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## I. Introduction

### A. Essential Background and Information

Sea level rise in California is already impacting public health and safety, critical infrastructure, habitat and biodiversity, and public access. With the pace, frequency, and scale of impacts projected to increase through the end of the century and beyond, sea level rise (SLR) poses an urgent climate threat that requires action now. In response to this threat, [Senate Bill 1 \(Atkins, 2021\)](#), the Sea Level Rise Mitigation and Adaptation Act, was signed into law in 2021. Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) directs the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) to administer grants to local and regional governments to plan for SLR and implement adaptation projects to build resilience along the coast and shoreline of San Francisco Bay.

While much SLR planning and adaptation work has been conducted along California's coast over the past decade, it is currently understood that vulnerability assessments, adaptation plans, and coastal resilience projects are not consistent in their standards or criteria across jurisdictions. In recognition of these gaps, and the urgency of preparing for SLR, [Senate Bill 272 \(Laird, 2023\)](#) was signed into law in 2023. SB 272 requires that all coastal local governments develop SLR plans and prioritizes local governments with approved SLR plans for SLR adaptation funding. With a deadline of January 1, 2034, these plans must be integrated into local coastal programs (LCPs) or San Francisco Bay shoreline resiliency plans. SB 272 also requires OPC, in coordination with the California SLR State and Regional Support Collaborative (SLR Collaborative), to establish guidelines for the preparation of SLR plans.

In 2022 and 2023, OPC received \$37.5 million in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) and \$54.5 million in General Funds respectively to support the implementation of SB 1. The FY 24-25 Budget maintained \$77 million in funding for the SB 1 Grant Program, with \$36.8 million currently delayed for allocation until 2026. Ultimately, OPC's SB 1 SLR Adaptation Planning Grant Program (SB 1 Grant Program) aims to provide funding for coastal communities to develop consistent SLR adaptation plans and projects to build resilience to SLR along the entire coast of California and San Francisco Bay. The SB 1 Grant Program is designed to ensure all California coastal communities are preparing for SLR through a consistent and equitable process utilizing a set of SLR Adaptation Criteria (SLR Criteria).

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to establish a process for selecting qualified grantees with SB 1 projects that intend to meet the SLR Criteria within their project type, establish minimum qualifications for Applicants, and explain usage and applicability of the SLR Criteria. The SB 1 Grant Program is part of [California Climate Investments](#), a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

For the purposes of the RFP, the following definitions shall apply. "Applicant" shall be defined as those entities that intend to submit a response to this RFP and includes the lead entity and any partners and subcontractors that may be included in the proposal. "Project" shall be defined as the comprehensive undertaking detailed in the proposal, encompassing all planned activities, deliverables, and

collaborative efforts set forth by the Applicant, and may encompass SLR planning proposals and/or implementation project proposals, illustrating its broad applicability to both planning and implementation endeavors. “Grantee” shall be defined as the entity ultimately selected to receive funds to carry out a SLR adaptation planning or implementation project.

## B. Solicitation Overview

### Funding Information

Two funding tracks will be available for Applicants, depending on which phase of SLR adaptation planning is appropriate for the Applicant. Phases 1-4 reference the phases provided in the SLR Criteria.

Track One proposals (Projects in the Pre-planning, Data Collection, and Planning Phases) will be accepted through a rolling, quarterly, non-competitive process, provided the proposals satisfy the SLR Criteria and requirements of this solicitation. Track Two proposals (Projects in the Implementation Project Phase) are anticipated to be accepted through a competitive process starting in mid-late 2025, subject to availability of funding.

#### Track 1: SLR Adaptation Planning (Phase 1-3)

- Funding Range: \$200,000 - \$1,500,000 (*higher amounts may be considered only with strong justification, such as multi-jurisdictional plans*)
- Maximum project timeline: 2 years (*extensions may be considered based on project scope and complexity*)
- Proposals accepted through a rolling, quarterly, non-competitive process

#### Track 2: SLR Implementation Projects (Phase 4)

- Funding Range: \$1,500,000 - \$10,000,000
- Maximum project timeline: 3 years
- Proposals accepted through a competitive process starting in mid-late 2025 (anticipated)

## Equity and Environmental Justice Considerations

To ensure adequate and equitable funding for SLR adaptation plans and projects that benefit tribal and environmental justice (EJ) communities,<sup>1</sup> no less than 15% of total available funds are set aside to prioritize projects that include tribes and EJ communities. A minimum of 5% will support proposals by federally recognized tribes or proposals co-created between local governments and California Native American tribes. This set-aside amount will be revisited and potentially increased as the SB 1 program evolves.

