

SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund

2023 Request for Applications Overview

EPA Region 9 Webinar - July 12, 2023



A competitive grant program to restore wetlands and water quality in SF Bay and its watersheds

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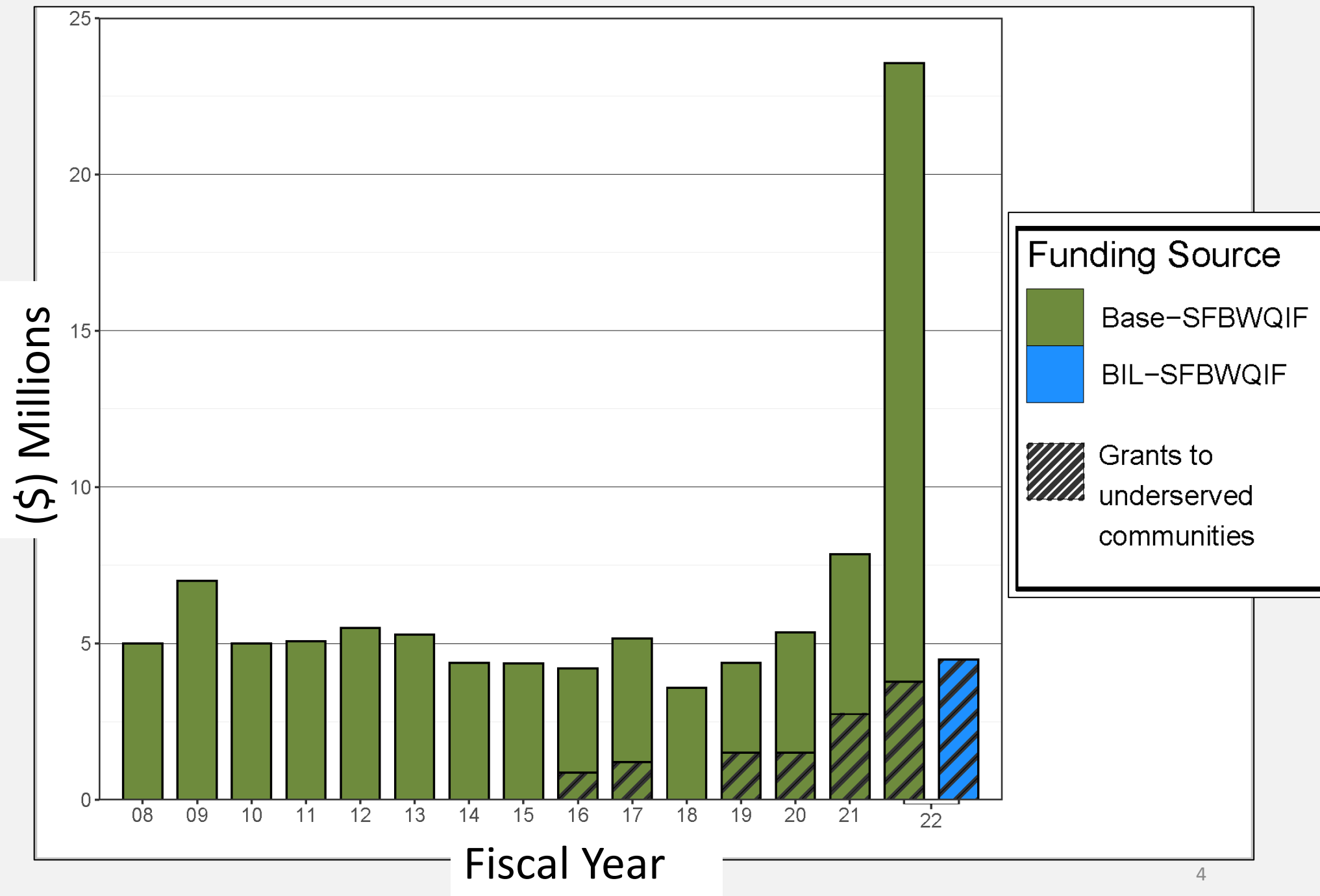
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<https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/san-francisco-bay-water-quality-improvement-fund>

