



COASTAL QUEST

Building Resilient
Communities



Mission

Our Mission is to accelerate solutions, building resilient coastal communities for people, nature, and the climate



We leverage proven models from the venture world to redirect investment and unlock impactful solutions.

Coastal Quest is an accelerator of community-led coastal resilience and adaptation.

Our strategies center frontline communities as often-overlooked hot beds of innovation.

We believe the relationship between land and people is at the heart of the climate crisis.

Coastal Quest inverts traditional notions of climate action to leverage and scale community power and partnership.

Guiding Insight

Frontline communities know the climate solutions they need yet are often overlooked when it comes to investing in leaders and innovation.

The challenges ahead of us in addressing climate are not technical or scientific, but social and political.

Coastal Quest Core Strategies

Accelerate & Scale Replicable Models

Our technical assistance programs support community innovators and public private partnerships in the development of culturally sensitive, site-specific and regional solutions.

Fiscal Sponsorship & Growth-stage Incubation

Organizations in our incubator program benefit from technical support and fiscal sponsorship to further deepen the impact of community-centered resiliency.

Build Capacity & Scale

Through conferences, seminars, and the development of communities of practice, we rapidly scale community-led solutions.

Fund & Catalyze Solutions

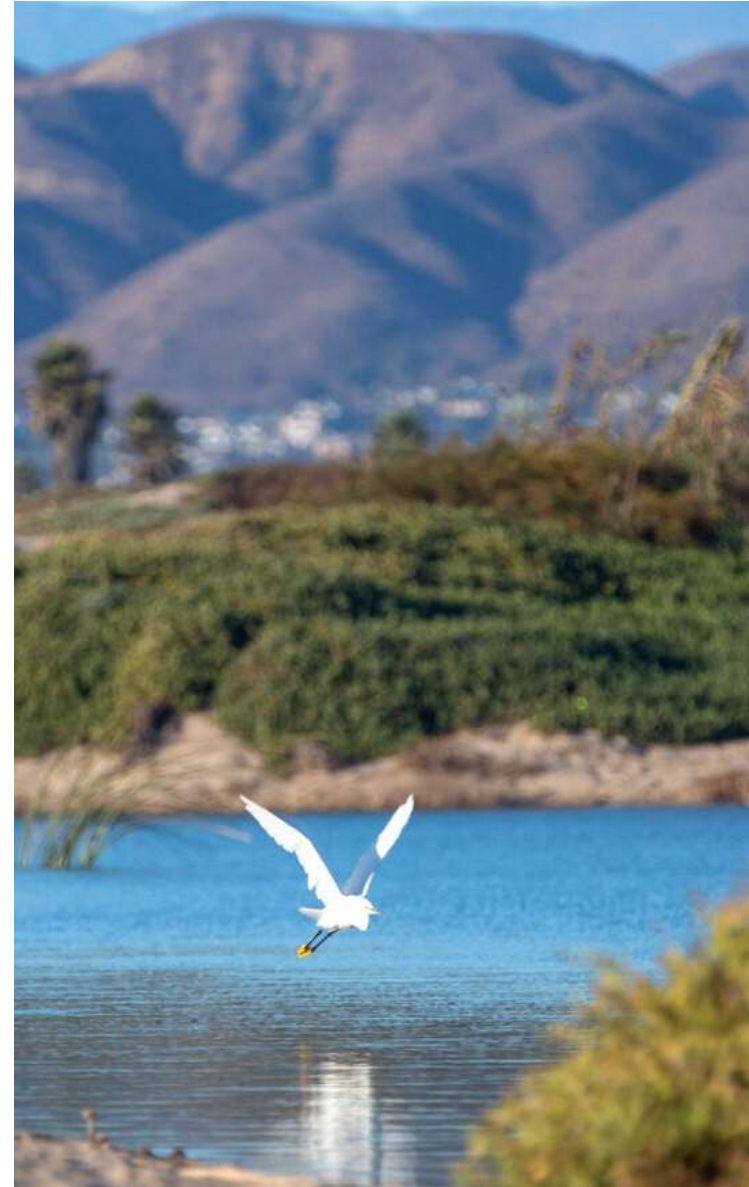
We raise, pool funds, give grants to build the pipeline of community and nature-based solutions. Highly leveraging public funding \$5-10x for every \$1.



