

# SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

## 2023 Request for Applications (RFA) Overview EPA Region 9 Webinar - May 18, 2023



# Virtual Meeting Reminders

- Microsoft Teams Webinar with call-in option- please keep yourself muted
- You can turn on live closed captions
- Q&A at the end – type questions in chat
- Slides and Q&A will be posted on the website

<https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/san-francisco-bay-water-quality-improvement-fund>

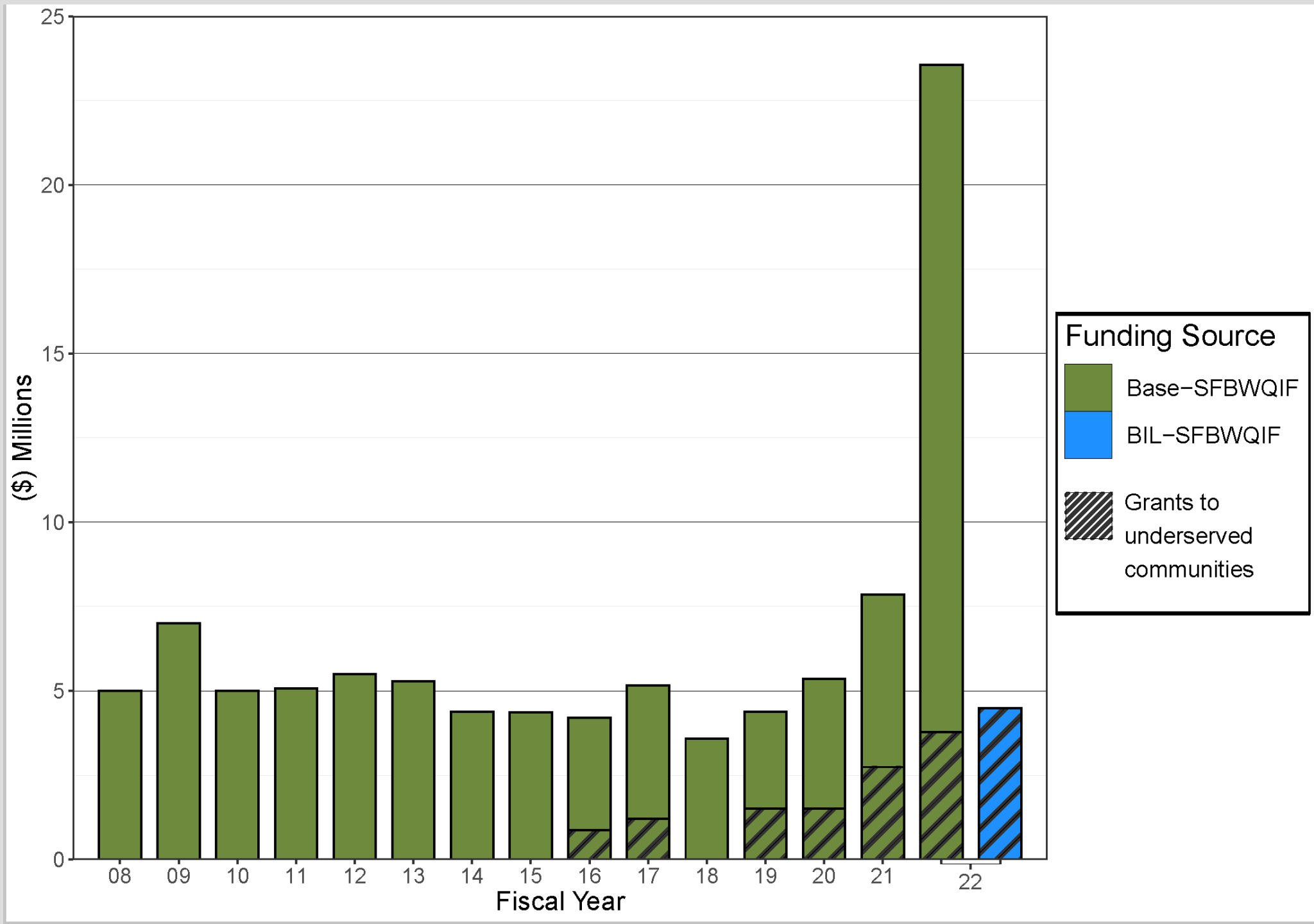


# Webinar Key Points

- “Year 2” of BIL-SFBWQIF RFA
- What you need to do ASAP- obtain a UEI from Sam.gov
- Review evaluation criteria and project types
- Overview of Application Forms (SF-424A, Form 4700)
- June dates for application support “Drop In Q&A” to provide more support in navigating Grants.gov