## Solicitation Schedule

The following schedule is for Track 1 Projects. An additional schedule will be provided for Track 2 projects in mid-late 2025.

Key Action	Date (and Time)
RFP Available to Prospective Applicants	Friday, December 15, 2023
RFP Webinar	Every quarter
RFP Office Hour	Every quarter
Deadline for Proposal Receipt by OPC <sup>2</sup>	10-12 weeks prior to each <a href="#">OPC Meeting</a>
Evaluation of Proposals	5-12 weeks prior to each OPC Meeting

1 Environmental Justice Communities, defined by the [OPC Equity Plan](#), are communities that are disproportionately impacted by environmental injustices and social inequities, that are environmentally- and economically-stressed and experience environmental health inequities which contribute to persistent environmental health disparities. No single tool is currently capable of identifying all EJ communities. Applicants are encouraged to use a combination of definitions below to identify their unique EJ communities:

- Rural communities of 50,000 or less and outside of urbanized areas
- California Native American tribes, including federally recognized Native American tribes and non-federally recognized Native American tribes
- Regionally/locally defined underserved communities
- Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) and/or Severely Disadvantaged Communities, as identified with the Parks Community FactFinder Map
- At or below 80% Assembly Bill 1550 (Gomez, Chapter 369, Statutes of 2016)
- At or above 75% CalEnviroScreen Version 4.0
- At or below 25% California Healthy Places Index (HPI)

2 Please visit the [SB 1 Funding webpage](#) for quarterly proposal deadlines.

Selection of Projects	5 weeks prior to each OPC Meeting
Grantee and OPC staff develop Grant Work Plan	1-3 months following OPC Meeting
Approximate Grant Start Date	2-4 months following OPC Meeting

## II. Solicitation Priorities

### A. SB 1 SLR Adaptation Planning Grant Program Goals

The overall goal of the SB 1 SLR Adaptation Planning Grant Program is to support the implementation of SB 1 for local, regional, and tribal governments, and specifically to support SLR adaptation planning for local governments. The SB 1 Grant Program intends to fund SLR adaptation planning and projects along the entire geographic coast of all of California and San Francisco Bay, as stated in [OPC's Strategic Plan](#), Targets 1.1.1 and 1.1.5, and as directed by section 30973(a) of SB 1 (Atkins, 2021).

OPC intends for the SB 1 Grant Program to ensure the entire coast of California, including San Francisco Bay, is preparing for SLR through a consistent and equitable process. To ensure adaptation planning efforts across jurisdictions are consistent, standardized, and equitable, OPC staff, alongside the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative (SLR Collaborative), have developed specific SLR Adaptation Criteria. This SLR Criteria must be followed when developing and executing projects under the SB 1 Grant Program, as feasible for each locality.

A complementary SB 1 Technical Assistance (TA) Program provides application assistance to eligible SB 1 applicants facing significant and imminent sea level rise threats along the California coast and San Francisco Bay shoreline. TA is tailored based on the applicants' needs, including but not limited to capacity building and grant writing support. The most up-to-date information on the SB 1 TA Program, including information on how to apply for TA, can be found on the [SB 1 Funding webpage](#).

### B. Priority Project Types

The SB 1 Grant Program aims to provide funding for SLR adaptation planning to help prepare communities for the impacts of climate change. While many jurisdictions have advanced planning already underway or complete, many others have yet to begin comprehensive planning or assessments. OPC aims to address this need by offering funding for a range of SLR planning activities. These fall into the following categories as reflected in the SLR Criteria:

#### Track 1: SLR Adaptation Planning

##### Phase 1: Pre-planning (explore, define, assess)

- Community Visioning
- Vulnerability Assessment

## Phase 2: Data Collection

- Data/Information Gathering

## Phase 3: Planning (define adaptation frameworks and strategies)

- Outer Coast SLR Adaptation Plan
- Single Jurisdiction SF Bay Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan
- Multi-jurisdictional SF Bay Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan
- Sector-Specific Adaptation Plan

## Track 2: SLR Implementation Projects

### Phase 4: Project Implementation (implement, innovate, assess, adjust)

- Nature-based and Green-Gray Hybrid<sup>3</sup> Adaptation Projects/Feasibility Study/Design Plans

Proposals that contain an Adaptation Plan as a final deliverable, either as a multi-phase project (Pre-planning, Data Collection, and Planning), or a Planning project alone, are encouraged.

