



KERN IRWMP

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Kern IRWMP Participant Meeting

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Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Implementation Grant – Drought Solicitation

What Potential Project
Proponents Should Know
Before Applying



Overview

- Project Selection and Grant Application Process
- Project Selection Considerations
- Costs of Applying
- Complying with Grant Requirements



Project Selection and Grant Application Process

- Kern Region IRWM Plan participants will select an integrated “suite” of projects and prepare a single grant application incorporating all of those projects.
- April 28:
 - Review Consulting Team recommended set of projects based on PSP requirements.
 - EC and Participants discuss projects and recommended list.
 - Kern Region participants approve project list.

Project Selection and Grant Application Process

- Project proponents will be required to adhere to a strict schedule for submittal of required information to grant application preparation team.
- Schedule to be made available shortly after projects are selected (even though final PSP won't be released yet).



Project Selection and Grant Application Process

- Final PSP Release – early June
- Application Due Date – 30 calendar days after Final PSP release*
- Conditional Grant Awards - September

Note: These dates are preliminary and subject to change.

*some regions intend to request 45 days.

Project Selection Considerations

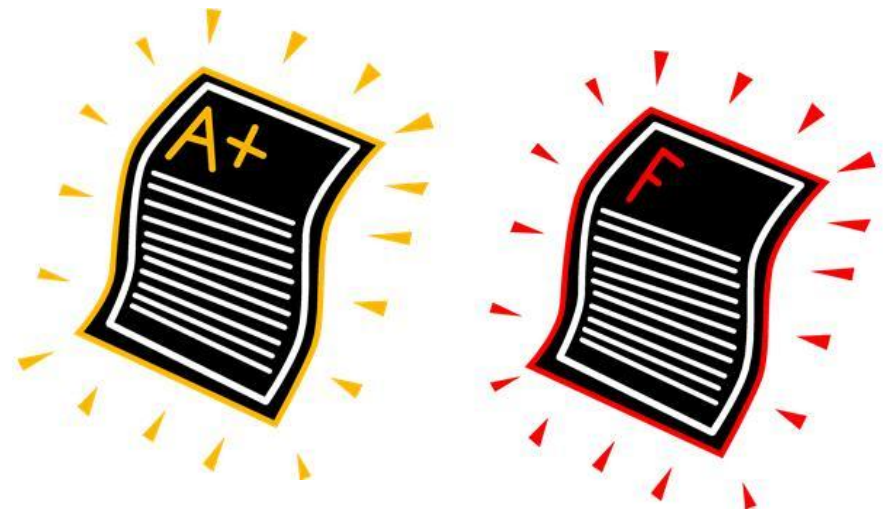
- Eligible Project Types:
 - *Provide immediate regional drought preparedness.*
 - *Increase local water supply reliability and the delivery of safe drinking water.*
 - *Assist water suppliers and regions to implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective.*
 - *Reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by the drought.*

Project Selection Considerations

- Projects must be ready to proceed for implementation by April 1, 2015.
- Project costs incurred after January 1, 2010 are eligible to be considered as funding match.
- Project costs incurred after January 17, 2014 are eligible for reimbursement.

Project Selection Considerations

- Pass/Fail Criteria:
 - Projects must result in physical changes to the environment. No studies.
 - *Project must be included in the adopted Kern IRWM Plan.*
 - Minimum 25% match (for the overall suite of projects).



Project Selection Considerations

- Pass/Fail Criteria:
 - Compliance with requirements for Groundwater Management Planning (for projects with potential groundwater impacts, positive or negative). (?)
 - Forms necessary to demonstrate compliance with AB 1420 and water meter requirements (for urban water suppliers). (?)
 - 2010 Urban Water Management Plan Update deemed complete by DWR (for urban water suppliers). (LIKELY)

Project Selection Considerations

- There's a difference between having a good project and having a project well-suited to the Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation grant program ***and especially this drought specific one.***
- All information submitted and/or presented must be realistic and supportable.
- Please read the PSP and Guidelines carefully!

Project Selection Considerations

- Disadvantaged communities (DACs): Not less than 10% of the available funding will be used to support projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for DACs.



Costs of Applying

- Cost will be dependent on the number of projects included in the application.
- Costs sometimes not split evenly among projects (small projects/non-profits had lower share) and cost sharing arrangement is determined by project proponents.

Costs of Applying

- Significant effort required by the project proponent and its staff or consultants to prepare information for incorporation into the application.
- Items that project proponents will be expected to submit for the application include:
 - Documentation of existing drought impacts/actions
 - Project Justification, particularly how it addresses drought
 - Detailed Work Plan
 - Budget (detail consistent with work plan)
 - Schedule (detail consistent with work plan)
 - Financial Statements/Demonstration of Match Funds
 - Documentation to support compliance with pass/fail criteria listed earlier (UWMP, AB 1420, etc.)*

*Some of this can be provided later in this round.

Costs of Applying

- Additionally, project proponent will be required to provide:
 - Support of, and participation in, discussions for benefits analysis for the project both qualitative and quantitative.
 - Technical justification for those benefits.



Complying with Grant Requirements

- Grant costs are reimbursed after expenditures are made, NOT paid in advance.
- Delayed reimbursements (historically 6 to 18 months after expenditure has been incurred).
- Payment is “concurrent drawdown” between match and reimbursement.
- Retention (5 or 10%) on all reimbursements until project is complete.
- Travel costs of any kind are not eligible as match or reimbursement.

Complying with Grant Requirements

- Subagreement negotiation and execution.
- Cost of grant administration for County/consultants (estimated at approximately 1-3% of grant amount)
- Quarterly invoice and status report preparation by project proponent.
- Labor compliance program required.
- Prevailing wage must be paid.



Complying with Grant Requirements

- Additional grant reporting/documentation requirements:
 - Monitoring Plans
 - Surface monitoring data (CEDEN)
 - Groundwater monitoring data (GAMA)
 - Natural Resource Projects Inventory
 - Draft and Final Project Reports

Kern IRWM Plan Review

- Current IRWM Plan schedule is:
 - Adopted Plan Submitted to DWR for Review March 31
 - DWR Review – 60 days (approx. June 5)
 - Mandatory Public Review Period (DWR recommendations and Region responses) – 30 days (early-mid July)
 - August (approx.) DWR plan review process complete

Final Thoughts

- It is a lot of work (for the project proponent and grant application/administration team) to submit a grant application and comply with the grant requirements.
- There is no guarantee that Kern Region will receive any funding.
- Think carefully and read the entire PSP and Guidelines before deciding whether to move forward with a project.



Questions?