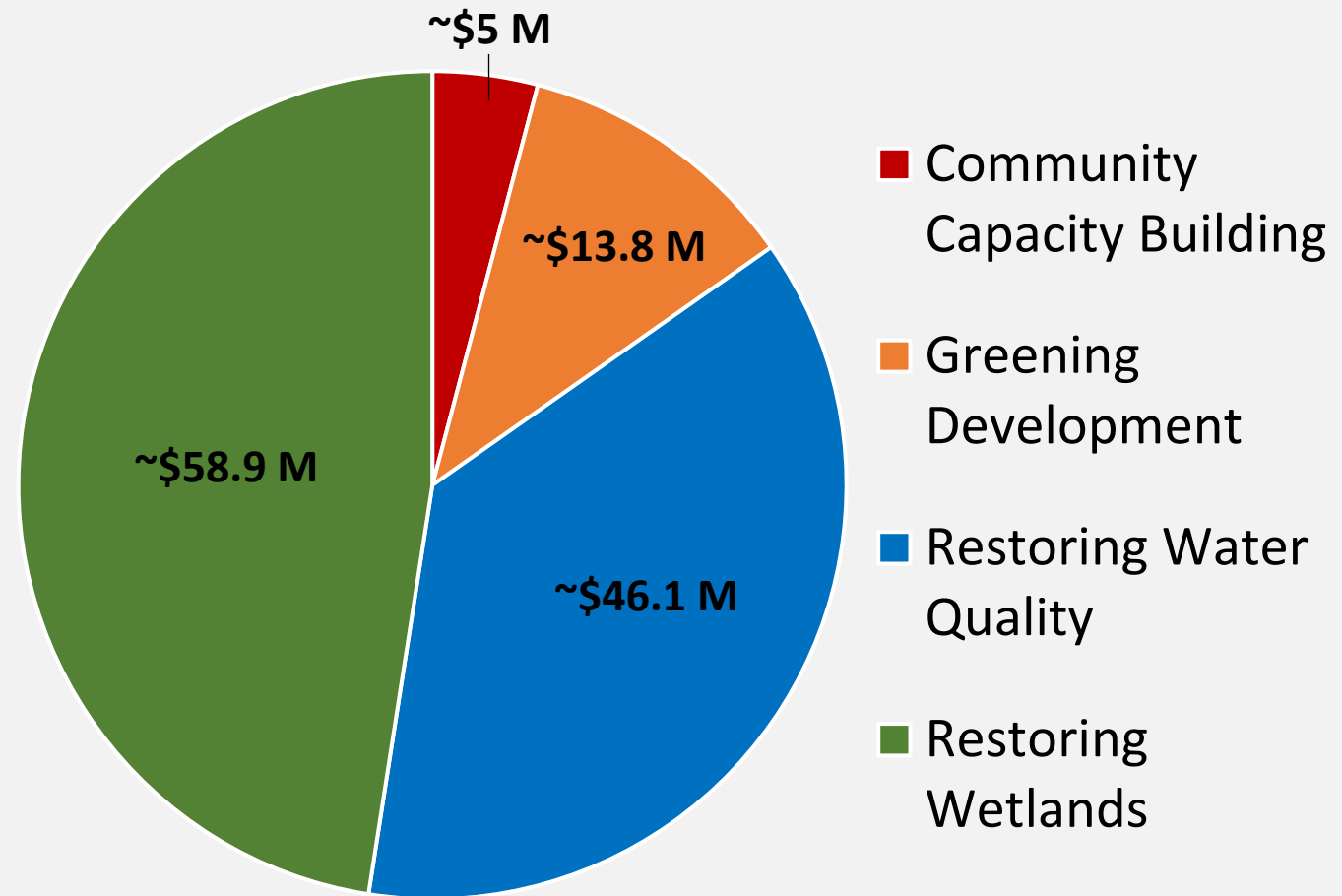
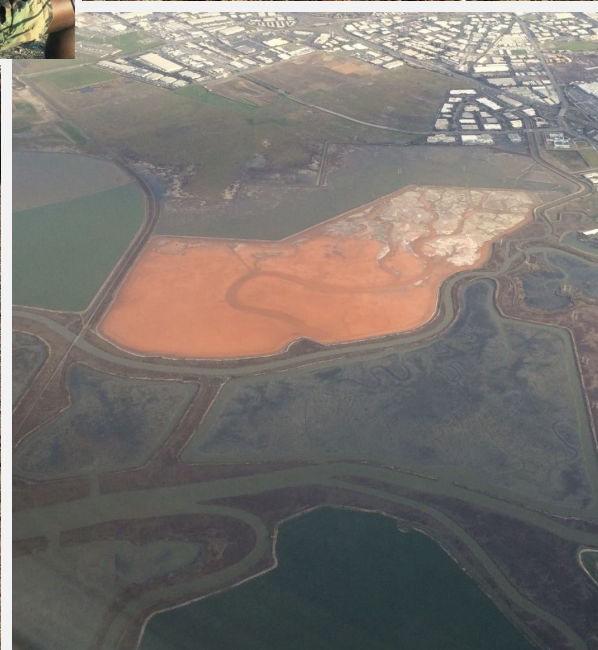
Webinar Key Points