## C. SLR Adaptation Criteria

The SB 1 Grant program aims to support localized planning efforts, while ensuring that local plans are consistent and comprehensive. Utilizing a set of criteria to establish best practices and minimum requirements for all SLR adaptation plans is identified as a key recommendation in [Planning for Sea Level Rise on California's Coast: Status, Trends, and Recommendations](#) (Lester, 2023). The [SLR Criteria](#) is a standardized set of minimum standards for each project type. These criteria ensure that all pre-planning, planning, and implementation projects that address SLR vulnerability and impacts include the same components, ensure neighboring communities are planning for SLR at the same level and caliber, and enable sound, well-informed investments throughout California.

The SB 1 Grant Program is also intended to support local and regional governments at any stage of the SLR adaptation planning process and ensure that planning efforts are consistent with the Coastal Act for the outer coast, the McAteer-Petris Act for the Bay Shoreline, and the Suisun Marsh Preservation

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<sup>3</sup> Green-Gray Hybrid SLR Adaptation Projects are those that incorporate natural coastal ecosystems with gray infrastructure to combine the values of wave attenuation and flood control of natural ecosystems with the benefits of engineered structures. The result is a mixed hybrid ecosystem in which the conservation and restoration of natural coastal ecosystems can extend the lifespan of gray infrastructure, while also supporting fisheries, regulating water quality, and sequestering carbon.



Act for the Suisun Marsh Shoreline. Principle #4 in [OPC's Principles for Aligned State Action](#) further states this commitment: Support Local Leadership and Address Local Conditions. To advance the intention and commitment of this program, Applicants are allowed to offer sound justification for why a specific criterion does not apply to their project and will therefore not be included in the project outcome.

The SLR Criteria may be updated as new science and best practices are determined. The most updated version of the SLR Criteria will be made available on the [SB 1 Funding webpage](#).

### III. Proposal Submission Requirements and Information

This section contains instructions for the submission of your proposal. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to carefully read and follow all proposal requirements within this RFP. Compliance with the RFP instructions is mandatory for your proposal to be considered for award. Failure to comply with the RFP instructions may cause your proposal to be deemed non-compliant and non-responsive, thus ineligible for the award.

#### A. Grant 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 Commitment<sup>4</sup>)

Please be aware that OPC cannot enter into a grant agreement without governing board approval or other verification that the Applicant can accept funding from the state. Applicants will be required to submit this verification before grant execution.

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<sup>4</sup> Letters of Commitment should be provided by those with authority to speak on behalf of the local, regional, or tribal government who will benefit from the project. Applicants applying on behalf of a tribal government must provide a letter or resolution signed by the chairperson. There is otherwise no requirement that a letter be provided by specific department or official. Please see the SB 1 Track 1 Proposal Template and Instructions for further instructions to submit a Letter of Commitment.



## B. Technical Assistance

A complementary SB 1 Technical Assistance (TA) Program provides application assistance to eligible SB 1 applicants facing significant and imminent sea level rise threats along the California coast and San Francisco Bay shoreline. TA is tailored based on the applicants' needs, including but not limited to capacity building and grant writing support. The most up-to-date information on the SB 1 TA Program, including information on how to apply for TA, can be found on the [SB 1 Funding webpage](#).

## C. Questions Regarding RFP Requirements

All questions and/or concerns to the RFP requirements must be directed to:  
[OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov).

Questions received and answers will be added to an [SB 1 Grant Program Fact Sheet](#) available on the [SB 1 Funding webpage](#).

## D. Solicitation Webinar and Proposal Office Hour

OPC will host informational webinars intermittently, as needed, to provide updates on the solicitation process and key program changes. These webinars will cover the solicitation process, details on the complementary SB 1 TA Program, and a Q&A session for prospective applicants. A recording of the most recent webinar is available on the [SB 1 Funding webpage](#) for reference. When a new webinar is scheduled, details and a registration link will be posted on the webpage.

OPC staff will also be available for an "office hour" in webinar format to answer questions each quarter. If you want to attend the office hour, check the SB 1 Funding webpage for further details, including a Zoom link to register.

For further questions, please contact: [OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov).

## E. General Proposal Requirements

1. Proposals must provide straightforward and concise descriptions of the Applicant's and any subcontractors' ability to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. The proposal must be complete and accurate. Omissions, inaccuracies, or misstatements will be sufficient cause for rejection of a proposal.
2. Proposals must be submitted for the performance of all services described herein. Any deviation from the work specifications contained in this RFP, *Section III, Proposal Submission Requirements and Information*, may cause a proposal to be rejected.

