

**2021-22**  
**Procedural Guide for**  
**County of San Benito**  
**Local Assistance Specified Grant**  
October 28, 2021



**State of California**  
**The Natural Resources Agency**  
**Department of Parks and Recreation**  
**Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS)**

*"Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs"*

**Send Application and correspondence to your**  
**Administrative Project Officer listed at: [www.parks.ca.gov/grants/contacts](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants/contacts)**

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**2021-2022 California State Budget, SB 129, Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021, as  
amended by SB 170, Chapter 240, Statutes of 2021**  
**Section 174, Item #:**

**(253) \$750,000 to the County of San Benito for the Riverview Regional Park  
Accessibility Project.**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**



**Department Mission**

The mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

**Office of Community Engagement Mission**

The mission of the Community Engagement Division is to encourage healthy communities by connecting people to parks, supporting innovative recreational opportunities, embracing diversity, fostering inclusivity, and delivering superior customer leadership through quality customer services.

**The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) Mission Statement**

The mission of the Office of Grants and Local Services is to address California's diverse recreational, cultural and historical resource needs by developing grant programs, administering funds, offering technical assistance, building partnerships and providing leadership through quality customer service.

**OGALS VISION GOALS**

**To Be:**

- ❖ A leader among park and recreation professionals.
- ❖ Proactive in anticipating public park and recreation needs and how new legislation and grant programs could best meet these needs.
- ❖ Honest, knowledgeable, and experienced grant administration facilitators.
- ❖ Sensitive to local concerns while mindful of prevailing laws, rules, and regulations.
- ❖ Perceptive to opportunities for partnerships, growth and renewal where few existed before.
- ❖ Committed to providing quality customer service in every interaction and transaction.
- ❖ Responsive to the needs of applicants, GRANTEES, nonprofit organizations, local governments, legislative members, and department employees.

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## I. Introduction

This specified grant originated from a line item in the State of California Budget for fiscal year 2021-22. A resolution is required before a CONTRACT will be issued, and an approved APPLICATION PACKET is required before GRANT payments can be approved. The GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024.

1. Costs incurred before or after the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD are not eligible for reimbursement.
2. Costs incurred after the APPROPRIATION DATE but before OGALS approves the APPLICATION PACKET are eligible if they are consistent with the GRANT SCOPE approved by OGALS and are ELIGIBLE COSTS.

## II. Grant Process

### Grant Process Key Dates

- Grant Performance Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024
- Resolution: Submit by December 31, 2021
- Contract: Sign and return by January 31, 2022
- Projects Complete by December 31, 2023
- Project Completion Packets: Submit by: March 31, 2024

### Grant Process Detail

1. **Resolution:** APPLICANT sends resolution to OGALS by December 31, 2021 to allow approval within the CONTRACT ENCUMBRANCE PERIOD, which ends June 30, 2022.
2. **CONTRACT:** OGALS sends CONTRACT to APPLICANT. APPLICANT becomes GRANTEE when CONTRACT is fully executed during CONTRACT ENCUMBRANCE PERIOD.
  - a. The CONTRACT section includes a sample contract and the contract provisions.
  - b. The APPLICANT must return the CONTRACT signed by the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE to OGALS no later than January 31, 2022. The APPLICANT becomes a GRANTEE when the CONTRACT is signed by OGALS.
  - c. OGALS returns a copy of the fully executed CONTRACT to the GRANTEE.
3. **APPLICATION PACKET(s):** The GRANTEE defines the PROJECT SCOPE(s) and amount of grant funds needed for each PROJECT. As PROJECTS are identified, the GRANTEE submits individual APPLICATION PACKET(s) to OGALS. OGALS reviews each APPLICATION PACKET and sends a letter of approval to the GRANTEE or requests additional information.

After each PROJECT is approved by OGALS, OGALS will send a Status Report to the GRANTEE approximately every six months until OGALS receives a PROJECT

COMPLETION PACKET. The GRANTEE must return the Status Report within thirty (30) days from receipt. Payment requests will not be processed if Status Reports are overdue.

4. **Payments and end of GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD:** GRANTEE requests payments for ELIGIBLE COSTS. OGALS recommends that GRANTEE provide all PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET(S) no later than **March 31, 2024**. The grant payments section provides payment request instructions and forms.
  - a. The GRANTEE may request payments after each PROJECT is approved by OGALS. GRANT funds may only be expended on ELIGIBLE COSTS incurred within the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD.
  - b. The GRANTEE completes PROJECT SCOPE(s) and sends PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET(s) to OGALS no later than March 31, 2024.
  - c. The State of California receives a high volume of payment requests at the end of the fiscal year. If the PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET is received after March 31, 2024, OGALS cannot guarantee final payment by the State Controller's Office. If the State Controller's Office is unable to process the payment before the end of the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD, the unpaid balance of grant funds will revert to the Legislature.
  - d. OGALS processes the final payment request after each PROJECT is complete as documented by the GRANTEE in the PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET, and as verified by OGALS when conducting a site inspection.
5. **Accounting and Audit:** DPR's Audits Office may conduct an audit. The GRANTEE is required to retain all PROJECT records for five years following receipt of the final GRANT payment. The Accounting and Audit Section provides directions and an Audit Checklist for DPR audit and accounting requirements.

## Authorizing Resolution

GRANTEE passes *one* resolution approving the filing of *all* applications associated with the CONTRACT and forwards a copy to OGALS.

The Authorizing Resolution on the following page may be reformatted; however, the *language provided in the resolution must remain unchanged*.

The Authorizing Resolution serves two purposes:

1. It is how the GRANTEE'S Governing Body agrees to the terms of the CONTRACT; it provides confirmation that the GRANTEE has the funding to complete, operate and maintain PROJECTS associated with the CONTRACT.
2. It designates a position title to represent the Governing Body on all matters regarding PROJECTS associated with the CONTRACT. The incumbent in this position is referred to as the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

The AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE can delegate signatory authority to other individuals (by position title) either in entirety or for particular documents. The delegation process requires the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE to submit a letter (on letterhead) or email to OGALS delegating authority.

## Resolution Form

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ (Title of Governing Body/City Council, Board of Supervisors) OF \_\_\_\_\_ (City, County, or District) APPROVING APPLICATION(S) FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of a grant to the [grantee name], setting up necessary procedures governing application(s); and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of project application(s) before submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ (grantee's governing body) hereby:

1. Approves the filing of project application(s) for specified grant project(s); and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of project work utilizing specified grant funds, sufficient funds, including those provided by this grant, to complete the project; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has or will provide sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in this Procedural Guide; and
5. Delegates the authority to the \_\_\_\_\_ (designated position, not name of person occupying position), or designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project scope(s); and
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Approved and adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ was duly adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ (grantee's governing body) following a roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk)

### III. APPLICATION SECTION

- GRANTEE may submit multiple APPLICATION PACKETS to OGALS.
- Provide the APPLICATION PACKET items in the order shown in the following checklist.
- Please number the pages.
- If a checklist item is not applicable to the PROJECT, provide a brief explanation.
- If an application item is incomplete send a draft with a timeline for completion.

#### Application packet checklist and directions

GRANTEES must complete the checklist below and submit it with the APPLICATION PACKET. An APPLICATION PACKET is not complete unless all items on the checklist are submitted. Each PROJECT requires its own APPLICATION PACKET.

