



LCP PLANNING GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON

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The state of California is pleased to announce grant funding to support local governments in planning for sea-level rise and climate change, and in developing new or updating existing Local Coastal Programs (LCP), consistent with the California Coastal Act. Grants will be available through two coordinated grant programs:

- California Coastal Commission LCP Planning Assistance Grant Program
- Ocean Protection Council (OPC) LCP Sea-Level Rise Grant Program (in partnership with the California Coastal Commission and State Coastal Conservancy)

The California Coastal Commission, Ocean Protection Council, and State Coastal Conservancy are working together to manage these grants. The full grant announcement and application will be available in late spring 2014, with full applications due in summer 2014. To assist applicants and streamline the application process, there will be a joint application form for the two grant programs. Local governments and partner organizations interested in applying for the grant funding should take this opportunity to begin planning for the application process.

California Coastal Commission LCP Planning Assistance Grant Program

The LCP Planning Assistance Grant Program is administered by the California Coastal Commission, and the goal of the program is to support the certification of new LCPs and the update of existing certified LCPs. Grant details include:

- **Funds available:** A total of \$1 million is available for FY 2014-2015.
- **Eligible applicants:** Local governments responsible for developing and amending LCPs under the California Coastal Act.
- **Priorities for grant projects:**
 - Completion of land use plan and/or zoning work to achieve certification of a LCP or an Area of Deferred Certification (ADC) resulting in the transfer of coastal development permit authority to the local government in these areas.
 - Planning and/or zoning work to update certified LCPs or LCP segments in whole or in part to reflect changed conditions, new information and scientific knowledge, new programs and policies, or other significant changed circumstances. Updates that address the effects of climate change, such as sea-level rise, will be given special consideration.

Ocean Protection Council LCP SLR Grant Program

The Ocean Protection Council is administering the LCP SLR Grant Program, in partnership with California Coastal Commission and the State Coastal Conservancy. The goal of the grant program is to support the update of LCPs to address sea-level rise, including technical analyses and vulnerability assessments needed to complete updates. Grant details include:

- **Funds available:** A total of approximately \$1.2 million is available for FY 2014-2015.
- **Eligible applicants:** Local governments responsible for developing and amending LCPs under the Coastal Act, and other entities with authority for adopting and amending other plans under the Coastal Act (Port Master Plans, Public Works Plans or University Long Range Development Plans). The grant applicant must be one of these entities, but partnership and collaboration is encouraged where appropriate.
- **Eligible projects:** Projects can range from technical studies and modeling to development of new or amended LCP policies, including:
 - Sea-level rise modeling, mapping and science;
 - Assessment of vulnerability to sea-level rise;
 - Evaluation of adaptation responses; and
 - Updates to Local Coastal Programs or other Coastal Plans.
- **Priority given to:** Planning approaches that emphasize the use of natural infrastructure to address climate change impacts.

Future Application Details:

- Applications will require a separate resolution for each of the grant programs from a governing entity (e.g. City Council/Board of Supervisors). Please check the requirements of each grant program.
- Local governments can apply for both the Coastal Commission and the OPC grant programs.
- The application deadline for both the Coastal Commission and OPC FY14-15 grant programs will be on the same day, and is tentatively scheduled for early July.
- The grant application will be one form, with supplemental sections for each of the grant programs to assist applicants in showing the integration of different funding sources for completion of an overall project.

More Information

Coastal Commission and Ocean Protection Council staff are available to work with local governments and assist you during the application process. For more information on the grant program, please contact:

Coastal Commission LCP Planning Assistance Grant Program: Hilary Papendick, Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator at: LCPGrantProgram@coastal.ca.gov or (415) 904-5294

OPC SLR Grant Program: Abe Doherty, California Ocean Protection Council at abe.doherty@resources.ca.gov

LCP Grant Program FY 14-15 Application Pre-Announcement
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For information on grants awarded during the FY 2013-2014 award cycle, visit:

- Coastal Commission LCP Planning Assistance Grants:
<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/lcpgrantprogram.html>
- Ocean Protection Council LCP SLR Grants:
http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/agenda_items/20131121/Item6-OPC-Nov2013-Staff-Rec-LCP-grant.pdf