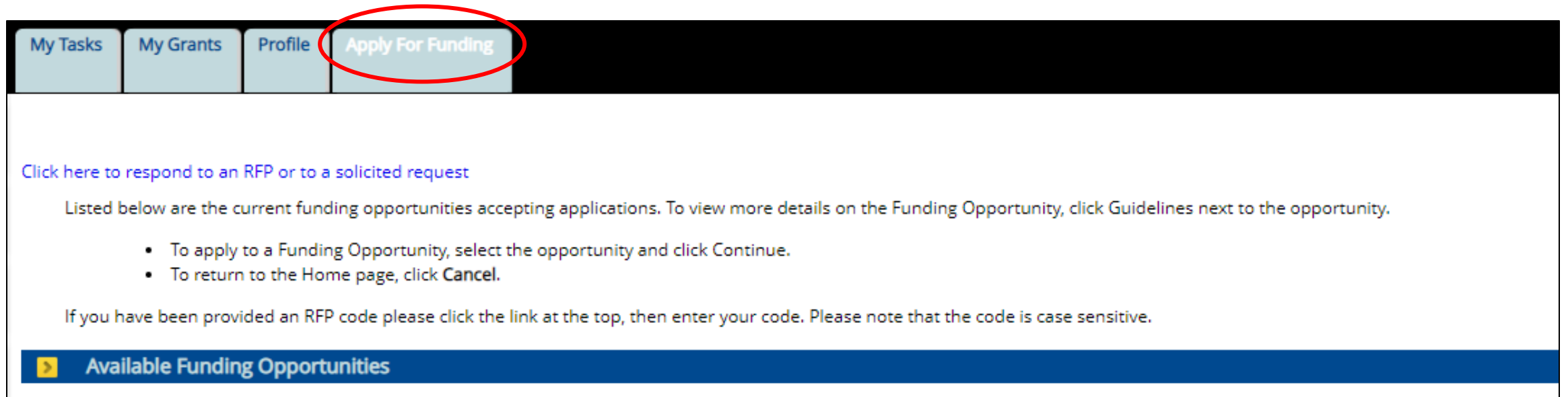
Password *

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Confirm Password *

Register **Back**

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My Tasks My Grants Profile **Apply For Funding**

[Click here to respond to an RFP or to a solicited request](#)

Listed below are the current funding opportunities accepting applications. To view more details on the Funding Opportunity, click Guidelines next to the opportunity.

- To apply to a Funding Opportunity, select the opportunity and click Continue.
- To return to the Home page, click Cancel.

If you have been provided an RFP code please click the link at the top, then enter your code. Please note that the code is case sensitive.

Available Funding Opportunities

Once you are on your Easygrants homepage, click on “Apply for Funding”

Choose the Funding Opportunity you’re applying to.



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Used for navigating application.

The screenshot displays the Easygrants application interface. On the left is a vertical navigation bar with buttons for Home, Main, Contact Information, Organization Information, Project Information, Uploads, Matching Contributions, Review and Submit, FAQ, Help, and Log Out. A red bracket on the left side of the navigation bar is labeled "Used for navigating application." The main content area is divided into sections: "Project Information" (Due: 9/7/2023 11:59 PM ET, Easygrants ID: 81923), "Instructions" (Click the page links on the left navigation bar, or in the summary below to view the pages where you will enter the information required for this submission. Click needed until you submit. Once you submit, you will no longer be able to make changes. Click here to view Foundation Guidelines for this Funding Opportunity. Other useful links that will appear in the navigation bar at left include: Home brings you back to your Home page and out of this submission task. FAQ provides answers to common questions about the Foundation's proposal elements. Help provides guidance on both content and technical aspects related to completing many of the pages in the system. Log Out logs you out of the system.), and "Validation Summary" (a table showing the completion status of various pages).

Page Name	Status
Contact Information	Complete
Organization Information	Incomplete
Project Information	Incomplete
Uploads	Incomplete
Matching Contributions	Complete

Project Information

Title: Short, descriptive name indicating project purpose. (~100 characters)

Project start and end dates: Start within four to six months of the award announcement date and end within five to seven years of the start date.

Description: Two sentences about primary project activities, location, outcome/metrics and relevance to conservation. (~500 characters)

- Clearly state the main activity and the method being used
- Address a specific habitat, location or species benefitted

Abstract: More detailed description including location, major activities, outcome/metrics, and partners. (~1,500 characters)

- State what your organization will do
- Provide context and background information
- Explain how the project outcomes will specifically address a conservation issue



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Uploads

Home

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Instructions

Below is a list of documents that can be attached to your submission. Documents marked as required must be uploaded before you will be able to submit. If you do not have a required document, upload a Word document with an explanation in its place. To create your narrative document, begin by downloading the template provided below, and saving it to your computer. Use the template to create and save your narrative document on your computer.

Follow these steps to download and create your narrative document:

1. In the Upload Checklist below, click the **Template** link for the document you want to create, and save the template file to your computer. This is a MS Word document.
2. Work within this template and save it to your computer.

To attach/upload your document(s) to this task:

3. In the Uploads section below, select the appropriate upload type from the Choose Upload Type drop-down list and click **Add Files**.

