



**Call for Projects
Proposition 1 (2014), Round 1, IRWM Implementation Grant Opportunity**

Submit all requested information and documents by March 27th, 2019 @ 5pm.

Background:

Proposition 1 was passed by California voters in 2014, allocating \$510 million for IRWM projects across the State. These funds were allocated regionally in Prop 1 by Funding Area, with the Central Coast total being \$43 million. The San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region is a member of the Central Coast Funding Area (CCFA), and along with the other CCFA regions, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to divide these funds equitably between the 6 Regions. Based on this agreement, the total Prop 1 IRWM funding available to the San Luis Obispo County Region is \$7.7 million, as shown in table 1.

Table 1 – Prop 1 IRWM Funding for San Luis Obispo County Region

	Total Prop 1 Funds (per MOA)	Available for Round 1 (per DWR)	Available for Round 1	Available for Round 2
DAC Involvement (2017)	\$ 938,570	n/a	n/a	n/a
DAC Implementation (future)	\$ 774,099	35%	\$ 270,934	\$ 503,165
Planning Grant (2016)	\$ 204,183	n/a	n/a	n/a
Implementation Grants (future)	\$ 5,790,160	50%	\$ 2,895,080	\$ 2,895,080
Total for SLO Region (Per CCFA MOA)	\$ 7,707,012		\$ 3,166,014	\$ 3,398,245

Grant Project Solicitation Summary

DWR is preparing to release the final Project Solicitation Package (PSP) in the coming weeks, formally initiating the grant opportunity. In advance of those documents, the RWMG at the 2/6/19 meeting requested District staff to prepare the local solicitation of projects, rather than wait for the final PSP and rush a local solicitation. When the final PSP is released by DWR, a summary of changes will be promptly provided to the RWMG.

This Call for Projects is based off the draft PSP provided by the State in October of 2018. As shown in table 1, DWR is expecting to award 50% of the general implementation funds as well as up to 35% of the DAC-specific funds. DWR wants regions to hold DAC-specific funds for the Round 2 solicitation for activities from the DAC-Involvement Grant (2017) to complete.

Project sponsors are *highly encouraged* to visit <http://www.slocountywater.org/irwm> and review the following reference information, available in the “Prop 1, Round 1 Call for Projects” section:

- “2018 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines” by DWR. This document covers all eligibility criteria and is a resource for the Project Information Form.
 - For example, if your agency is submitting a project that affects groundwater, there are additional requirements described on pages 6 and 7.
- “Draft 2018 Implementation Grant PSP” by DWR.



Schedule of Local Solicitation

The schedule for our local solicitation is as follows:

1. **March 5th – 27th, 2019.** Call for projects is open (23 days).
2. **March 28th – 29th, 2019.** Eligibility Screening.
3. **April 3rd, 2019, Project Showcase @ RWMG Meeting, 10am – 12pm.** Applications will present projects to members and public stakeholders (more details below).
4. **April 5th-12th, 2019.** Initial project scoring by staff-level team.
5. **April 22nd, 2019, 1:30pm to 4:30pm.** RWMG Working Group meeting (open to public) to finalize scores and prepare funding recommendation
6. **May 1st, 2019 @ RWMG Meeting, 10am – 12pm.** Members to vote on the projects and funding recommendation by the Working Group for the DWR application.
7. **May 1st, 2019 @ WRAC Meeting, 1:30pm – 3:30pm.** Project sponsors selected by RWMG will present their projects to WRAC prior to getting WRAC approval for application.

Requirements for Project Sponsors

Project sponsors must satisfy the following to be considered for the grant opportunity:

- Must have adopted the 2014 IRWM Plan.
- Must adopt the 2019 IRWM Plan.
- The project must be listed on the Full Project List.

Project sponsors must complete & submit the following to Brendan Clark by **5pm March 27th**:

- Project Information Form (PIF) from DWR, available @ www.slocountywater.org/irwm
- No more than two (2) presentation slides that include project details, need for the project and requested grant amount (PPT or PDF format).

Project Showcase at April 3rd RWMG Meeting

Project sponsors must be prepared to give a brief (~2min) presentation on their project at the April 3rd RWMG meeting during a “project showcase”. This will be the opportunity for the entire RWMG to learn about the submitted projects and mimics the DWR solicitation process.

Thank you for your interest and participation in IRWM in San Luis Obispo County!

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