# SF Bay Grant Program Funding History



# BIL GOALS (2022-2026)

Expand water quality restoration efforts and build regional resilience to climate change stressors in underserved communities.





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## BIL-SFBWQIF Project Types

- Green stormwater infrastructure in underserved communities
- Fish consumption outreach programs for subsistence or recreation fishing communities
- Watershed contamination investigations
- Community-led planning to help protect shoreline areas from sea level rise
- Wetlands restoration
- Trash control and cleanups

# What is a UEI?

- Unique Entity Identifier
- Keep current
- Register at SAM.gov
- Different UEI levels
  - UEI and full SAM.gov registration required for direct recipients

## Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID

Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government

[Get Started](#)

Sign into your entity workspace to renew or update your entity

[Renew Entity](#)

Check the status of a recently submitted entity registration or renewal

[Check Entity Status](#)



# FY 23 BIL RFA Overview

<b>Grant Opportunity</b>	<b>BIL – SFBWQIF (EPA-I-R9-SFBWQIF-23-01)</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	~\$5,000,000
<b>Funding Range for Projects</b>	~ \$200,000 to \$1,000,000
<b>Match (statutory Requirement)</b>	0% ( <b>Match waived</b> )
<b>Project Period</b>	~4 years
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<p>Scope/Approach (20 pts)</p> <p>Environmental Results- Outputs and Outcomes (25 pts)</p> <p>Budget Detail (13 pts)</p> <p>Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (12 pts)</p> <p>Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds (5 pts)</p> <p>Environmental Justice and Underserved Communities (25 pts)</p>