4. Select the file or files to upload from your computer and return to this page.

5. Click **Start** to the right of the file that you want to upload. The system will upload the document and display it in the Uploads list. If the Status does not display, wait 10 seconds and refresh the page. When complete, the Status will read "Successfully validated and converted file."

6. Once your document is uploaded, you may view it by clicking the file name or the name of the converted pdf. To re-upload a document, click **Delete** to the right of the document and start with *Step 3* above. When you are finished, click **Continue** to move to the next page in this submission.

Click [Help](#) for examples and instructions specific to this Uploads section.

NOTE: You must enable pop-ups to use this system. If a link does not open please try holding the Shift or Control (CTRL) key on your keyboard while clicking on the link, which may tell a pop-up blocker to allow the link to open. Click [here](#) for more information.

Upload Checklist

Upload Type	Required	Template	File Types Allowed	Max Uploads	Max File Size	Max Pages	Max Words	Max Characters
Pre-Proposal Narrative (DEI)	Yes	Pre-Proposal Narrative Template (DEI)	.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	2	No Limit	No Limit
Applicant Demographic Information Form	Yes	Applicant Demographic Information Form	.xls, .xlsx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit

Uploads

Choose Upload Type

+ Add files...

Start upload

Cancel upload

There are no grant documents attached.

Continue

Pre-Proposal Narrative Tips

Length:

2 pages

Formatting:

Keep font and spacing please

Part I:


Basic information about proposed project

Part II:

Brief description of proposed methods, activities, and outcomes

Part III:

Information about the effects on which this project may have on the community around it



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Pre-proposal Project Narrative

Writing Instructions: Please provide a two-page narrative that elaborates on the outcome(s) summarized previously; how progress will be measured; the strategy (activities) for achieving project outcomes, including the status of their planning and implementation; and how that strategy is appropriate for addressing priority conservation needs in the specific project location.

Describe the community(ies) where the project will take place, who will benefit from the project, and how they were or will be engaged in project development and implementation. Provide demographic information on the community(ies), including but not limited to age, race and ethnicity, poverty rates.



Uploads - Applicant Demographic Information Form

All applicants must complete this section, even if you have provided this data to NFWF in the past 12 months or are opting out for another reason.

If you have provided this data to NFWF in the past 12 months you do not need to provide it again but you must still complete this top section of the form and submit it with your proposal.

Easygrants project # from your grant application:

Grant program name shown on the RFP:

If you are opting out, select a reason from the dropdown list in the green box:

General Information

Date Completed:

Project Title:

Organization Full Name:

Organization EIN:

Organization Type:

Organization Size (number of employees):

Click on the green box to select from the dropdown list

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PART 1: APPLICANT ORGANIZATION - ALL EMPLOYEES (if applicable)

Please provide the following demographic information about all of your organization's employees, including senior leaders.

1. How many people currently work for your organization? (Include temporary and part-time employees in your response but do not include contractors)

Total Number:

2. How many of your employees identify as each gender?

Female:

Male:

Non-binary:

Unknown/Not sure:

- The information you provide will not be shared with proposal reviewers and will not be considered when making grant decisions.
- The Foundation will not share identifying information about any particular entity or project.
- While the form is a required upload, applicants can opt out of providing the information within the form itself
(If your organization does not collect this information or if you have provided NFWF with this information in the last 12 months, you can opt out.)
- The information provided on this excel form will be kept confidential, the Foundation may share its anonymized aggregate findings as appropriate with its staff, Board of Directors, funding partners, and publicly on its website or through other media.



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Matching Contributions

Matching Contribution Editor

Instructions

Enter the required matching contribution details below. Click **Save** regularly to save your work. **The system will timeout and you will lose unsaved work if you do not save at least once every hour.** Click **Save and Close** to save and return to the Matching Contributions list page. Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required for final submission for most programs. Click **Help** for examples and instructions.

Status *

Source *
Enter the name of the person or Organization providing the Matching Contribution

Source Type *

Type *

Description *
Limit: 250 characters Remaining: 250

Amount *

Save and Close **Close**

Review and Submit

- Make sure to click the blue “Submit” button to submit your proposal.
- If correctly submitted, you will receive a confirmation e-mail and the task will disappear from your homepage.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for reviewing and submitting a proposal. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Navigation Menu (Left):** Home, Main, Contact Information, Organization Information, Project Information, Uploads, Matching Contributions, Review and Submit, FAQ, Help, Log Out.
- Project Information:** Due: 8/25/2022 11:59 PM ET, Killer Whale Conservation, Grantee, NFWF | (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation), Grants | Killer Whale Research and Conservation Program | Killer Whale Research and Conservation Fund 2022.
- Instructions:** All requirements are complete and ready for submission. Your proposal will not be submitted until you click the Submit button. Click the View PDF button below to view, print, and/or save your final PDF. This PDF will contain all of the information that contain financial documents that may have been uploaded. After submission, you will be able to view your PDF from your Tasks button, finding your proposal, and clicking the View PDF button. The PDF copy will be available for a limited time and.
- Submission:** Click Submit (below) to submit your information to the Foundation. Once you submit, you will receive an e-mail confirmation and you will be able to modify information on any of the pages.
- Validation Status:** A table showing the status of various sections.

The **Submit** button is highlighted with a green arrow, indicating it is the next step in the process.

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