Check if included	Check if not applicable	Application Item	Procedural Guide Page #	Check when signed by AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	Application Packet Page #
<input type="checkbox"/>		Application Packet Checklist Digital file name: checklist.pdf	Pg. 8		Pg. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>		Application Digital file name: application.pdf	Pg. 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pg. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Scope/Cost Estimate, or Digital file name: scope.pdf	Pg. 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pg. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>		Funding Sources Form Digital file name: fundingsources.pdf	Pg. 14		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CEQA Compliance Certification Digital file name: ceqa.pdf	Pg. 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pg. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquisition Requirements Digital file names: acqscope.pdf & acqdocs.pdf	Pg. 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pg. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Tenure documentation Digital file names: ownership.pdf or nonownership.pdf	Pg. 9		Pg. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sub-Leases or Agreements Digital file name: otheragreements.pdf	Pg. 9		Pg. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Site Plan Digital file name: siteplan.pdf	Pg. 9		Pg. _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROJECT Location Map Digital file name: map.pdf	Pg. 9		Pg. _____



☐ Site Plan

- Provide a drawing showing where each feature and support amenity listed in the PROJECT SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form will be located.
- Include the function and approximate square footage of each room within buildings that are part of the PROJECT SCOPE, and the approximate total square footage of the buildings.

☐ Land Tenure and Site Control

If the property is owned in fee simple by the APPLICANT, provide a copy of the

- Deed or deed recordation number
- Title report
- Tract map (if owner's name provided)

If the property is not owned in fee simple, provide the lease, easement, joint powers agreement, etc.

☐ Sub-leases or Agreements

- Provide a list of all *other* leases, agreements, memoranda of understanding, etc., affecting PROJECT property or its operation and maintenance, *or*
- If this requirement is not applicable, state, "This item is not applicable because there are no subleases or other agreements."

☐ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The APPLICANT should check with its local city or county planning agency for CEQA compliance information.

- If CEQA *is* complete: provide the CEQA Compliance Certification Form and its required attachment, filed and stamped by the County Recorder.
- If CEQA is *not* complete: provide a timeline for completion and state "completing CEQA is a Project Scope Item."

☐ PROJECT Location Map

- Provide a map showing highway and street access to the PROJECT site.

## **Additional Non-Profit Requirements**

### **Fidelity Bond (For Non-profit grantees only)**

Non-profit GRANTEES must provide a copy of a current Fidelity Bond policy to their PROJECT OFFICERS before any payment requests can be approved by OGALS. The premium for a Fidelity Bond is an eligible cost.

A Fidelity Bond provides insurance covering fraudulent acts of GRANTEES' employees, volunteers, officers, and directors. The GRANTEE is the insured party. DPR must be named as a Third-Party Loss Payee, i.e., the same as a mortgage company on a home loan. OGALS address is: State of California, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001, Attn: Office of Grants and Local Services.

Coverage must be at least equal to the GRANT amount. Fidelity Bond insurance must be kept current for at least six months after the date of the final GRANT payment.

GRANTEES may obtain the Fidelity Bond through a general liability carrier, a major casualty insurance carrier, or a bonds specialty company. There are [Fidelity Bond frequently asked questions](#) available on the OGALS web site.

### **Competitive Solicitation Process (For non-profit grantees only)**

Non-profit GRANTEES must attempt to obtain bids before awarding a contract on a GRANT-funded PROJECT for services (greater than \$5,000), and for construction work (greater than \$25,000), thus ensuring state funds are spent responsibly.

1. Non-profit GRANTEE attempts to obtain three bids for services (greater than \$5,000) and for construction work (greater than \$25,000).
2. To ensure that bidders understand the required PROJECT elements, the non-profit GRANTEE provides each bidder (potential contractor) the same written invitation for bid describing the PROJECT work to be performed based on "Best Value" factors, and the required PROJECT elements based on the Project Scope/Cost Estimate Form, and concept level site plan.
3. Solicit bids by contacting at least three potential contractors or by invitation for bids advertising, or a combination of both methods.

The non-profit GRANTEE's Board of Directors evaluates the bids to determine which contractor will provide the "best value" and will meet PROJECT requirements. "Best value" should be determined by price, quality of materials, equipment, and workmanship. The evaluation process must ensure no conflict of interest between the contractor and the non-profit GRANTEE's Board of Directors. The non-profit GRANTEE's Board of Directors need not necessarily accept the lowest bid, but a reasonable justification for the decision should be recorded in writing.

4. The Board of Directors selects a contractor and awards a contract.
5. For audit purposes, the GRANTEE keeps records of Steps 1 – 4 above.

**Competitive Solicitation Requirement**

The non-profit GRANTEE may request a waiver of the competitive solicitation process requirement. To request a waiver, the GRANTEE must send a written request to the PROJECT OFFICER assigned to the GRANT PROJECT and explain why a waiver is required.



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Project Application Form

PROJECT NAME	REQUESTED GRANT AMOUNT \$
PROJECT SITE NAME and PHYSICAL ADDRESS where PROJECT is located (including zip code) (Use latitude and longitude if there is no street address)	LAND TENURE ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all that apply)  <input type="checkbox"/> Owned in fee simple by APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/> Available (or will be available) under a _____ year lease or easement
NEAREST CROSS STREET	
COUNTY OF PROJECT LOCATION	
APPLICANT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS	
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AS SHOWN IN RESOLUTION	
Name ( <i>typed or printed</i> ) and Title	
Email address	
Phone	
GRANT CONTACT - For administration of grant ( <i>if different from AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE</i> )	
Name ( <i>typed or printed</i> ) and Title	
Email address	
Phone	
GRANT SCOPE: I represent and warrant that this APPLICATION PACKET describes the intended use of the requested GRANT to complete the items listed in the attached Project Scope/Cost Estimate Form. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information contained in this APPLICATION PACKET, including required attachments, is accurate.	
Signature of AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE as shown in Resolution	
Date	
Print Name	
Title	

### Project Scope/Cost Estimate Form

GRANTEE:	PROJECT Name
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**Project scope (Describe the project in 30 words or less):**

**Project Scope Items - ☒ all that apply:**

Install new	Renovate existing	Replace existing	Recreation Element
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pool, aquatic center, splash pad
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trails or walking paths
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscaping or irrigation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Group picnic, outdoor classrooms, other gathering spaces
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play equipment, outdoor fitness equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports fields, sports courts, court lighting
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community center, gym, other indoor facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restroom, concession stand
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor elements which support one or more of the recreation elements checked above: benches, lighting, parking, signage, etc.
<b>Total estimated cost for construction:</b>			\$
<b>PRE-CONSTRUCTION (costs incurred prior to ground-breaking, such as design, permits, bid packages, CEQA).</b>			\$
<b>Total GRANT amount:</b>			\$
<b>The GRANTEE understands that all elements listed on this form must be complete and open to the public before the final grant payment will be made.</b>			
<b>AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature</b>			<b>Date</b>
<b>Print Name and Title</b>			

The APPLICANT understands that this form will be used to establish ELIGIBLE COSTS, and that all of the recreation features and support amenities listed on this form must be completed and open to the public before the final PROJECT payment is processed as specified in the Final Payments section of this guide.



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## Funding Sources

**Grantee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECTS funded by the program are not complete until all PROJECT SCOPE items are complete and open to the public.

If Specified GRANT funds will be used as part of the funding for a larger project, briefly describe the scope of that larger project:

The total cost of the larger project that these GRANT funds will contribute to is  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

List all funds that will be used:

Funding source	Date Committed	Amount
State of California 2021-22 Budget Act	July 1, 2021	\$

I represent and warrant that I have fully authority to execute this Funding Sources Form on behalf of the GRANTEE. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that this Funding Sources Form, and any accompanying documents, for the above-mentioned grant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature

Date

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Print Name and Title

NOTE: Submit a revised Funding Sources Form should funding sources be modified.



