

CA Department of Parks and Recreation – Grant Program Information

Rural Recreation and Tourism Program (RRT)

Intent

The Rural Recreation and Tourism Program will create new recreation opportunities within rural communities to support health-related and economic goals. This program is funded by Proposition 68 (2018 Bond Act), which is found in Public Resources Code §80090(a)(b).

Eligible Applicants

- Cities
- Counties
- Eligible Districts (as defined in the Application Guide) in nonurbanized areas.

*To qualify as a rural community, the project site must meet one of these three thresholds:

1. Be in a county with a population below 500,000 people, and in a city/town/census designated place that has a population below 50,000 people.

OR

2. Be in a county with a population below 500,000 people, and, in a city/town/census designated place that has a population below 80,000 people, provided that the county below 500,000 people has adopted State planning priorities pursuant to Government Code Section 65041.1. The applicant shall include in the RRT application a letter or other documentation from the County's Planning Agency confirming the county had adopted one or more State planning priorities found in Government Code Section 65041.1 to limit sprawl, protect environmental and agricultural resources, and encourages infill development patterns within incorporated city limits.

Eligible Projects and Priorities

- Acquisition and development, or development of land to:
 - Create new recreational opportunities in rural communities that have lack of outdoor recreation infrastructure. Projects that support both economic and health-related goals for residential recreation and will attract out-of-town visitors will be given priority.
 - New opportunities are the creation of facilities that currently do not exist, and may include by are not limited to:
 - Accessible trails and bikeways for wildlife viewing or other significant draws
 - Sport complexes that host travel ball tournaments and leagues
 - Visitor centers that interpret a significant history or natural resource
 - Amphitheaters that support performing arts and other cultural recreation attractions
 - Campgrounds
 - Access to waterways

- Aquatic Centers

Total Amount Available for Competitive Grants

\$23,125,000 will be awarded through one round of Proposition 68 funding.

Grant Amount Per Application

Minimum Request: \$200,000

Maximum Request: \$3,000,000

Match Required

No match is required if:

The project site's area has a median household income of \$56,982 or less according to the Community FactFinder. The grant itself may fund the entire project.

Match is required if:

The project site's area has a median household income above \$59,982 according to the Community FactFinder. If the median household income is above \$56,982, the grant can fund up to 80% of the total project cost. Match is at least (no less than) 20% of the total project cost.

Grant Performance Period

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025

Deadline

January 20, 2022

Additional information can be found on the Rural Recreation and Tourism Program [webpage](#).

Regional Park Program (RPP)

Intent

The Regional Park Program will create, expand, or improve regional parks and regional park facilities. This program is funded by Proposition 68 (2018 Bond Act), which is found in Public Resources Code §80090(a)(b).

Eligible Applications

- Counties
- Regional Park Districts and Regional Open-Space Districts formed pursuant to Division 5, Chapter 3, Article 3 (commencing with Section 550) of the Public Resources Code
- Open-Space Authorities formed pursuant to Public Resources Code Division 26 (commencing with Section 35100)
- Joint Powers Authorities where at least one of the members is otherwise eligible on this list
- Nonprofit organizations qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Eligible Projects

- Acquisition for new or enhances public access and use
- Development to create or renovate:
 - Trails, with preference given to multiuse trails over single-use trails
 - Regional sports complexes
 - Visitor interpretive facilities
 - Other types of recreation and support facilities in regional parks

Total Amount Available for Competitive Grants

\$23,125,000 will be awarded through one round of Proposition 68 funding.

Grant Amount Per Application

Minimum Request: \$200,000

Maximum Request: \$3,000,000

Match Required

None required -- the grant itself may fund the entire project.

Grant Performance Period

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025

Deadline

January 20, 2022

Additional information can be found on the Regional Park Program [webpage](#).