

Cosco Busan Oil Spill Settlement Recreational Use Grant Program Update and Restoration Project Selection Plan Summary #2

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On 7 November 2007, the Cosco Busan container ship struck one of the support towers for the Bay Bridge, puncturing the vessel and spilling an estimated 53,569 gallons of fuel oil into San Francisco Bay. The oil affected the water and shorelines in the central Bay and outer coast, resulting in widespread beach closures and interruption of recreational activities. Following the spill, the natural resource Trustee agencies, composed of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW, then known as California Department of Fish and Game), the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), the Department of the Interior through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Park Service (NPS), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), conducted a Natural Resource Damage Assessment to quantify the injuries to natural resources. They pursued natural resource damages through two separate lawsuits and, in the fall of 2011, the Trustees executed a settlement with the parties responsible for the spill. The settlement was approved by the U.S. Northern California District Court in January of 2012.

As part of the settlement for natural resource damages, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) received over \$7.2 million on behalf of CDFW and CSLC, the state Trustees, to fund projects that compensate the public for loss of use and enjoyment of natural resources, parks, public beaches and other public resources. These monies were to be spent primarily in the East Bay, San Mateo County, and portions of Marin County affected by the spill. Consistent with the [Final Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan for the Cosco Busan spill](#), NFWF is implementing a competitive grant program with oversight by CDFW and CSLC. A portion of the settlement funds are directed to NFWF to pay the administrative costs of implementing this program.

A request for a first round of proposals was released on March 26, 2012. The last of the projects funded from these proposals are currently completing their final reports. The final

allocation to these projects is anticipated to be approximately \$5.6 million once all are closed out. Available final reports for these projects are posted [here](#).

A request for a second round of proposals was released in January 2019. Pre-proposals were submitted by a variety of local cities, counties, and other public and non-profit entities. The 14 pre-proposals best matching the grant program's funding priorities were selected for full proposal submission, and the review of full proposals began on April 30, 2019. Allocations to selected projects from this round of applicants is expected to be approximately \$1.1 million.

The tables below provide a brief description of the 14 full proposals received and currently under consideration for funding through the Cosco Busan Oil Spill Settlement Recreational Use Grant Program. While there are many deserving projects, funding the full \$2.6 million requested will not be possible based on available funds. Projects are being evaluated for funding based on their geographic distribution, total funding request, and other evaluation criteria listed in the request for proposals. Comments on the proposed projects are welcome, and should be submitted to Eliza Braendel at Eliza.Braendel@NFWF.ORG by **August 16, 2019** in order to ensure consideration. The CDFW and the CSLC will submit the list of projects selected for funding to the Cosco Busan Trustee Council, composed of representatives of the Department of the Interior (DOI), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the CDFW and the CSLC for concurrence. Thereafter grant recipients will be notified.

Project Title	Organization	Project Description	Funds Requested
East Bay			
South Cove Boat Dock Staging Area Project	City of Berkeley	<p>This project would support the following actions at the South Cove Boat Dock Staging Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repave the existing degraded asphalt surface and add new traffic and pedestrian safety striping; and • Replace an existing degraded washdown water line and two degraded public boat hoists. 	\$192,842.19
Monarch Bay Shoreline Development - Park Amenities	City of San Leandro	This project would support the installation of public restrooms with water fountains and a footbridge at the Monarch Bay Shoreline Development park, which will serve pedestrians and bikers as an extension of the Bay Trail.	\$400,000
Jack London Aquatic Center Non-Motorized Launch Dock Replacement	City of Oakland	This project would support the replacement of the low float non-motorized vessel launch dock at the City of Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development's Jack London Aquatic Center.	\$243,000
Lake Merritt Boating Center Main Dock ADA Gangway	City of Oakland	This project would replace the main boat rental and program dock's non-ADA compliant gangway with an ADA compliant gangway at the City of Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development's Lake Merritt Boating Center.	\$36,700