Current Funding & Technical Assistance Opportunities

Building a Pipeline of Community-Driven Multi-Benefit Coastal Resilience Projects

- **Senate Bill 1 – Technical Assistance Program**
- **Coastal Funding Database**
 - Certified TA Provider - [Grants – Climate Smart Communities Initiative \(climatesmartcommunity.org\)](https://climatesmartcommunity.org)
 - CQ Small Grant & TA Program
 - Developing Public Private Partnership & Durable Funding Model, “Resilience Fund” Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative

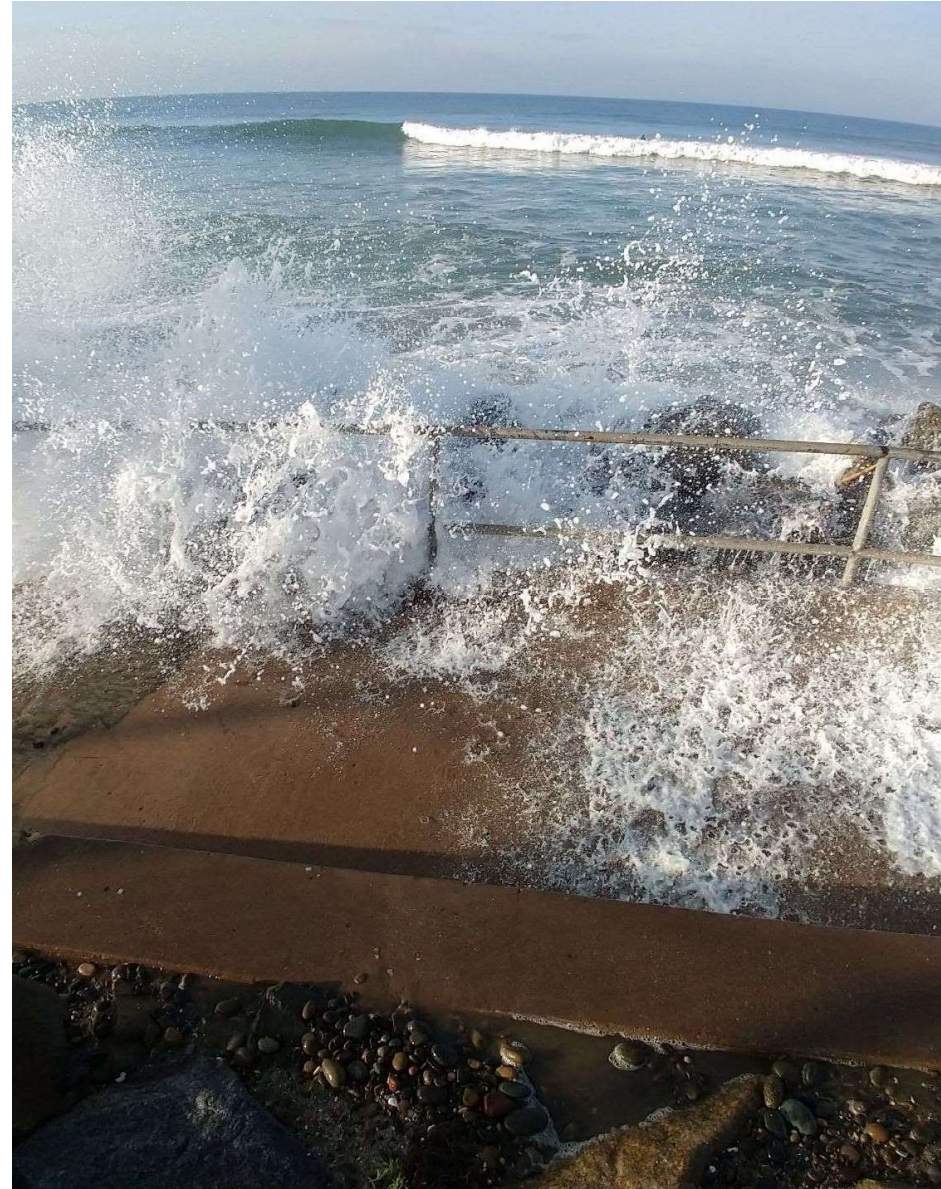


Senate Bill (SB) 1 Grant Program



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- In 2021, Governor Newsom signed SB 1 into law.
- In 2022 and 2023, The Ocean Protection Council (OPC) received \$37.5 million and \$54.5 million respectively to support the implementation of SB 1 through the SB 1 Grant Program, with an additional \$10 million anticipated in the 2024-2025 budget.
- The goal of the SB 1 Grant Program is to support the implementation of SB 1 by funding **Sea Level Rise** adaptation planning and projects along the entire **geographic coast of all of California and San Francisco Bay**.