## F. Submission of Proposals

1. Proposals must be submitted electronically only to: [OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov) using the subject: [Main Applicant Name]-Track 1 Project-Proposal
2. While Track 1 proposals are accepted on a rolling, quarterly basis, proposals must be submitted to, and received by OPC, by the deadline identified in the Solicitation Schedule in order to be considered for funding and brought to the corresponding Quarter's Council meeting. Proposals received after the due date will be considered in the next quarter.
3. Each proposal will be reviewed to determine if it meets the administrative requirements. Failure to meet the administrative requirements for the RFP may be cause for rejection of the proposal for lack of responsibility on behalf of the Applicant and/or lack of responsiveness on behalf of the proposal.
4. OPC reserves the right to reject proposals for failure to achieve proposal completeness (Track 1) or due to competitive criteria (Track 2). All projects are subject to funding availability.

## G. Proposal Requirements

### Track 1 Proposals

Applicants should completely fill out the [SB 1 Track 1 Proposal Template and Instructions \(MS Word .docx\)](#) for projects in the following categories: Community Visioning, Vulnerability Assessments, Data/Information Gathering, Outer Coast SLR Adaptation Plan, Single Jurisdiction SF Bay Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan, and Multi-jurisdictional SF Bay Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan. The final version of the proposal should be attached as **one PDF** and submitted to [OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov), as an email entitled "[Main Applicant Name]-Track 1 Project-Proposal" that includes the following:

- Proposal Cover Page (using the Template)
- Proposal Application (using the Template)
- Budget (using the Template)
- Project Team Resumes/CVs
- Project Letters
- Nonprofit Organization Pre-Award Questionnaire (required for nonprofit organizations only)
- [San Francisco Bay Multi-jurisdictional and Single Jurisdiction Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan Supplemental Questionnaire](#) (required for applicants submitting proposals for SF Bay Area Phase 3: Planning projects only)

Applicants submitting proposals for Sector Specific Adaptation Plans should first complete a Letter of Intent (LOI), prior to preparing a full proposal. Interested parties should completely fill out the [Sector Specific Letter of Intent \(MS Word .docx\)](#). The final version of the LOI should be attached as **one PDF** and submitted to [OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov), as an email entitled "[Main Applicant Name]-Sector Specific

LOI.” OPC will review the Letter of Intent and determine the next course of action, which may be a consultation or full proposal.

## Track 2 Proposals & Urgent Phase 4 Projects

Starting in mid-late 2025, Track Two proposals (Implementation Project Phase) are anticipated to be accepted through a competitive process. Information on how to submit a Track 2 Proposal will be made available at that time.

However, OPC recognizes the importance of funding timely implementation projects. Therefore, the following mechanism has been put in place to fund urgent, timely implementation projects prior to the acceptance of Track 2 proposals:

Urgent projects that address near-term SLR threats, meet Phase 4 SLR Criteria requirements, and have completed necessary planning work may submit a request for consultation with OPC staff. Interested parties should completely fill out the [Track 2 Letter of Intent \(MS Word .docx\)](#). The final version of the LOI should be attached as **one PDF** and submitted to [OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-SB1@resources.ca.gov), as an email entitled “[Main Applicant Name]-Track 2 Project-LOI.” OPC will review the Letter of Intent and determine whether the project may warrant prioritization of SB 1 funding. If so, a consultation between the Applicant and OPC will be scheduled to discuss the details of the project.

This mechanism is designed to address urgently needed projects that have undergone SLR planning processes. OPC exercises complete discretion in selecting urgent projects. The primary process for allocating funds for Implementation Projects will be via Track 2, once it becomes available. This mechanism operates strictly on a case-by-case exceptional basis.

## IV. Evaluation, Selection, and Award – Track 1

### A. Administrative Evaluation (Pass/Fail)

The following processes apply to Track 1 Proposals only. Information on the Evaluation, Selection, and Award of Track 2 Proposals is anticipated to be released in mid-late 2025.

During the Administrative Evaluation, OPC staff will review each proposal to check for completeness of all required information and to ensure that the Applicant meets the Grant Eligibility requirements. Only proposals that meet all Eligibility requirements will move forward to subsequent evaluation. During this Administrative Evaluation, if an item is unclear or needs further clarification, Applicants may be requested to provide additional clarification and/or documentation.