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**CEQA Compliance Certification Form**

**GRANTEE:**

**Project Name:**

**Project Address:**

Is CEQA complete? ☐Yes ☐No      Is completing CEQA a PROJECT SCOPE item? ☐Yes ☐No

**What document was filed, or is expected to be filed for this project's CEQA analysis:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date complete/expected to be completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Notice of Exemption (attach recorded copy if filed)  
☐ Notice of Determination (attach recorded copy if filed)  
☐ Other:

If CEQA is complete, and a Notice of Exemption or Notice of Determination was not filed, attach a letter from the Lead Agency explaining why, certifying the project has complied with CEQA and noting the date that the project was approved by the Lead Agency.

<b>Lead Agency Contact Information</b>	
Agency Name:	
Contact Person:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone: (    )	Email:

**Certification:**

I hereby certify that the above referenced Lead Agency has complied or will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and that the project is described in adequate and sufficient detail to allow the project's construction or acquisition.

I further certify that the CEQA analysis for this project encompasses all aspects of the work to be completed with grant funds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

**FOR OGALS USE ONLY**

CEQA Document	Date Received	PO Initials
<input type="checkbox"/> NOE <input type="checkbox"/> NOD		

## **Development Projects**

### **Development Project Rules**

1. Contracted work must comply with the provisions of §1771.5 of the State Labor Code.
2. GRANTEE must have adequate liability insurance, performance bond, or other security necessary to protect the State and GRANTEE'S interest against poor workmanship, fraud, or other potential loss associated with the completion of the PROJECT.
3. The primary purpose of any building constructed or improved must be public recreation. For example, renovating a gymnasium that includes office space for staff is eligible; renovating GRANTEE'S office building is not.
4. PROJECTS must be accessible, including an accessible path of travel to the PROJECT.

### **Eligible Development Costs**

All costs must be incurred within the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD. Costs listed below are examples of eligible costs, and not inclusive. Contact OGALS if you have any questions regarding a PROJECT cost.

#### **Eligible Pre-construction Costs – incurred prior to groundbreaking as determined by the GRANTEE**

- Public meetings, focus groups, design workshops
- Plans, specifications, construction documents, and cost estimates
- Permits
- CEQA
- Bid preparation and packages
- IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES prior to groundbreaking
- GRANT/PROJECT administration and accounting prior to groundbreaking

#### **Eligible Construction Costs – up to 100% of the PROJECT costs; incurred after groundbreaking**

- Construction – necessary labor and construction activities to complete the PROJECT, including site preparation (demolition, clearing and grubbing, excavation, grading), onsite implementation and construction supervision
- Equipment – Equipment use charges (rental and in-house) must be made in accordance with GRANTEE'S normal accounting practices
- Premiums on hazard and liability insurance to cover personnel or property
- Site preparation
- Purchase and installation of equipment: security cameras, lighting, signs, display boards, sound systems, video equipment, etc.
- Construction management: including site inspections and PROJECT administration
- Miscellaneous: other costs incurred during the construction phase, such as transporting materials, equipment, or personnel, and communications
- IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES after groundbreaking
- GRANT/PROJECT administration and accounting after groundbreaking



### **Ineligible Development Costs – Cannot be charged to the grant**

- All non-capital costs, including interpretive and recreational programming, software and software development
- Construction or improvements to facilities that are not primarily designated for recreational purposes, such as park district offices
- Construction outside the boundaries of the recreation facility
- Furniture or equipment not site specific *and* not necessary for the core function of a new facility (non-capital outlay)
- Costs incurred before or after the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD
- Indirect costs – overhead business expenses of the GRANTEE’S fixed or ordinary operating costs (rent, mortgage payments, property taxes, utilities, etc.)
- Food and beverages
- Out-of-state travel
- Fundraising and grant writing
- Repairs – activities performed to a section of a structure that are intended to allow the continued use.
- Maintenance – activities intended to be performed on a regular basis to maintain the expected useful life of a structure.

#### ***Distinguishing capital outlay (eligible) from maintenance and repair (not eligible):***

- Capital outlay – building something new, or in regards to existing structures, activities intended to boost the condition beyond its original or current state.
- Repairs – activities performed to a section of a structure that are intended to allow the continued use.
- Maintenance – activities intended to be performed on a regular basis to maintain the expected useful life of a structure.

#### ***Examples:***

Roof – replacing broken shingles is maintenance; fixing a hole is repair; replacing the roof is capital outlay.

Playground – adding additional fall material is maintenance; fixing the chains on a swing set is repair; replacing the play structures is capital outlay.

Windows – repairing the glazing is maintenance; replacing broken panes is repair; replacing the windows is capital outlay.

### **Accounting Rules for In-House Employee Services**

GRANTEES must follow these accounting practices for services performed by its employees to be eligible for reimbursement:

- Maintain time and attendance records as charges are incurred, identifying the employee through a name or other tracking system, and that employee's actual hours worked on the PROJECT.
- Time estimates, including percentages, for work performed on the PROJECT are not acceptable.
- Time sheets that do not identify the specific employee's actual hours worked on the PROJECT are not acceptable.
- Costs of the salaries and wages must be calculated according to the GRANTEE'S wage and salary scales, and may include benefit costs such as vacation, health insurance, pension contributions and workers' compensation.
- Overtime costs may be allowed under the GRANTEE'S established policy, provided that the regular work time was devoted to the same PROJECT.
- May not include overhead or cost allocation. These are the costs generally associated with supporting an employee, such as rent, personnel support, IT, utilities, etc.
- If planning to claim IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES costs, provide a sample timesheet for OGALS review to confirm these accounting practices are being followed.

## Acquisition Projects and Rules

1. Purchase price cannot exceed the appraised value, even if the GRANTEE is willing to pay the difference.
2. Land cannot be acquired through eminent domain.
3. Associated acquisition costs, such as appraisals, escrow fees, title insurance, etc., combined must be less than 25% of the PROJECT costs.
4. Land must be open to the public for recreational purposes within three years from the date the final payment is issued by the State Controller's Office (SCO).<sup>1</sup>
5. GRANTEE must provide Title Insurance.

## Acquisition Grant Scope/Cost Estimate

Provide the following information on a document signed by the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

- A brief description, for example, "Acquisition of approximately (**ENTER TOTAL ACREAGE** to be acquired) for the development of [**NAME**] Park by (**ENTER DATE** no later than three years from the date final payment is issued by the SCO)."
- Estimated total costs for land and relocation
- Estimated total costs other than the purchase price and relocation costs, such as appraisals, escrow fees, title insurance fees, deed restriction recordation costs

## Acquisition Documentation

For each parcel to be acquired, submit these documents:

1. An appraisal conducted within the last twelve months
2. A separate letter from an independent third party, AG rated appraiser certified by the California Office of Real Estate Appraisers stating the appraisal was reviewed, and was completed using acceptable methods
3. County Assessor's parcel map, showing parcel number and parcel to be acquired
4. Estimated value of each parcel to be acquired with a description of how that value was determined (such as the listed price on MLS, in-house estimation, website evaluation, assessed value)
5. Acreage of each parcel to be acquired
6. A description of any encumbrances that will remain on the property, such as grazing, timber, mineral rights or easements
7. A brief description of the intended recreational use of the land with the estimated date by which the site will be open to the public for recreational purposes

*For easement acquisitions, in addition to the requirements above, provide:*

8. A copy of the proposed easement guaranteeing the authority to use the property for the purposes specified in the application.