SB 1 Grant Program Eligibility

- Applicants that are eligible to apply for this SB 1 Grant Program opportunity consist of:
 - Local governments
 - Regional governments
 - Federally recognized tribal governments
 - Organizations or consultants who apply on a government's behalf may be considered, however, explicit support and collaboration between the organization and government must be provided within the application (via Letter of Support)



SB 1 Grant Program Funding

OPEN

Track 1: SLR Adaptation Planning

Funding Range

- \$200,000 - \$1,500,000

Maximum Project Timeline

- 2 years

Proposal Review

- Proposals are accepted through a rolling, quarterly, non-competitive process

NOT YET OPEN

Track 2: SLR Implementation Projects

Funding Range

- \$1,500,000 - \$10,000,000

Maximum Project Timeline

- 3 years

Proposal Review

- Proposals are accepted through a competitive process starting in late 2024



SB 1 Technical Assistance Program

The complementary SB 1 Technical Assistance (TA) Program provides **application assistance to local, regional, and tribal governments that represent priority communities** applying for SLR adaptation planning funding through the SB 1 Grant Program.



SB 1 TA Services



Types of Services	Intake	Low	Medium	High
Assistance in understanding SB 1 Grant requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓
Develop TA and proposal submission workplan	✓	✓	✓	✓
Share resources and templates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Help with project conceptualization and development		✓	✓	✓
Grant writing review		✓	✓	✓
Grant writing assistance				✓
Support development of proposal budget			✓	✓
Assessment of stakeholder/community needs				✓
Engaging tribes and environmental justice communities			✓	✓
GIS mapping support				✓
Data quantification support				✓
Post-award agreement processing			✓	✓



SB 1 TA Application Process

On-line Questionnaire

- Applicant completes on-line questionnaire for TA Program
- (5-10 minutes)
- **Not sure if you qualify? Apply anyway!**

Intake Call

- TA Team conducts intake call, assesses eligibility using priority criteria, and assigns TA level and TA provider

Technical Assistance

- TA Provider helps TA recipient complete their proposal





Find Out More

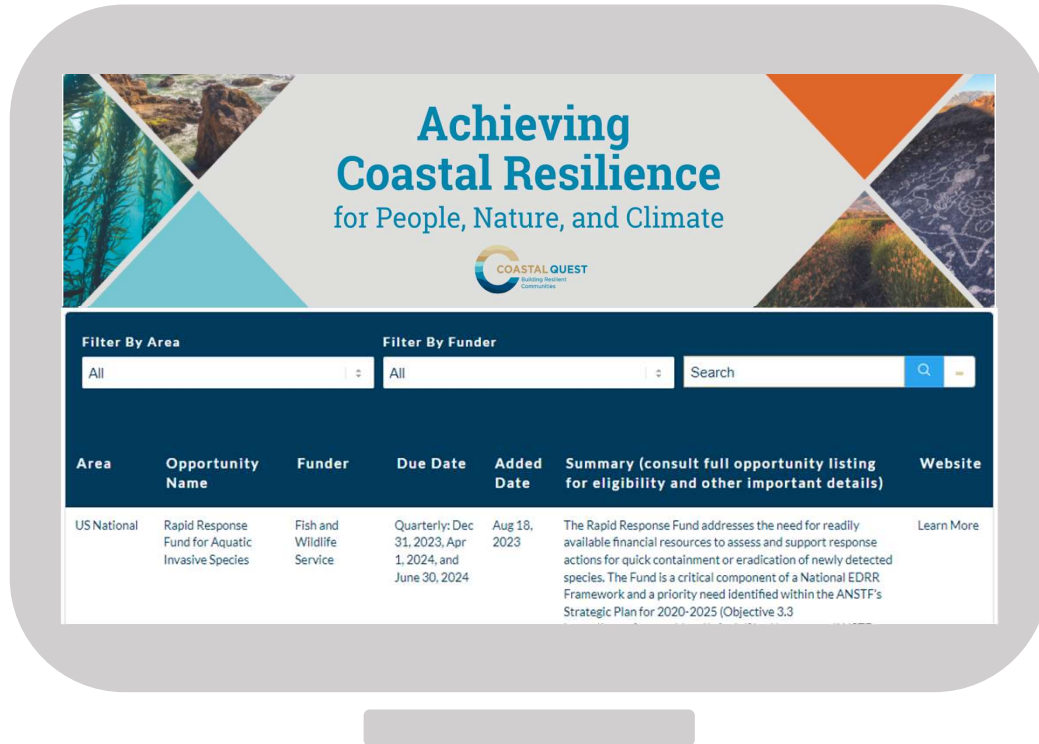
- For more information or to apply now visit the SB 1 Funding Page: <https://opc.ca.gov/sb-1-funding>



Coastal Funding Database

Coastal Quest maintains a database of funding opportunities supporting coastal resilience programs and projects benefiting people, nature, and climate.