## B. Technical Evaluation

Applications for the SB 1 Grant Program will be evaluated for their ability to complete the proposed work. Projects selected for funding will be those that sufficiently meet the SLR Criteria, OPC's program priorities, and evaluation criteria below.

To ensure the proposed project complies with the requirements and intent of Senate Bill 1 (Atkins, 2021) and Senate Bill 272 (Laird, 2023), applications will undergo evaluation by California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff for projects along the outer coast, or Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) staff for projects along the San Francisco Bay Shoreline. CCC and BCDC staff will evaluate grant applications for alignment with the requirements of the Coastal Act for the outer coast, McAteer-Petris Act for the SF Bay Shoreline, and the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act for the Suisun Marsh shoreline. Applications will also be evaluated to ensure they are conceptually aligned with the development/certification of a Local Coastal Program/Update, or BCDC's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) Guidelines, depending on whether they are along the outer coast or San Francisco Bay Shoreline. Approval of funding through the SB 1 Grant Program, however, does not supersede or guarantee final certification of the land use plan, which must be independently evaluated and approved by the CCC or BCDC.

OPC Staff will evaluate grant applications against the following selection criteria. The criteria will be considered as a whole, not weighted. In this sense, if a project shows greater need or value in certain areas, but is missing justification for other required areas, OPC staff will use discretion to determine if the project is still eligible to receive funding.

### Alignment with OPC's Strategic Plan and SLR Adaptation Criteria

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how the proposed projects align with [OPC's Strategic Plan](#) and the specific priorities outlined in the SB 1 Solicitation. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation should advance implementation of OPC's Strategic Plan. Projects should identify and demonstrate quantitative progress in implementing Strategic Plan targets.

Applicants must also address the minimum criteria listed in the [SLR Criteria](#). If certain criteria do not apply to an Applicant, whether due to a unique local condition or because it has already been accomplished by a previous planning effort, an explanation should be provided in the proposal. OPC will rely on these explanations to determine if the omission of a criterium is justified, and if the project is therefore still eligible for funding.

### Use of Best Available Science

For all projects, the use of the best available science is imperative. Applicants must prioritize the integration of the latest scientific research and knowledge into their proposed projects, including the use of the [2024 State SLR Guidance](#). Projects should demonstrate use of the SLR Guidance when crafting their projects, particularly for projects that include a Vulnerability Assessment.

## Relative Need for SLR Planning

The relative need for the proposal must be provided in terms of SLR planning and coastal or shoreline resilience and to meet the goals of SB 1 for statewide coastal adaptation planning. Relative need will be assessed based on the following concepts:

- Proposals must adequately demonstrate the vulnerability of the community to the impacts of SLR and the urgent need for SLR planning within the region, as described by Public Resources Code section 30973 (a) (added by SB 1, Atkins, 2021). This may be demonstrated by showing SLR projection or flooding maps, sharing statistics or reports about recent climate driven coastal impacts, or showing past or anticipated beach erosion or damage to public access. Urgent proposals are those that address pressing needs that occur with high frequency or pose safety risks.
- Proposals from coastal local and regional governments as required by SB 272 (Laird, 2023) to develop sea level rise plans by January 1, 2034, clearly demonstrate a relative need for SLR planning. Projects that help fulfill this mandate reinforce the necessity of comprehensive adaptation planning.
- Additionally, Applicants are asked to describe community readiness and buy-in to accomplish the proposal. Applicants must discuss any SLR planning work that has already been completed, or is currently underway at the local level, and how this grant is needed to substantially further the effort. Finally, Applicants should also discuss the political willingness and momentum for completing the proposed pre-planning or planning project.

## Likelihood of Success/Effectiveness

The success of OPC's SB 1 Grant Program is measured by its contributions to SLR planning along the California coast and San Francisco Bay. Grant proposals will be evaluated based on their likelihood of success, including the practicality, feasibility, and effectiveness of the proposed activities and the likelihood of the proposal eventually achieving a local or regional SLR Adaptation Plan. Proposals should address the need for coordination with neighboring jurisdictions, special districts, the public, and either the Coastal Commission or BCDC (depending on the location of the plan or project). Where relevant, projects should formally include these partners – such as neighboring cities and counties, special districts, regional agencies, and infrastructure agencies – as part of the project team. The proposal should also outline practical benchmarks and timelines for the successful completion of the plan or project, including the development and review of all final deliverables. Implementation of final deliverables in terms of next steps should also be presented. The proposal's alignment with the Coastal Act for outer coast, the McAteer-Petris Act for the San Francisco Bay Shoreline, the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act for Suisun Marsh shoreline, and the Public Trust Doctrine, will also be considered.