*For relocation costs, in addition to the requirements above, provide:* A letter signed by the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, listing the relocation costs for each displaced tenant, certifying that the relocation amount does not exceed the maximum allowed pursuant to Government Code §7260-7277.

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<sup>1</sup> Grantees will see this date on their project complete letter – "A final payment was issued by the SCO on dd/mm/20yy"

**Eligible Acquisition Costs**

- IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES – see accounting rules
- GRANT/PROJECT administration and accounting
- Public meetings/focus groups/design workshop
- Appraisals, escrow fees, surveying, other costs associated with acquisition
- Cost of land

**Ineligible Acquisition Costs – Cannot be charged to the grant**

- Acquisitions where purchase price is greater than appraised value
- Costs for land acquired through eminent domain or condemnation
- Costs incurred outside the GRANT performance period
- Development costs

## IV. CONTRACT SECTION

The following section contains a sample CONTRACT, CONTRACT provisions, and a sample status report form.

**State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Grant Contract  
Specified Grants**

GRANTEE: **Grantee**

GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

The GRANTEE agrees to the terms and conditions of this Contract, and the State of California, acting through its Director of Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the State of California, agrees to fund the total State grant amount indicated below.

The GRANTEE agrees to complete the PROJECT SCOPE(s) as defined in the PROJECT SCOPE /Cost Estimate Form of the application(s) filed with the State of California.

Total State grant amount not to exceed \$ **Grant amount**

The General and Special Provisions attached are made a part of and incorporated into the Contract.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

GRANTEE

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or printed name of Authorized Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)

Title

Date

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING (FOR STATE USE ONLY)**

AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE \$		CONTRACT NUMBER		FUND		
ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$		APPROPRIATION				
ADJ. DECREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$		ITEM VENDOR NUMBER				
UNENCUMBERED BALANCE \$		LINE ITEM ALLOTMENT		CHAPTER	STATUTE	FISCAL YEAR
T.B.A. NO.	B.R. NO.	INDEX		PCA		OBJ. EXPEND
I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance.						
SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER				DATE		

## **I. RECITALS**

This AGREEMENT is entered into between the California Department of Parks and Recreation (hereinafter referred to as “GRANTOR,” “DEPARTMENT” or “STATE”) and [Name of grantee] (hereinafter referred to as “GRANTEE”).

The DEPARTMENT hereby grants to GRANTEE a sum (also referred to as “GRANT MONIES”) not to exceed \$[grant amount], subject to the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT and the [2021/22 California State Budget, Chapter xx, statutes of 20xx, Item number – 3790-xxx-xxxx] (appropriation chapter and budget item number hereinafter referred to as “SPECIFIED GRANT”). These funds shall be used for completion of the GRANT SCOPE(S).

The Grant Performance Period is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

## **II. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **A. Definitions**

As used in this CONTRACT, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. The term “APPLICATION” means the individual project APPLICATION packet for a project pursuant to the enabling legislation and/or grant program PROCEDURAL GUIDE requirements.
2. The term “CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD” means the duration of time during which this CONTRACT is in effect.
3. The term “DEPARTMENT” or “STATE” means the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
4. The term “DEVELOPMENT” means capital improvements to real property by means of, but not limited to, construction, expansion, and/or renovation, of permanent or fixed features of the property.
5. The term “GRANTEE” means the party described as the GRANTEE in Section I of this AGREEMENT.
6. The term “GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD” means the period of time during which eligible costs may be incurred by the GRANTEE and paid for by the DEPARTMENT, as specified in the fully executed CONTRACT.
7. The term “GRANT PROJECT” means all real estate, leases, subleases, buildings, and other property acquired or developed with GRANT monies.
8. The term “PROJECT SCOPE” means the items listed in the PROJECT SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form found in each of the APPLICATIONS submitted pursuant to this grant.
9. The term “PROCEDURAL GUIDE” means the document identified as the “2021-22 Procedural Guide for [Grantee] Specified Grant.” The PROCEDURAL GUIDE provides the procedures and policies controlling the administration of the grant.

## **B. Project Execution**

1. Subject to the availability of GRANT MONIES, the STATE hereby grants to the GRANTEE a sum of money not to exceed the amount stated in Section I of this CONTRACT, in consideration of, and on condition that, the sum be expended in carrying out the purposes as set forth in the scope described in the enabling legislation and referenced in the APPLICATION, Section I of this CONTRACT, and under the terms and conditions set forth in this CONTRACT.

The GRANTEE shall assume any obligation to furnish any additional funds that may be necessary to complete the GRANT SCOPE(S).

During the CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD, the GRANTEE agrees to submit any proposed change or alteration from the original GRANT SCOPE(S) in writing to the STATE for prior approval. This applies to any and all proposed changes that will occur after STATE has approved the APPLICATION. Changes in the GRANT SCOPE(S) must first be approved in writing by the STATE.

2. The GRANTEE shall complete the GRANT SCOPE(S) in accordance with the time of the Performance Period set forth in Section I of this CONTRACT, and under the terms and conditions of this contract.
3. The GRANTEE shall comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq.).
4. The GRANTEE shall comply with all applicable current laws and regulations affecting DEVELOPMENT projects, including, but not limited to, legal requirements for construction contracts, building codes, health and safety codes, and laws and codes pertaining to individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.) and the California Unruh Act (California Civil Code §51 et seq.)

## **C. Project Costs**

1. GRANTEE agrees to abide by the PROCEDURAL GUIDE.
2. GRANTEE acknowledges that STATE may make reasonable changes to its procedures as set forth in the PROCEDURAL GUIDE. If STATE makes any changes to its procedures and guidelines, STATE agrees to notify GRANTEE within a reasonable time.

## **D. Project Administration**

1. If GRANT MONIES are advanced for DEVELOPMENT projects, the advanced funds shall be placed in an interest-bearing account until expended. Interest earned on the advanced funds shall be used on the project as approved by the STATE. If grant monies are advanced and not expended, the unused portion of the grant and any interest earned shall be returned to the STATE within 60 days after project completion or end of the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD, whichever is earlier.
2. During the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD, the GRANTEE shall submit written project status reports within 30 calendar days after the STATE has made a specific request. All such project status reports shall be signed and certified as complete and accurate by the authorized representative of the GRANTEE. In any event, the GRANTEE shall provide the STATE a report showing total final project expenditures within 60 days of project completion or the end of the

GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD, whichever is earlier. The GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is identified in Section I of this CONTRACT.

3. The GRANTEE shall make property or facilities acquired and/or developed pursuant to this contract available for inspection upon request by the STATE.