- Important to start NOW- register your org and obtain a UEI from SAM.gov
- Review evaluation criteria and project types
- Overview of Application Forms (SF-424A, Form 4700-4)
- Additional EPA support for you with “Drop In Q&As” to navigate Grants.gov

SF Bay Grant Program Funding History



Project Types We Fund



Total invested: \$123.89 million

FY 23 Base RFA Overview

Grant Opportunity	SFBWQIF (EPA-R9-SFBWQIF-23-02)
Available Funds	~ \$30,000,000
Funding Range for Projects	~ \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000
Match (statutory requirement)	50% match
Project Period	~4 years
Evaluation Criteria	Scope/Approach (20 pts) Environmental Results - Outputs and Outcomes (25 pts) Budget Detail (13 pts) Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (12 pts) Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds (5 pts) Partnerships or Underserved Communities (25 pts)

Outputs & Outcomes

- Outputs = activities and/or deliverables
- Outcomes = environmental results, effects, or consequences
 - must be quantified, and provide timeframe for expected results
 - 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.

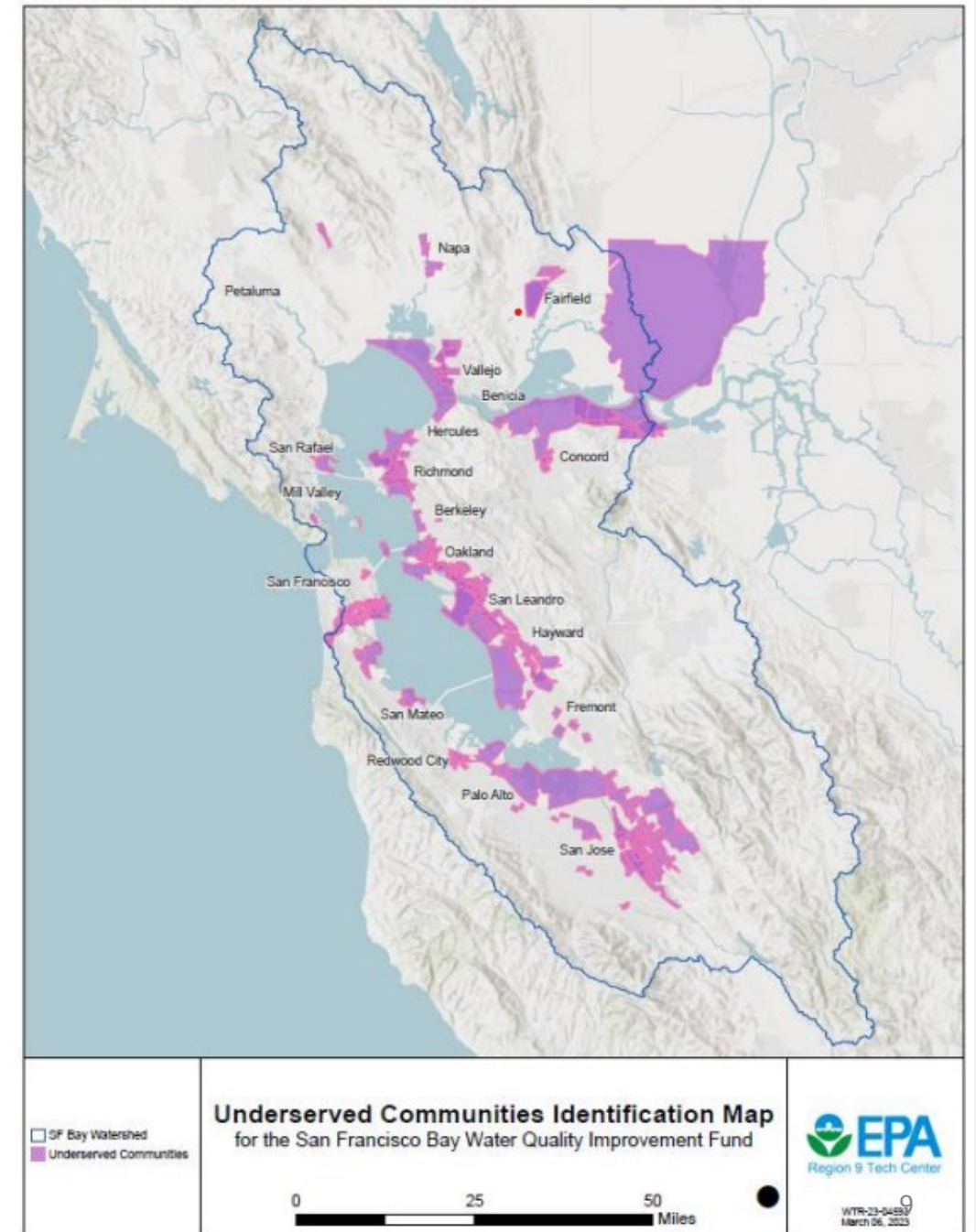


Underserved Communities Identification Map

Three sources of data:

1. CalEPA for SB 535, CalEnviroScreen
2. Council on Environmental Quality for the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
3. EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool

FIGURE 1: Underserved Communities Identification Map



Application Materials Basic Checklist

Grant Opportunity	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"/>
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