# Outputs & Outcomes

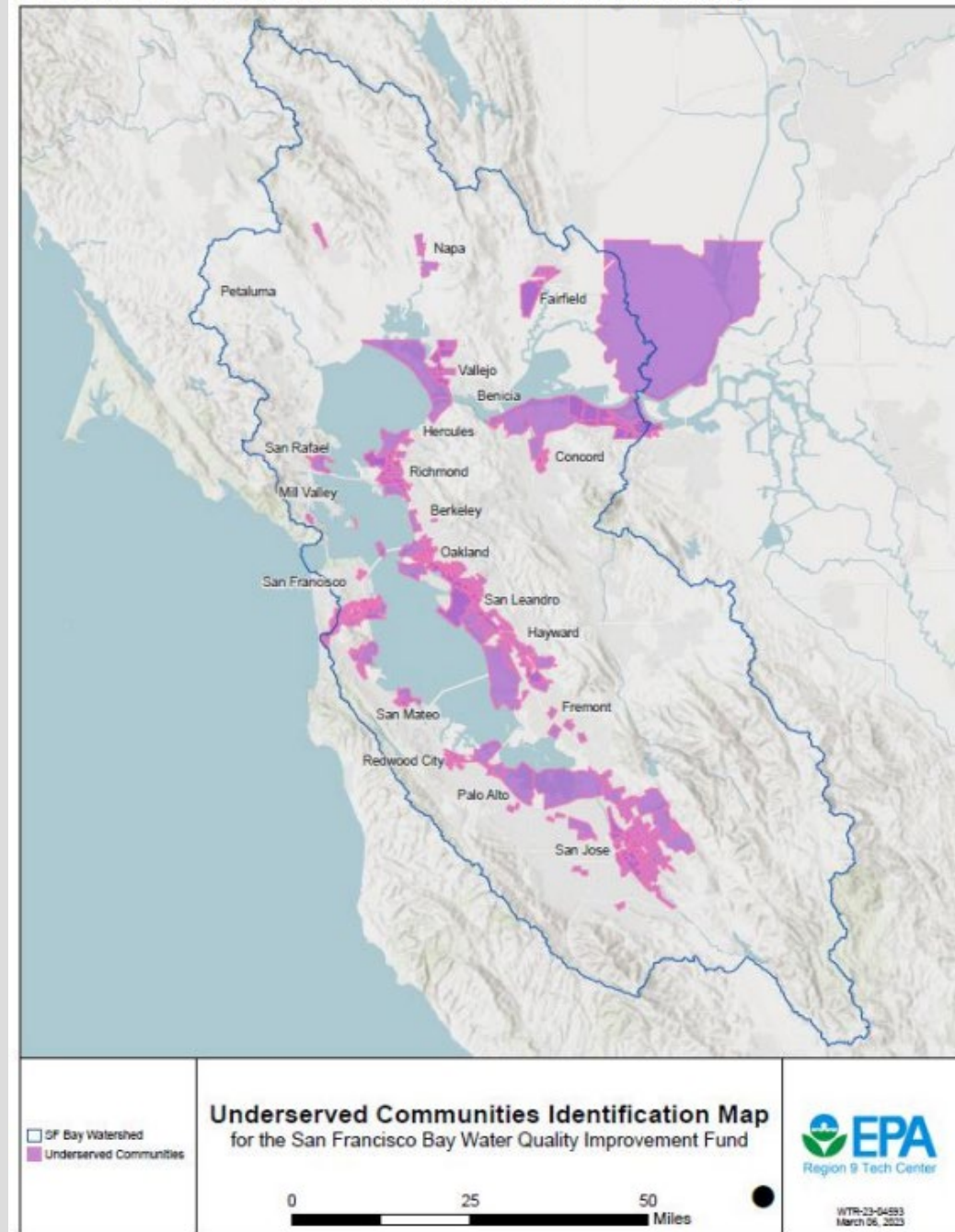
- Outputs = activities and/or deliverables
- **Outcomes** = environmental results, effects, or consequences
  - Outcomes must be quantified, and provide timeframe for expected results
  - Outcomes may be environmental, behavioral, health-related, or programmatic in nature, but must be quantitative.
- A description of how the project will track progress towards achieving outputs and outcomes is expected.



## Three sources of data:

- CalEPA for SB 535, CalEnviroScreen
- Council on Environmental Quality for the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
- EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool, EJScreen

**FIGURE 1: Underserved Communities Identification Map**



# Application Materials Basic Checklist

Grant Opportunity	BIL - SFBWQIF
Page Limit	15
Abstract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project Activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget-Task Table	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Linkage to SFEP's CCMP/Estuary Blueprint (Attachment A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Justice Evaluation Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Map(s) of the watershed and/or proposed project area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Letters of Organizational Support and Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>



\*Optional



# Grants.gov Directions in Attachment B

## BIL- SFBWQIF RFA

The screenshot displays the Grants.gov website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Grants.gov logo and the tagline "FIND. APPLY. SUCCEED.™". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar, with a dropdown menu set to "Grant Opportunities" and a "GO" button. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: "GRANTS.GOV > View Opportunity". The main heading is "VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY". To the left of the main heading is the EPA logo. The grant number "EPA-I-R9-SFBWQIF-23-01" is highlighted in yellow. The main title of the grant is "BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) - SAN FRANCISCO BAY WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND, FISCAL YEAR 2023" and the agency is "Environmental Protection Agency". There are two red buttons: "Apply" and "Subscribe". Below the main heading, there are four tabs: "SYNOPSIS", "VERSION HISTORY", "RELATED DOCUMENTS", and "PACKAGE". The "SYNOPSIS" tab is selected. On the right side of the synopsis section, there is a link "Print Synopsis Details" with a question mark icon. The "General Information" section contains the following details:

Document Type:	Grants Notice	Version:	Synopsis 1
Funding Opportunity Number:	EPA-I-R9-SFBWQIF-23-01	Posted Date:	Apr 17, 2023
Funding Opportunity Title:	BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) - SAN FRANCISCO BAY WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND, FISCAL YEAR 2023	Last Updated Date:	Apr 17, 2023
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jun 29, 2023 See Section IV of funding opportunity announcement for closing date information.		