#### **E. Project Termination**

1. Project Termination refers to the non-completion of a GRANT SCOPE. Any grant funds that have not been expended by the GRANTEE shall revert to the STATE.
2. The GRANTEE may unilaterally rescind this contract at any time prior to the commencement of the project. The commencement of the project means the date of the letter notifying GRANTEE of the award or when the funds are appropriated, whichever is later. After project commencement, this contract may be rescinded, modified or amended only by mutual CONTRACT in writing between the GRANTEE and the STATE, unless the provisions of this contract provide that mutual CONTRACT is not required.
3. Failure by the GRANTEE to comply with the terms of the (a) PROCEDURAL GUIDE, (b) any legislation applicable to the ACT, (c) this CONTRACT or any other grant contracts, specified or general, that GRANTEE has entered into with STATE or any other department, agency, commission or other subdivision of California State government, may be cause for suspension of all obligations of the STATE unless the STATE determines that such failure was due to no fault of the GRANTEE. In such case, STATE may reimburse GRANTEE for eligible costs properly incurred in performance of this CONTRACT despite non-performance of the GRANTEE. To qualify for such reimbursement, GRANTEE agrees to mitigate its losses to the best of its ability.
4. Any breach of any term, provision, obligation or requirement of this CONTRACT by the GRANTEE shall be a default of this CONTRACT. In the case of any default by GRANTEE, STATE shall be entitled to all remedies available under law and equity, including but not limited to: a) Specific Performance; b) Return of all GRANT MONIES; c) Payment to the STATE of the fair market value of the project property or the actual sales price, whichever is higher; and d) Payment to the STATE of the costs of enforcement of this CONTRACT, including but not limited to court and arbitration costs, fees, expenses of litigation, and reasonable attorney fees.
5. The GRANTEE and the STATE agree that if the GRANT SCOPE includes DEVELOPMENT, final payment may not be made until the work described in the GRANT SCOPE is complete and the GRANT PROJECT is open to the public.

#### **F. Budget Contingency Clause**

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the budget act for purposes of this program, the STATE shall have the option to either cancel this contract with no liability occurring to the STATE, or offer a contract amendment to GRANTEE to reflect the reduced grant amount. This Paragraph shall not require the mutual CONTRACT as addressed in Paragraph E, subsection 2, of this CONTRACT



## **G. Hold Harmless**

1. The GRANTEE shall waive all claims and recourse against the STATE including the right to contribution for loss or damage to persons or property arising from, growing out of or in any way connected with or incident to this CONTRACT except claims arising from the concurrent or sole negligence of the STATE, its officers, agents, and employees.
2. The GRANTEE shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the STATE, its officers, agents and employees against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses or liability costs arising out of the ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, construction, operation or maintenance of the property described as the project which claims, demands or causes of action arise under California Government Code Section 895.2 or otherwise except for liability arising out of the concurrent or sole negligence of the STATE, its officers, agents, or employees.
3. The GRANTEE agrees that in the event the STATE is named as codefendant under the provisions of California Government Code Section 895 et seq., the GRANTEE shall notify the STATE of such fact and shall represent the STATE in the legal action unless the STATE undertakes to represent itself as codefendant in such legal action in which event the GRANTEE agrees to pay the STATE's litigation costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney fees.
4. The GRANTEE and the STATE agree that in the event of judgment entered against the STATE and the GRANTEE because of the concurrent negligence of the STATE and the GRANTEE, their officers, agents, or employees, an apportionment of liability to pay such judgment shall be made by a court of competent jurisdiction. Neither party shall request a jury apportionment.
5. The GRANTEE shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the STATE, its officers, agents and employees against any and all claims, demands, costs, expenses or liability costs arising out of legal actions pursuant to items to which the GRANTEE has certified. The GRANTEE acknowledges that it is solely responsible for compliance with items to which it has certified.

## **H. Financial Records**

1. The GRANTEE shall maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, including loan documents, and all other records for the project and shall make them available to the STATE for auditing at reasonable times. The GRANTEE also agrees to retain such financial accounts, documents and records for five years following project termination or final payment.
2. The GRANTEE shall keep such records as the STATE shall prescribe, including records which fully disclose (a) the disposition of the proceeds of STATE funding assistance, (b) the total cost of the project in connection with such assistance that is given or used, (c) the amount, source and nature of that portion of the project cost supplied by other sources, and (d) any other such records that will facilitate an effective audit.
3. The GRANTEE agrees that the STATE shall have the right to inspect and make copies of any books, records or reports pertaining to this contract or matters related thereto during regular office hours. The GRANTEE shall maintain and make available for inspection by the STATE accurate records of all of its costs, disbursements and receipts with respect to its activities under this contract, and shall provide copies of all such records to STATE in its certified status reports

upon request by the STATE. Such accounts, documents, and records shall be retained by the GRANTEE for at least five years following final payment.

4. The GRANTEE shall use a generally accepted accounting system.

#### **I. Use of Facilities**

1. The GRANTEE agrees that the GRANTEE shall operate and maintain, and retain full control of the property acquired or developed with the GRANT MONIES, for the duration of the CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD.
2. The GRANTEE agrees that, during the CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD, the GRANTEE shall use the property acquired or developed with grant funds under this contract only for the purposes of this grant and no other use, sale, assignment, transfer, mortgage, or other disposition or change of the control or use of the property or of any interest in the property to one not consistent with the grant purpose shall be permitted except as authorized by the DEPARTMENT and the property shall be replaced with property of equivalent value and usefulness as determined by the STATE.
3. The property acquired or developed may be transferred or assigned to another entity only if the successor entity assumes the obligations imposed under this contract and only with the prior approval of STATE.
4. Any real Property (including any portion of it or any interest in it, including any leases) may not be used as security or collateral for any debt, loan or mitigation, without the prior written approval of the STATE, provided that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld as long as the purposes for which the grant was awarded are maintained. Any such permission that is granted does not make STATE a guarantor or a surety for any debt, loan or mitigation, nor does it waive STATE's rights to enforce performance under the CONTRACT.
5. All real property (including any portion or interest in it, including any leases), or rights thereto, acquired with GRANT MONIES shall be subject to an appropriate form of restrictive title, rights, or covenants approved by the STATE. If the project property is taken by use of eminent domain, GRANTEE shall reimburse STATE an amount at least equal to the amount of grant monies received from STATE or the pro-rated full market value of the real property, including improvements, at the time of sale, whichever is higher.
6. If eminent domain proceedings are initiated against GRANTEE, GRANTEE shall notify STATE within 10 days of receiving the complaint.

#### **J. Nondiscrimination**

1. The GRANTEE shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status in the administration and in the use of any property or facility developed pursuant to this contract.

2. The GRANTEE shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of residence except to the extent that reasonable differences in admission or other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence and pursuant to law.
3. All facilities shall be open to members of the public generally, except as noted under the special provisions of this project contract or under provisions of the enabling legislation and/or grant program.

#### **K. Severability**

If any provision of this CONTRACT or the application thereof is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the CONTRACT which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this CONTRACT are severable.

#### **L. Liability**

1. STATE assumes no responsibility for assuring the safety or standards of construction, site improvements or programs related to the GRANT SCOPE. The STATE'S rights under this CONTRACT to review, inspect and approve the GRANT SCOPE and any final plans of implementation shall not give rise to any warranty or representation that the GRANT SCOPE and any plans or improvements are free from hazards or defects.
2. GRANTEE shall ensure that any contractor hired has adequate liability insurance, performance bond, or other security necessary to protect the GRANTEE interest and the STATE's interest against poor workmanship, fraud, or other potential loss associated with the completion of the grant project.

#### **M. Assignability**

Without the written consent of the STATE, the GRANTEE'S interest in and control of any portion of the GRANT PROJECT and responsibilities under this CONTRACT shall not be assignable or transferable by the GRANTEE either in whole or in part.

#### **N. Use of Grant Monies**

GRANTEE shall not use any grant funds (including any portion thereof) for the purpose of making any leverage loan, pledge, promissory note or similar financial device or transaction, without: 1) the prior written approval of the STATE; and 2) any financial or legal interests created by any such leverage loan, pledge, promissory note or similar financial device or transaction in the project property shall be completely subordinated to this CONTRACT through a Subordination Agreement provided and approved by the STATE, signed by all parties involved in the transaction, and recorded in the County Records against the fee title of the project property.