Letters of Support or resolutions of intent and endorsement for the proposed work from the jurisdiction, California Native American tribes, and community organizations will also support this criterion.

## Equity and Environmental Justice

Grant proposals should explicitly address and consider environmental justice as defined in California Government Code Section 65040.12(e) (as updated in 2020): "The fair treatment and meaningful engagement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." Proposals and proposal deliverables should consider the unique challenges faced by disadvantaged, marginalized, and indigenous communities, particularly in relation to SLR issues. Addressing these disparities and fostering equitable access to ocean resources is a priority of the state.

Applicants should integrate principles from the following Equity and Environmental Justice policies, as applicable for the proposal jurisdiction:

- [California Coastal Commission – Environmental Justice Policy](#)
- [San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission \(BCDC\) - Environmental Justice](#)

## Tribal Consultation and Partnership

Consistent with and in furtherance of Executive Orders B-10-11 and N-15-19, SLR adaption planning and project Applicants should conduct meaningful consultation with California Native American tribes. In addition to early and meaningful consultation, SLR adaption plans and projects co-created and developed in partnership *with* California Native American tribes are highly encouraged.

A letter or resolution, signed by the chairperson of the tribe(s), confirming a California Native American tribe is actively partnering with and supporting the proposal must be included in application materials for a proposal to be considered to qualify for the 5% set aside (see [Equity and Environmental Justice Considerations](#) section above).

All projects and planning documents must protect the confidentiality of tribal data and information concerning specific identify, location, character, and use of those places, features, and objects. All Applicants that partner with California Native American tribes will be required to outline measures to protect confidentiality of tribal data or knowledge prior to the disbursement of grant funds.

Applicants interested in co-creating proposals with California Native American tribes are encouraged to contact the SB 1 TA Program, as this process may qualify the Applicant for receiving technical assistance. The [SB 1 Funding webpage](#) has the most up-to-date information regarding the SB 1 TA Program.

## Coordination with Existing Planning Efforts and Avoiding Duplication

To ensure efficient use of state funds, OPC will not fund duplicative projects or activities that have already been completed under a different initiative. Applicants are expected to demonstrate collaboration and engagement with the appropriate partners to align adaptation efforts and build upon previous investments rather than duplicate work.

In geographic areas with overlapping jurisdictions, applicants should:

- Demonstrate awareness of and alignment with relevant adaptation planning efforts at the tribal, local, regional, and state levels.
- Engage with key partners, including other agencies, tribal governments, and stakeholders to promote coordination and shared methodologies where feasible.
- Ensure the right partners are involved in project design and implementation to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.
- Consider opportunities to collaborate with existing projects by leveraging data, methodologies, and, where appropriate, contractors or consultants.

OPC encourages applicants to proactively coordinate with relevant partners and other funded projects to avoid redundancy, enhance regional consistency, and maximize the effectiveness of public funding.

### Budget Alignment and Leveraging Funds

Proposal applications should include a budget that aligns with the project's scope, geographical reach, tasks and deliverables, and timeline. Applicants should provide clear justifications for cost estimates, hourly rates, and other budget items to demonstrate financial feasibility, the necessity of costs for advancing the project, and responsible use of funds.

While OPC does not require matching funds, leveraging additional funding sources is encouraged when feasible. Applicants are encouraged to highlight any ongoing or planned projects that complement the proposal, including those supported by past OPC grant rounds, the Coastal Commission, Coastal Conservancy, Caltrans, Office of Planning and Research Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program/Land Use and Climate Innovation, or the Strategic Growth Council.

Applicants should ensure that the project builds upon, rather than duplicates, existing adaptation efforts (see “Coordination with Existing Planning Efforts and Avoiding Duplication” above). Staff will consider how well a proposal aligns with and supports broader coastal and shoreline resilience goals when evaluating funding requests.

## V. Solicitation Updates and Contacts

This solicitation is subject to periodic updates. As circumstances evolve or additional information becomes available, revisions may be necessary. A new version will be provided on our [SB 1 Funding webpage](#), accompanied by the respective date of update. Please check the [SB 1 Funding webpage](#) regularly, join our [email list](#), and follow our [social media](#) for the most recent updates on this solicitation process.



## Contact Information

If you have further questions about this solicitation and application process, please contact:

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