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Encinal Beach Shoreline Recreation Improvements	East Bay Regional Park District	<p>This project would contribute to public access improvements at the Encinal Beach Park, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition and removal of debris and a derelict barge; • Regrading to stabilize beach slopes and to create a cobble pocket beach for kayak put-in/pull-out; • A beach nourishment program to encourage establishment of dune habitat; and • Upgrades to the parking lot, trails, and the beach access points so that they are ADA compliant. 	\$200,000
East Bay Subtotal (Target Allocation)			\$1,072,542.19 (\$440,000)

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Marin County			
Sausalito Community Boating Center - Expanding Public Recreation at Sausalito's Shoreline	Cass Gidley Marina - Sausalito Community Boating Center	This project would support the construction of a new ADA accessible ramp, abutment, and dock at the Cass Gidley Marina site.	\$175,000
Dunphy Park Improvement & Native Plants Living Shoreline Project	City of Sausalito	This project would add the following amenities to the ongoing improvements at Dunphy Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased trees and planting; • Additional benches and picnic tables; • Additional accessible pathways; and • Shoreline protective fencing. 	\$300,000
Black Point Boat Launch Visitor Upgrades	Marin County Parks	This project would support installation of the following amenities at the Black Point Boat Launch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash and recycling receptacles; • New picnic tables; • A small shade structure; • Cutting boards to cut bait; • Bike racks; • Irrigated landscape planting to provide shade and separation between picnic tables; and • An educational/interpretive element. 	\$67,500
Paradise Beach Park Restroom Replacement	Marin County Parks	This project would replace two existing all-gender single-stall restrooms at Paradise Beach Park with four-to-six fully accessible all-gender single-stall restrooms contained within a single prefabricated building. A public art component at the restroom, such as a mural, will provide education related to sea level rise and other pertinent bay-related issues.	\$247,500

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Rotary Fishing Pier Sausalito	Sausalito Rotary Club	<p>This project would reconstruct and restore the municipal fishing and recreation pier on Bridgeway in Sausalito. The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six new sheaved steel pilings; • Removal of old pilings which are decayed and contaminate the Bay; • Strong foundational elements above the pilings; and • Decking and railings designed to be permanent and able to resist high tides and wave action in storms which penetrate the Bay. <p>The pier will be open to pedestrians and persons with disabilities. The deck will be lighted and patrolled and maintained by the City of Sausalito. It will be closed at time of high storms.</p>	\$530,000
Marin County Subtotal (Target Allocation)			\$1,320,000 (\$495,000)

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Other Areas			
Montara State Beach Facility Improvement	California Department of Parks and Recreation	This project would install a two-unit vault toilet adjacent to the new parking lot constructed at the northern portion of Montara State Beach. The new facility will be fully accessible, and there will be an access route from accessible parking.	\$80,000
The Salt Marsh Trail Enhancement Project	Friends of the Palo Alto Parks	This project would create and install interpretive panels and interactive exhibits to enhance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 miles of existing multi-use trails along the south shore of the San Francisco Bay Estuary in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties; and • an existing 850-foot boardwalk that allows visitors to walk out over the marsh and to the edge of the Bay. 	\$54,000
Reel In and Recycle: Building Partnerships to Keep Monofilament Line Out of the Water	Greater Farallones Association	This project would provide fishermen an easy way to recycle unwanted line at selected locations to directly improve recreational fishing and boating experiences, along with the health of marine ecosystems.	\$12,000
Bay Camp	Sonoma Land Trust	This project would provide 200 7- to 12-year-old children the opportunity to experience shoreline recreation (kayaking and bicycling) and bilingual environmental education at the Sears Point area of the San Pablo Bay. Funding would cover 2 years and support scholarships (including transportation costs) primarily to low-income, Latino families in need of financial support, with the goal of providing at least 50% of camp participants full scholarships.	\$50,000

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Total for Other Areas (Target Allocation)			\$246,000 (\$165,000)