## O. Section Headings

The headings and captions of the various sections of this CONTRACT have been inserted only for the purpose of convenience and are not a part of this CONTRACT and shall not be deemed in any manner to modify, explain, or restrict any of the provisions of this CONTRACT

## P. Waiver

Any failure by a party to enforce its rights under this CONTRACT, in the event of a breach or default, shall *not* be construed as a waiver of said rights; and the waiver of any breach or default under this CONTRACT shall *not* be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach.

\_\_\_\_\_  
GRANTEE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Status Report

To monitor progress, every six months OGALS will send Status Reports to GRANTEE to complete for each PROJECT. GRANTEE must return Status Reports to OGALS within thirty days from receipt. This requirement continues until OGALS receives GRANT COMPLETION PACKETS. Payment requests will not be processed if Status Reports are overdue. See the sample Status Report below, which is subject to change.

## Status Report

**Grantee:**

**Project Number:**

**Project Name:**

**Advances to date without documentation (attach a Grant Expenditure Form documenting expenditure of the balance, if applicable):**

*If a portion of the advanced funds have not been spent, and more than six months have passed since the Grantee received the advanced funds, the balance must be spent on eligible costs or returned to OGALS within 60 days from receipt of this form.*

**Briefly describe completed work funded by the grant since the last Status Report [DATE]:**

(Continue on another sheet if needed.)

**Pre-Construction/Pre-Acquisition** (Planning, CEQA, etc.):

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Acquisition and/or Construction** -- and Provide photos showing work completed since [DATE]

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Potential Obstacles Affecting Completion**

3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) Total Funds Spent To Date Using This Grant \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5) Percentage of Project Complete: \_\_\_\_\_

6) Estimated Date of Project Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

7) On Time: Yes / No If not, explain:

8) Within Budget: Yes / No If not, explain:

9) Within Scope: Yes / No If not, explain:

I represent and warrant that I have full authority to execute this Grant Progress Status Report on behalf of the Grantee. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that this status report, and any accompanying documents, for the above-mentioned Grant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorized Representative\***

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

(\*Certification to above information requires a signature by a person authorized in the resolution)

## V. GRANT Payment Section

There are three types of payments:

- Pre-construction and Construction Reimbursement payments
- ADVANCE payments for construction and ACQUISITION ADVANCES into escrow
- Final payments

Payment requests are processed through the State Controller's Office and are mailed to the GRANTEE approximately eight weeks from the date the request is approved by OGALS.

OGALS will not approve payment requests that do not meet the requirements described in this GRANT ADMINISTRATION GUIDE.

OGALS may withhold payment if the GRANTEE has outstanding issues, such as:

- Breach of any other contract with OGALS
- An unresolved audit exception
- An outstanding conversion
- Park sites closed or inadequately maintained
- Overdue Project Status Reports
- Other unmet grant requirements

Payment Rules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GRANT payments before the final payment may not exceed 80% of the PROJECT amount. 20% of the PROJECT amount is retained for the final payment as a REIMBURSEMENT.</li><li>• The GRANTEE should group costs together to avoid frequent payment requests. Payment requests greater than \$10,000 are encouraged.</li><li>• Complete CEQA prior to requesting any construction reimbursement.</li><li>• Provide a sample timesheet to the PROJECT OFFICER prior to incurring any IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES costs, AND if claiming such costs, provide a sample timesheet with each reimbursement payment request.</li><li>• Provide (1) a list of the bidders; (2) the recommendation and/or notice of award made by the governing board; and (3) the resulting signed contract agreement to the PROJECT OFFICER PRIOR to requesting reimbursement for costs on contracts requiring a competitive solicitation or bidding process.</li><li>• Provide construction progress photos with all construction payment requests.</li></ul>

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>When to Request</b>	<b>Document to Send to PROJECT OFFICER</b>
PRE-CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT(S)	After the CONTRACT has been ENCUMBERED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment Request Form</li> <li>• Grant Expenditure Form</li> <li>• Timesheet sample, if applicable</li> </ul>

**CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>When to Request</b>	<b>Documents to Send to PROJECT OFFICER</b>
REIMBURSEMENT of up to 80% of PROJECT amount before final payment	After the CONTRACT is ENCUMBERED and the GRANTEE incurred costs for work related to the GRANT SCOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment Request Form</li> <li>• Grant Expenditure Form</li> <li>• Timesheet sample, if applicable</li> <li>• Construction progress photos</li> <li>• If payment request includes reimbursement to contractor/service providers, Competitive Solicitation documentation</li> </ul>

**ADVANCE Payments**

ADVANCE payments may be requested for costs the GRANTEE will incur within the next six months. ADVANCE funds, and any interest earned on those funds, must be spent with six months of receipt, or returned to OGALS. ADVANCE payments are made at the discretion of OGALS. OGALS considers ADVANCE payments to be a privilege and reserves the right to disapprove ADVANCE payments.

There are two types of ADVANCE payments: PRE-CONSTRUCTION ADVANCE and CONSTRUCTION ADVANCE:

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION ADVANCE**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>When to Request</b>	<b>Documents to Send to PROJECT OFFICER</b>
PRE-CONSTRUCTION ADVANCE(S)	After the GRANT CONTRACT has been ENCUMBERED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment Request Form</li> <li>• ADVANCE justification (see below)</li> </ul>

## CONSTRUCTION ADVANCE

Payment Type	When to Request	Documents to Send to PROJECT OFFICER
ADVANCE(s) up to 50% of PROJECT amount	After the GRANT CONTRACT has been ENCUMBERED, and construction will commence during the next six months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Payment Request Form</li><li>• ADVANCE justification (see below)</li><li>• Copy of signed construction contract and a notice to proceed or IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES labor schedule.</li></ul>

### Advance Justification

An ADVANCE justification is required for an ADVANCE. It must provide the following information:

- Why an ADVANCE is needed instead of a reimbursement.
- A payment schedule, with a month-by-month estimate, for up to six months, showing the anticipated amount needed, and to whom the funds will be paid (IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE or name of contractor).
- A funding plan, indicating how the GRANTEE intends to fund the percentage of the PROJECT exceeding the 50% advance limit.
- A statement indicating the GRANTEE will put the funds into a separate, interest bearing account.

OGALS may not approve the total amount of the requested ADVANCE payment if the requested funds will not be spent within six months from the date that the payment request is submitted by the GRANTEE.

### Clearing the Advance

ADVANCES must be cleared with six months of receipt. An ADVANCE is cleared by submitting:

1. A Grant Expenditure Form documenting expenditures on eligible costs equal to the ADVANCE amount plus any earned interest.
2. Photos of any construction completed with the ADVANCE funds (for construction ADVANCES).

### Acquisition Advance

Payment Type	When to Request	Documents to Send
ADVANCES up to 100% of the acquisition amount.	After the contract is encumbered and escrow is open	See following instructions 1. Escrow letter 2. Title report cover page 3. Payment request form

The following items are required to request an ADVANCE payment into escrow:



1. A letter on the GRANTEE's letterhead, addressing all of the following elements, and signed by the GRANTEE's AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:
  - a) Name, address and telephone number of the title company or escrow holder, and the escrow account number to which the GRANT funds will be disbursed.
  - b) Copy of the property appraisal and written concurrence.
  - c) GRANT CONTRACT number and amount of GRANT funds requested.
  - d) A statement by the GRANTEE that "the preliminary title report shows that there are no liens, easements, or any other restrictions that would prevent completion of the SCOPE and fulfillment of the CONTRACT provisions."
  - e) A statement by the GRANTEE that "all funds (exclusive of the GRANT funds to be provided under this agreement) needed for the completion of the acquisition of the property or properties have been secured and have been or will be deposited to escrow on or about the same date as the requested GRANT funds." In making this statement, the GRANTEE is entitled to reasonably rely on the representations of the seller.
2. Cover page of the preliminary title report.
3. Payment Request Form: the "Send Warrant To" item 7 on the Payment Request Form must be completed using the title company's or escrow holder's name, mailing address, and contact person.

