

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

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Upcoming Funding for San Francisco Bay and California Coastal Watersheds

EPA Region 9 intends to issue two separate competitive grant announcements by April 2008 for protecting and restoring San Francisco Bay and California coastal watersheds through comprehensive watershed protection and management approaches. This fact sheet is not a formal funding announcement and the information is subject to change prior to the formal request for proposals printed in the Federal Register.

San Francisco Bay Area Water Quality Improvement Funds

These new funds are the result of a Congressional appropriation for "...partnership competitive grants for protection and restoration of San Francisco Bay watersheds..." with "priority given to organizations that emphasize the ability to leverage additional public and private funds." EPA expects to solicit proposals for implementation projects that address the following priority improvements: implementation of draft and completed TMDL; invasive species management; reduction of trash in our waterways; wetlands restoration; stormwater management; smart growth; and climate change readiness. Emphasis should be on supporting implementation activities and measurable results based on existing resource protection plans, such as the SFEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

Estimated Total Funding: **\$5,000,000**

Expected Number of Grants: **1 to 6**

Expected Amount per Grant:

\$250,000 - \$5,000,000 federal plus 25% non-federal match

Length of Grant: **2 - 4 years**

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California Coast West Coast Estuaries Initiative

The West Coast Estuaries Initiative is a focused effort to advance successful partnerships and coalitions that have completed the necessary watershed assessments and have a technically sound watershed plan ready to implement. In September 2007 EPA released an announcement soliciting proposals for the California Coast and subsequently selected several proposals*. This year Congress appropriated additional funds to continue the Initiative. Therefore, EPA Region 9 expects to solicit additional proposals for similar projects that conserve, restore and protect the water quality, habitat and environment of California coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near shore waters through comprehensive approaches to water quality management.

Estimated Total Funding: **\$4,900,000**

Expected Number of Grants: **3 to 7**

Expected Amount per Grant:

\$250,000 - \$1,000,000 federal plus 25% non-federal match

Length of Grant: **2 - 4 years**

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Anticipated Announcement Date: April 2008 on Grants.gov and epa.gov/region09/

**For coastal proposals selected based on the Sept 2007 announcement see epa.gov/region09/water/watershed/grants.html*