

Prop 4 Invasive Species Grants Informational Webinar

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Prop 4 Climate Bond



Bond funding was appropriated late in the summer of 2024 without an APA exemption and was subject to emergency regulations



Contains specific requirements for allocations to vulnerable populations and disadvantaged communities

Climate Bond Updates



Programs may also need to complete a Tribal Consultation process or conduct outreach to tribes in consultation with the tribal liaison



CDFA and other agencies needed to conduct review and redesign of their programs to be in compliance

Highlighted Requirements

PRC 93520

Of the funds made available by Section 93500, twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be available to the Department of Food and Agriculture for purposes of funding invasive species projects and activities recommended by the Invasive Species Council of California. Preference shall be given to projects that restore and protect biodiversity and ecosystem health. Consideration shall be given to geographic equity.

PRC 90140

At least 40 percent of the total funds available pursuant to this division shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities. At least 10 percent of the total funds available pursuant to this division shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to severely disadvantaged communities.

PRC 90135

(e) (1) A regulation for the purpose of developing and adopting program guidelines and selection criteria needed to effectuate or implement the programs included in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 91000) to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 94500), inclusive, of this division may be adopted as an emergency regulation in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and for purposes of that chapter, including Section 11349.6 of the Government Code, the adoption of regulations is an emergency and shall be considered by the Office of Administrative Law as necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare, and a state agency is hereby exempted from the requirement that it describe facts showing the need for immediate action.

(2) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall be filed with, but not be repealed by, the Office of Administrative Law, and shall remain in effect until repealed or amended by the adopting state agency.

Assembly Bill 107

[Assembly Bill 107](#) (Section 36) was signed and is now in effect. This bill provides an exemption to the Administrative Procedures Act for departments developing and adopting guidelines for programs funded by appropriations in the Budget Act of 2025 and earlier. This means programs funded in the current year and earlier no longer need to develop emergency regulations for approval by the Office of Administrative Law before grant programs can move forward.

- We can get money out for projects without emergency rulemaking.
- We can also encumber funds through 2028

CISAC had to establish selection criteria

Prefer	Prefer projects that restore and protect biodiversity and ecosystem health (PRC 93520)
Consider	Consider geographic equity (PRC 93520)
Track and direct	Track and direct bond funding to disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations (40%) and severely disadvantaged communities (10%) (PRC 90135, PRC 90140)
Measure and evaluate	Measure and evaluate direct and meaningful benefits to the above populations (PRC 90135, PRC 90140)
Ensure	Ensure recipient eligibility (PRC 90110)

Highlighted Priorities

Program Guidelines need to ensure. . .



Funding is accessible

Pathways to funding are clear, community-friendly, and widely published



Transparency to the public

The public, including any targeted populations, should have 30-90 days to review program guidelines, including the selection process, selection criteria, and program priorities



Equity is prioritized

Historically underinvested communities are prioritized

Draft Invasive Species Grant Details

Purpose

To fund invasive species work throughout California with an emphasis on projects that restore and protect biodiversity and ecosystem health.

- Priority shall be given to projects that are species-specific, time-sensitive, new to a geographic region, and likely to prevent the establishment of that species.
- Projects shall minimize the economic, ecological, and human health impacts caused by invasive species and restore and protect biodiversity and ecosystem health, with particular attention to projects providing direct and meaningful benefits to disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, and vulnerable populations.
- Funded projects may include, but are not limited to, management actions for preventing introduction of invasive species, control, containment or eradication of an invasive species, and outreach, education, and research related to invasive species.

ISG Funding and Duration

- CDFA on behalf of the ISCC will award \$16,450,000 in Proposition 4 funds for ISG projects within California.
- Individual grant awards can range from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, and CDFA reserves the right to offer an award amount other than the amount requested.
- The maximum grant duration is 36 months; awarded projects and all associated expenditures must be completed within 36 months of the agreement start date.
- Costs incurred before the beginning of the grant agreement will not be reimbursed.
- Extensions will not be allowed.

Priority Funding

The Climate Bond language requires that “at least 40 percent of the total funding made available pursuant to this division shall be invested in programs or projects that provide direct and meaningful benefits to disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, and vulnerable populations.” The following definitions come directly from the bond (PRC Section 90100) and will be used across 2024 Climate Bond programs:

CDFR will evaluate a target population’s status as a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community using the [Climate Bond \(Proposition 4\) \(S\)DAC Status](#) tool built for this purpose and give scoring preference to these priority populations. CDFR will evaluate a target population’s status as a vulnerable population using the [Climate Vulnerability Map](#) in combination with the definition provided and will give scoring preference to these priority populations.

Eligibility

Projects must be based in California and provide direct benefit to California.

Eligible applicants must be a:

- Public college or university,
- Federal, state, or local government entities, including Tribal entities,
- 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization,
- Special districts,
- Joint powers authority,
- Mutual water company.

Submitting a Grant Proposal

Applicants are required to complete and submit the Invasive Species Grant Program Application using the required application template available on the ISCC website www.iscc.ca.gov. ISCC will award grants through a competitive one phase application process.

The Grant Proposal Application consists of the following sections:

- Cover Page and Proposal Narrative (Template)
- Budget and Budget Narrative (Template)
- Grant proposals must be submitted electronically to cisac@iscc.ca.gov no later than 5:00 PM PST on the due date.
- Late proposals will be disqualified.

Review

Grant proposals will be submitted to CDFA where they will undergo a two-phase review process, including an administrative review by CDFA and a technical review by California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC).

- **Administrative Review**

The purpose of the administrative review is to determine whether the grant proposal meets all application requirements, including reviewing the proposal and budget for accuracy and completeness. The administrative review will occur after the application due date.

- **Technical Review**

A technical review will be completed by the a CISAC Grant Review Subcommittee, who will review the proposals and evaluate their merits. The CISAC Grant Review Subcommittee will convene a meeting to complete individual reviews and finalize scores for each proposal. Grant proposals with a score of 70 or higher will be passed to the ISCC for funding decisions.

Technical Assistance

To support the development of competitive proposals, CDFR will be entering into a contract for technical assistance (TA) and offer application TA to eligible applicants for ISCG funding. Applicants can request TA by emailing the ISCC at cisac@iscc.ca.gov.

TA providers will support all eligible grant applicants with technical assistance. Application TA activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Direct application assistance, including clarification of application requirements, financial analysis, review of responses and application coordination.
- Assistance with the compilation/development of all application materials (project proposal, estimated timeline, budget, pre-development documents (if available));
- Identification of project area, integration of projects, and
- Assessment of project readiness
- Applicants are not required to receive TA.
- Receiving application TA does not guarantee that an applicant will be awarded a grant.

Next Steps

Post Webinar Actions

- Please review the draft ISG Grant guidelines and fillable forms on the ISCC webpage at www.iscc.ca.gov/climate-bond-funding.html.
- 30-day comment period will be April 29 – May 29.
 - Comments accepted via email at cisac@iscc.ca.gov, or
 - By mail addressed to California Invasive Species Advisory Committee attn: Ambika Saini at 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- The team will make any necessary edits to the Grant guidelines based on public comments.
- Issue a press release to request grant proposals.
- Receive and review proposals.
- Issue grants.

Public Comment Session

- Please raise your hand or type into the chat
- Public comments are limited to 3-minutes per comment