After approval by OGALS, the payment will be mailed by the State Controller's Office to the designated escrow company within approximately 30 working days.

### **Returning Unexpended Advanced Funds or Interest**

The balance of unspent GRANT funds must be returned to OGALS no later than thirty days after the end of the six-month ADVANCE period. OGALS will then return the GRANT funds to the CONTRACT balance. OGALS cannot return interest to the CONTRACT balance.

If interest was earned on the ADVANCED funds, interest must be spent on ELIGIBLE COSTS, and the unspent GRANT funds returned to OGALS.

### **Subsequent Payments**

Any outstanding ADVANCE payments must be cleared before *any* additional reimbursements or ADVANCE payments will be approved.

This requirement may be waived in cases where a PROJECT requires timely payments to contractors, and the remaining balance of unspent ADVANCED funds cannot cover the next PROJECT payment.

The following items are required to request a waiver:

1. A letter to the PROJECT OFFICER, signed by the AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE explaining why the waiver is needed.
2. The majority of ADVANCED funds has been cleared.
3. A payment schedule with month-by-month estimates detailing the anticipated amount needed including the unspent balance of previously ADVANCED funds, along with the additional requested reimbursement or ADVANCE.

## **Final Payments / PROJECT COMPLETION PACKETS**

OGALS recommends all PROJECT COMPLETION PACKETS be submitted by March 31, 2024.

The final payment (20% of the PROJECT amount) will be processed after PROJECT COMPLETION and the following occurs:

1. Approval of the PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET and additional required documents in the charts below.
2. Site inspection by the PROJECT OFFICER to verify PROJECT COMPLETION.

### **PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET**

To request final payment and complete the PROJECT, the GRANTEE must submit the following documents:

1. Payment Request Form (pg. 35)
2. Grant Expenditure Form (pg. 37)
3. Final Funding Sources Form (pg. 14)
4. Project Completion Certification Form (pg. 38)
5. Completed CEQA, if not already provided (pg. 15)
6. Notice of Completion (optional)<sup>2</sup>
7. Audit Checklist with items marked that the GRANTEE will retain for five years following receipt of final payment (pg. 40)

For acquisition PROJECTS, the GRANTEE must submit these additional documents:

1. A copy of the recorded deed to the property
2. A map sufficient to verify the description of the property including parcel numbers and acreage
3. Copy of title insurance policy
4. Copy of title report

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<sup>2</sup> OGALS recommends that the GRANTEE file a "Notice of Completion" with the County Recorder pursuant to State of California Civil Code §3093. Filing the "Notice of Completion" is not a PROJECT COMPLETION requirement.

# Payment Request Form

State of California - Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## PAYMENT REQUEST State Grant Programs

**See Instructions on Page 2.**

1. PROJECT NUMBER		2. CONTRACT NUMBER	
3. APPLICANT			
4. PROJECT NAME			
5. TYPE OF PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Final			
<b>6. PAYMENT INFORMATION</b> <i>(Round all figures to the nearest dollar)</i>			
a. Grant Project Amount		\$	
b. Funds Received To Date		\$	
c. Available (a. minus b.)		\$	
d. Amount Of This Request		\$	
e. Remaining Funds After This Payment (c. minus d.)		\$	
<b>7. SEND WARRANT TO:</b>			
AGENCY NAME			
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE			
<b>8. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION</b>			
<i>I represent and warrant that I have full authority to execute this payment request on behalf of the Grantee. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that this report, and any accompanying documents, for the above-mentioned Grant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.</i>			
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION		TITLE	DATE
▶			
<b>FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION USE ONLY</b>			
PAYMENT APPROVAL SIGNATURE		DATE	
▶			

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## Payment Request Form Instructions

- Type or print legibly all entries
- Round all amounts to the nearest whole dollar

The following instructions correspond to items on the Payment Request Form:

1. PROJECT Number - The number assigned by OGALS to this project
2. CONTRACT Number - As shown in Certification of Funding section of the CONTRACT
3. GRANTEE - GRANTEE name as shown on the CONTRACT
4. PROJECT Title - Name of the PROJECT as shown in the Application
5. Type of Payment – check appropriate box on form:
6. Payment Information
  - a. GRANT amount
  - b. Funds received to date - amount paid out from this GRANT
  - c. Available - (a. minus b.)
  - d. Amount of this request
  - e. Remaining funds after this payment - (c. minus d.)
7. Send Warrant To - GRANTEE name, address and contact person
8. Signature of AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE according to the Resolution

## Grant Expenditure Form

PROJECT Number \_\_\_\_\_ GRANTEE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Warrant/Check # (1)	Date (2)	Recipient (3)	Purpose (4)	Pre-Construction Amount (5)	Construction Amount (6)
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PRE-CONSTRUCTION Subtotal (5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Subtotal (6) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total (5) + (6) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List only ELIGIBLE COSTS charged to the GRANT.

**Column (1)** Use of electronic payment numbers/electronic funds transfer numbers in the "Warrant/Check Number" column is acceptable. Please include an "EP" next to the electronic payment numbers/electronic funds transfer numbers.

If IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES or GRANTEE'S own equipment was used, a work order or other tracking number can be used instead of a check/warrant number.

**Column (2)** Date payment was made to recipient. If IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES were used, the date that the work was performed may be used.

**Column (3)** Name of Contractor, IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES, or other entity performing work.

**Column (4)** Brief description of cost, such as "design", "permits", "construction." When describing such costs, such as "design", state what the design is for, and who prepared it. For items such as "permits", state what kind of permit(s). For items such as "construction," state what type or portion of construction, or what was constructed. (For instance, "community center", "walkway", etc.)

**Column (5)** PRE-CONSTRUCTION costs.

**Column (6)** DEVELOPMENT costs eligible for up to 100% of GRANT amount.

An electronic version of this form is available at [www.parks.ca.gov/grants](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants).

**GRANTEES may use their own spreadsheet if it contains the required information shown above.**

## PROJECT COMPLETION Certification Form

GRANTEE: \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT Number: \_\_\_\_\_

GRANTEE contact for audit purposes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT COMPLETION – list the features and support amenities (use additional pages, if needed):**

**List other funds (sources and amounts) used on Project (use additional pages, if needed):**

Interest earned on advanced Grant funds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Interest spent on ELIGIBLE COSTS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Did the GRANTEE file a “Notice of Completion” with the County Recorder? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

### **Certification:**

I hereby certify that all Grant funds were expended on the above named Project and that the Project is complete and we have made final payment for all work done.

I have read California Penal Code §118 and understand that every person who testifies, declares, deposes, or certifies under penalty of perjury and willfully states as true any material matter which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of perjury, which is a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison for two, three, or four years.

Furthermore, I have read California Penal Code §72 and understand that every person who, with the intent to defraud, presents for allowance or for payment to any state board or officer, or to any county, city, or District board or officer, authorized to allow or pay the same if genuine, any false or fraudulent claim, bill, account, voucher, or writing, is guilty of a felony-misdemeanor punishable either by imprisonment in county jail for a period of not more than one year, by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or both, or by imprisonment in state prison, by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or both.