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.™". To the right of the logo is a search bar with the text "SEARCH: Grant Opportunities ▾ Enter Keyword..." and a red "GO" button. Further right are links for "HELP | REGISTER | LOGIN". Below the navigation bar is a horizontal menu with items: HOME, LEARN GRANTS ▾, SEARCH GRANTS, APPLICANTS ▾, GRANTORS ▾, SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM ▾, FORMS ▾, CONNECT ▾, and SUPPORT ▾. The main content area shows the breadcrumb "GRANTS.GOV > View Opportunity" followed by the heading "VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY". On the left is the EPA logo. The main text, highlighted with a yellow box, reads: "EPA-R9-SFBWQIF-23-02 San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund, Fiscal Year 2023 Environmental Protection Agency". To the right of this text is a link "« Back | Link". Below the main text are two red buttons: "Apply" and "Subscribe". A horizontal tabbed interface below the main text has tabs for "SYNOPSIS", "VERSION HISTORY", "RELATED DOCUMENTS", and "PACKAGE". The "SYNOPSIS" tab is active. In the top right of the synopsis area 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 2
Funding Opportunity Number:	EPA-R9-SFBWQIF-23-02	Posted Date:	Jun 05, 2023
Funding Opportunity Title:	San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund, Fiscal Year 2023	Last Updated Date:	Jun 29, 2023
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Aug 02, 2023
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Aug 30, 2023
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement	Archive Date:	Sep 01, 2023

EXAMPLE Standard Form 424A for 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. SFBWQIF	66.126	\$	\$	Amount applying for: \$1,700,000	Put match here: \$1,700,000	\$3,400,000
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. TOTALS				\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$3,400,000