Coastal Funding Database



Approx. **5** new opportunities added each week

Email updates sent every other week – **sign up for our mailing list!**





Let's Connect

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Accelerate & Scale Replicable Models



Our role.

- Trusted partner across sectors
- Secure funding
- Facilitation
- Contract and grants administration
- Technical assistance to accelerate resilience

Coastal solutions.

- Supporting NbS and reducing climate risk

Leveraged funding.

- \$3m leveraged to date across Collaborative

Impact Case Study

Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative Resilience Fund

Coastal Quest in partnership with the Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative is designing and pilot testing Resilience Fund to support implementation of resilience solutions in vulnerable communities across the county. As MOU partner we are managing planning process and administering funds. Seeking partners to build Resilience Fund and public financing revenue streams. Model for state and country to replicate.

Fiscal Sponsorship & Growth-stage Incubation

Our role.

- Strategy
- Fundraising and grant-writing
- Technical assistance
- Administrative back office

Coastal resilience solutions.

- West Oakland shoreline restoration and access

Leveraged funding.

- \$5,000 CQ seed funds
- \$250k private funding
- \$200k public funding

Impact Case Study

Ninth Root (West Oakland, CA)

Tamila “Shy” Walker founded Ninth Root and “Sacred Spaces Project” to serve the Lower Bottoms community

This year we gave Ninth Root a **\$5000 small grant**, and they joined Coastal Quest as an incubated project where we manage their finances and administration, provide assistance with grant-writing and program strategy. Since February 2023 we have helped them secure over **\$450k in funding to restore degraded coastal habit in West Oakland.**

Achieving Coastal Resilience for People, Nature & the Climate



Shy Walker guided Coastal Quest Board and Staff around degraded site they propose to revitalize and restore for the community.



Working with the Norton Bay Watershed Council, AL to assess feasibility of moving forward tribal coastal sanctuary.

Fund & Catalyze Solutions

Our small grants programs support community innovators in the development of culturally sensitive, site-specific and regional solutions.

- Small grants administration
- Matching grant sourcing
- Partnership with trusted community-based organizations for the dissemination of grant opportunities
- Technical assistance
- Building public – private partnership and new models

Impact Case Study

Small Grants Program

Funded by Wells Fargo, Douglas and Lisa Goldman Foundation, Edison International, Marisla Foundation, and California Ocean Protection Council, the Small Grants Program funds efforts that reduce climate risks and support coastal resilience.

This past year we have granted over **\$950k** in small grants to over **30 community groups** in California and expanding into Pacific and Alaska. We are seeding and accelerating coastal solutions that benefit people, nature, and the climate by ensuring access to our coasts and clean water, restoring and protecting unique habitat, and developing projects that sequester carbon and reduce climate impacts



Nature-Based Solutions for Resilient Coasts & Communities



Small Grants and Technical Assistance



Early-Stage Projects

NMS Feasibility Assessment for Oregon

HECETA BANK, OREGON, NMS

Norton B
NORTON B

Orange C
ORANGE C

State Water Quality Protected Areas

CENTRAL COAST, CA

Los Cerritos Wetland Tribal Advisory Group

ORANGE COUNTY, CA

Early-Stage Leaders

South Coast Sustainable

PESCADERO, CA

Closed April 16th
Next Round TBD



Coastal Nature-Based Solutions Small Grants Program

This program is for supporting new and early-stage projects that:

- Conserve, restore, or connect coastal lands and waters
- Build resilience in vulnerable coastal communities
- Are community-driven, collaborative, and equitable
- Provide multiple benefits to people and nature
- Further the goals and principles of the 30x30 America the Beautiful Initiative

If you are a community-based or non-profit organization, tribal or indigenous group, or local community leader based in or serving the Pacific Region (California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, or the U.S. Pacific Territories), this opportunity is for you!

Accepting applications
through 4/16/24 @ 12AM