I represent and warrant that I have full authority to execute this Project Completion Certification on behalf of the GRANTEE. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing certification of Project Completion for the above-mentioned Grant is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  
(Printed or Typed name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **VI. ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT SECTION**

**Contact the DPR Audits Office for questions about the following requirements.**

### **Accounting Requirements**

GRANTEES must use accounting practices that:

- Provide accounting data that clearly records costs incurred on the PROJECT and accurately reflects fiscal transactions, with the necessary controls and safeguards.
- Provide good audit trails, especially the source documents (purchase orders, receipts, progress payments, invoices, timecards, cancelled warrants, warrant numbers, etc.) specific to the PROJECT.

### **Accounting Rules for Employee Services (IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES)**

GRANTEES must follow these accounting practices for employee services:

- Maintain time and attendance records as charges are incurred, identifying the employee through a name or other tracking system, and that employee's actual time spent on the PROJECT.
- Time estimates for work performed on the PROJECT are not acceptable.
- Time sheets that do not identify the specific employee's time spent on the PROJECT are not acceptable.
- Costs of the salaries and wages must be calculated according to the GRANTEE'S wage and salary scales, and may include benefit costs such as "workers' compensation."
- Overtime costs may be allowed under the GRANTEE'S established policy, provided that the regular work time was devoted to the same PROJECT.

### **State Audit**

Grants are subject to audit by DPR. (see Audit Checklist). All PROJECT records must be retained for five years after final payment was received.

The GRANTEE must provide the following when an audit date and time has been confirmed by DPR:

- All PROJECT records, including the source documents and cancelled warrants, books, papers, accounts, time sheets, or other records listed in the Audit Checklist or requested by the DPR.
- An employee having knowledge of the PROJECT and its records to assist DPR's auditor.

## Audit Checklist

An audit of the project may be performed before or following project completion. The GRANTEE must retain and make available all project related records for five years following project termination or final payment of grant funds. Listed below are some of the items the auditor will examine during the review of your records as applicable. It is the responsibility of the GRANTEE to have these records available in a central location ready for review once an audit date and time has been confirmed. If you have any questions regarding these documents, you may contact the State Department of Parks and Recreation Audits Office.

### **CONTRACTS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Summary list of bidders (including individual bid packages)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation by reviewer of bids
- \_\_\_\_\_ Awarding by governing body (minutes of the meeting/resolution)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Construction contract agreement
- \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRACT bonds (bid, performance, payment)
- \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRACT change orders
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor's progress billings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Payments to contractor (cancelled checks/warrants, bank statements and EFT receipts\*\*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stop Notices (filed by sub-contractors and release if applicable)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Liquidated damages (claimed against the contractor)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of completion (recorded)

### **IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES\***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Authorization/work order identifying project
- \_\_\_\_\_ Daily time sheets signed by employee and supervisor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hourly rate (salary schedules/payroll register)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fringe benefits (provide breakdown)

### **IN-HOUSE EQUIPMENT\***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Authorization/work order
- \_\_\_\_\_ Daily time records identifying the project site
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hourly rate related backup documents

### **MINOR CONTRACTS/MATERIALS/SERVICES/EQUIPMENT RENTALS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase orders/Contracts/Service Agreements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Invoices
- \_\_\_\_\_ Payments (actual cancelled checks/warrants, bank statements and EFT receipts \*\*)

### **ACQUISITION**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Appraisal Report
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Did the owner accompany the appraiser?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 10 year history
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement of just compensation (signed by seller)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement of difference (if purchased above appraisal)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Waiver of just compensation (if purchased below appraisal: signed by seller)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Final Escrow Closing Statement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cancelled checks/warrants, bank statements and EFT receipts, [payment(s) to seller(s)]
- \_\_\_\_\_ GRANT deed (vested to the participant) or final order of condemnation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Title insurance policy (issued to participant)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Relocation documents
- \_\_\_\_\_ Income (rental, grazing, sale of improvements, etc.)

### **INTEREST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule of interest earned on State funds advanced  
Note: Interest on grant ADVANCES is accountable, even if commingled in a pooled fund account and/or interest was never allocated back to the grant fund.

### **AGREEMENT/CONTRACTS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Leases, agreements, etc., pertaining to developed/acquired property

\* Estimated time expended on the projects is not acceptable. Actual time records and all supporting documentation must be maintained as charges are incurred and made available for verification at the time of audit.

\*\* Front and back if copied.



## VII. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized words and terms used in this process guide are defined below.

**ADVANCE** – payment made to the GRANTEE for work that will occur in the future or work that has already occurred during the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD and has not been paid for by the GRANTEE.

**APPLICANT** – an entity which does not yet have a fully-executed CONTRACT with DPR and is identified as a GRANT recipient through a legislatively specified budget line item.

**APPLICATION PACKET** – the Application form and its required attachments described in the Application Checklist and Directions.

**APPROPRIATION DATE** – July 1 of the State of California fiscal year when the funding of State budget line items is approved by the legislature. The APPROPRIATION DATE is the start of the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE** – the APPLICANT’S/ GRANTEE’S designated position authorized in the Resolution to sign all required GRANT documents.

**CEQA** – the California Environmental Quality Act as stated in the Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.; Title 14 California Code of Regulations §15000 et seq. CEQA is a law establishing policies and procedures that require entities to identify, disclose to decision makers and the public, and attempt to lessen significant impacts to environmental and historical resources that may occur as a result of the entities’ proposed PROJECT. For more information refer to <https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/>

**CONSTRUCTION COSTS** – costs incurred starting with the date when ground-breaking construction activities such as site preparation, grading, or gutting begins, and continuing to the end of the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

**CONTRACT** – an agreement between the DPR and the GRANTEE specifying the performance of the GRANT SCOPE within the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD, payment of funds by DPR, and requirements for maintenance and use of the PROJECT.

**CONTRACT ENCUMBRANCE PERIOD** – the time starting with the APPROPRIATION DATE, when a CONTRACT must be fully executed between the GRANTEE and DPR to encumber the GRANT funds.

**CONTRACT PERFORMANCE PERIOD** – the period during which the grantee has obligations under the contract.

**DEVELOPMENT** – construction, installation, replacement, expansion, or renovation.

**DPR** – the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

**ELIGIBLE COSTS** – expenses incurred during the grant performance period to complete the SCOPE approved by OGALS through an encumbered contract.

**GRANT** – funds made available to a GRANTEE for completion of the PROJECT SCOPE(s) during the GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

**GRANTEE** – an entity having a fully executed CONTRACT with DPR.

**GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD** – period of time that ELIGIBLE COSTS may be incurred by the GRANTEE and paid for by DPR, as specified in the fully executed CONTRACT.

**IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE SERVICES** – use of the GRANTEE’s employees working on the SCOPE.

**OGALS** – DPR’s Office of Grants and Local Services.

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION COSTS** – costs incurred during the planning, design, and permit phase of the PROJECT before construction can begin.

**PROJECT** – the recreation features and support amenities listed in the SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form.

**PROJECT COMPLETION** – when the features and support amenities listed in the SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form are complete and the facilities are open and useable by the public.

**PROJECT COMPLETION PACKET** – The documents required in order to request final payment following PROJECT COMPLETION

**PROJECT OFFICER** – an OGALS employee, who acts as a liaison with the applicants and GRANTEES and administers GRANT funds, and facilitates compliance with the Procedural Guide and CONTRACT.

**SCOPE** – the features and support amenities listed in the SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form that must be completed prior to final GRANT payment.