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. OBJECT CLASS CATEGORIES	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				(5) Total
	(1) Federal (EPA)	(2) Match	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$200,000	0	\$	\$	\$200,000
b. Fringe Benefits	0	\$90,000			\$90,000
c. Travel	0	\$10,000			\$10,000
d. Equipment	\$50,000	0			\$50,000
e. Supplies	\$5,000	0			\$5,000
f. Contractual (<i>construction dollars typically go here</i>)	1,000,000	\$1,500,000			\$2,500,000
g. Construction	0	0			\$0
h. Other	\$445,000	\$100,000			\$545,000
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a - 6h)	0	0			\$0
j. Indirect Charges	0	0			\$0
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000			\$3,400,000
7. Program Income- NA	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0

Indirect/Overhead Costs

- What are indirect costs?
- EPA recognizes up-to-date indirect cost agreements with other federal agencies
- If no agreement in place:
 - Can submit a proposal for indirect cost agreement with EPA after selected for award
 - Can use 10% de minimis rate

FAQs: <https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/rfa-application-assistance-frequently-asked-questions#admin-costs>
EPA Guidance and Policy: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/rain-2018-g02-r>

Identifying Contracts and Subawards in Your Budget

Subawards

- Entered in the budget table in row "H" Other
- Typically, are funds that go to:
 - Local gov't, and nonprofit organizations for collaborative projects that further the missions of both organizations
 - colleges/universities and NGOs

Contracts

- Entered in the budget table in row "F" Contractual
- Typically, are funds that go to:
 - for-profit consulting 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

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

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SFBWQIF Storymap

Link: <https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/sf-bay-water-quality-improvement-fund-interactive-project-map>

San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund

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Program Overview

Restoring Wetlands

Restoring Water Quality

Greening Development

Explore the Data

Completed Projects

Welcome to EPA's story map about the [San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund \(SFBWQIF\)](#), a competitive grant program for projects that protect and restore San Francisco Bay and its watersheds.

- Click through the [Restoring Wetlands](#), [Restoring Water Quality](#), and [Greening Development](#) tabs at the top to learn about our projects.
- On each tab, scroll through the dots on the left-hand side to find information about a specific project.
- In the [Explore the Data](#) tab, click the interactive graphics and map to sort and sift other aspects of the available project information based on your interest.
- In the [Completed Projects](#) tab, learn about the environmental results of completed projects.

Reminders

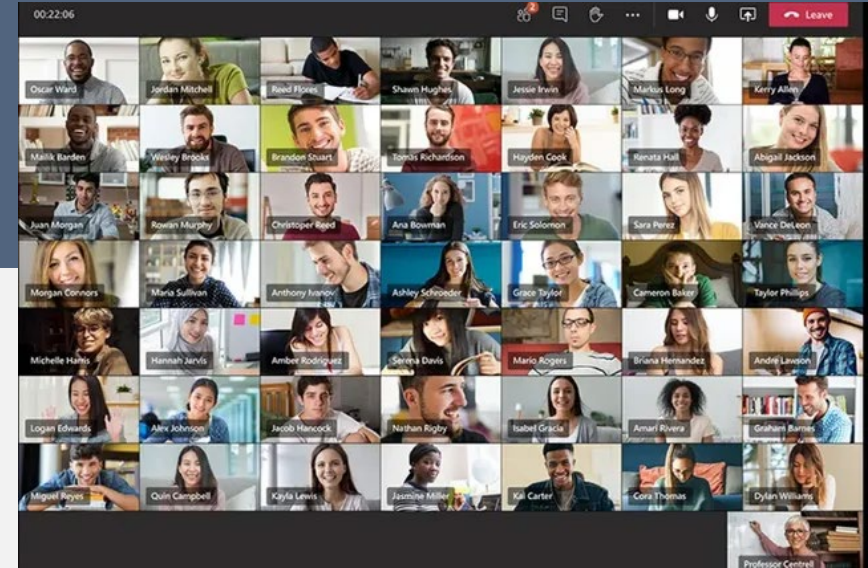
- Register your organization in SAM.gov ASAP
- Show your match in the budget forms
- Present a budget detail table (page 12 of RFA)
- All documents that will be reviewed as part of your application must be submitted through Grants.gov
- Working on Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act guidance

Selection Process



Drop-in Q&A Sessions

- Upcoming dates:
 - August 2nd and 22nd from 11am-12pm
 - Check website for meeting link
- 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



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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