



Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund

Fiscal Year 2022/2023

\$30,000 to Heal the Bay Adopt-A-Beach Program

Heal the Bay serves as the coordinator for both the Adopt-A-Beach Program and Coastal Cleanup Day for Los Angeles County. As the coordinator of the Adopt-A-Beach program, the organization arranges cleanups and provides supplies for hundreds of groups of volunteers committed to cleaning a beach three times. They organize Adopt-A-Beach field trips and provide bus funding to participating low-income schools. Heal the Bay also hosts monthly zero-waste “Nothin’ But Sand” public cleanup events and maintains an interactive database of cleanup data. Heal the Bay’s Adopt-A-Beach Program reaches 30,000 people a year.

\$30,000 to I Love A Clean San Diego Adopt-A-Beach Program

As the coordinator for San Diego County’s Adopt-A-Beach Program and Coastal Cleanup Day, I Love A Clean San Diego offers a number of enhanced features such as acknowledging adopting volunteers by placing placards with their group names at 83 adopted locations, delivering interpretive presentations to cleanup volunteers, coordinating cleanups at inland canyons with waterways that drain to the coast, conducting outreach to the Spanish-speaking community, and hosting interactive litter-tracking and volunteer databases. They encourage zero-waste cleanups by offering kits with reusable supplies.

\$13,333 to CSU Maritime Academy

Vallejo fifth graders and their families will connect with Maritime Academy cadets through classroom lessons on estuary ecology, a campus visit, and a cruise on the Carquinez Strait to collect data and plankton samples.

\$19,800 to Monterey Audubon Society

Undergraduate students from CSU Monterey Bay will take part in a mentored, paid internship to assist with Black Oystercatcher monitoring and public education.

\$19,572 to Orange Unified School District

El Modena High school students will learn about local wetland plant communities, conduct habitat restoration, and participate in scientific research while completing a California Naturalist certification.

**\$16,000 to Sacramento Inspiring Connections Outdoors
(fiscal sponsor: Sierra Club Foundation)**

Youth and young adults will experience the coast for the first time on three-day outings at a coastal hostel, while learning about and enjoying coastal habitats.

TOTAL AWARDED: \$128,705