# EXAMPLE Standard Form 424A for BIL – SFBWQIF RFA

## BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Approval No. 0348-0044

### SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (Project Cost) (g)
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal(EPA) (e)	Non-Federal (f)	
1. BIL-SFBWQIF	66.126	\$		\$ Amount applying for: \$500,000		\$500,000
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.TOTALS				\$500,000		\$500,000

### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. OBJECT CLASS CATEGORIES	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				(5) Total
	(1) Federal (EPA)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$200,000		\$	\$	\$200,000
b. Fringe Benefits	0				\$0
c. Travel	0				\$0
d. Equipment	\$50,000				\$50,000
e. Supplies	\$5,000				\$5,000
f. Contractual ( <i>construction dollars typically go here</i> )	100,000				\$100,000
<del>g. Construction</del>	0				<del>\$0</del>
h. Other	\$145,000				\$145,000
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a - 6h)	0				\$0
j. Indirect Charges	0				\$0
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$500,000				\$500,000



# Identifying Subawards and Contracts in Your Budget

## Subawards

- Put in your budget in row "H" Other
- Typically, are funds that go to:
  - State and local gov't
  - nonprofit organizations for collaborative projects that further the missions of both organizations
  - colleges/universities and NGOs, state and local government

## Contracts

- Put in your budget in row "F" Contractual
- Typically, are funds that go to:
  - for-profit firm or individual consultant
- Used to fund activities/services such as:
  - Project design, engineering, planning
  - Training or facilitation
  - Construction/project implementation



FAQs: <https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/rfa-application-assistance-frequently-asked-questions#contracts>

Subaward Policy: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/documents/gpi-16-01-subaward-policy\\_app-a.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/documents/gpi-16-01-subaward-policy_app-a.pdf)

# Form 4700-4

[View Burden Statement](#)

OMB Number: 2030-0020  
Expiration Date: 06/30/2024

## Preaward Compliance Review Report for All Applicants and Recipients Requesting EPA Financial Assistance

Note: Read Instructions before completing form.

### I. A. Applicant/Recipient (Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code)

Name:

Address:

City:

State:  Zip Code:

B. DUNS No.

- VII. Does the applicant/recipient provide initial and continuing notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in its program or activities? (40 C.F.R 5.140 and 7.95)  Yes  No
- a. Do the methods of notice accommodate those with impaired vision or hearing?  Yes  No
- b. Is the notice posted in a prominent place in the applicant's offices or facilities or, for education programs and activities, in appropriate periodicals and other written communications?  Yes  No
- c. Does the notice identify a designated civil rights coordinator?  Yes  No
- VIII. Does the applicant/recipient maintain demographic data on the race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap of the population it serves? (40 C.F.R. 7.85(a))  Yes  No
- IX. Does the applicant/recipient have a policy/procedure for providing access to services for persons with limited English proficiency? (40 C.F.R. Part 7, E.O. 13166)  Yes  No



# RFA Application Assistance: Frequently Asked Questions

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# What is the selection process?



# Drop-In Q&A Sessions

- Upcoming Dates (Pacific Time):
  - June 8, 1-2 PM
  - June 13, 2-3 PM
  - June 21, 3-4 PM
  - June 26, 12-1 PM
- EPA Staff will be on Teams and available to:
  - Answer your questions on the application process
  - Answer your Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and Login.gov questions
  - Walk through our forms
  - Direct you to helpful resources



EPA is providing this additional support because all documents reviewed in your application must be submitted through Grants.gov



# Additional Resources

- EPA Grant Application Resources (SF 424, SF 424A)  
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.html>
- EPA Website for grant solicitation provisions  
<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-overview-applicants-and-recipients>  
<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-solicitation-clauses>
- San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund RFA, FAQ, Tip Sheet, Environmental Results, Project Info, Fact Sheet, Copy of webinar:  
<https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/san-francisco-bay-water-quality-improvement-fund>
- SFEP Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan (also called the Estuary Blueprint) <https://www.sfestuary.org/estuary-blueprint-2022-update/>



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Questions?