

IRWM Planning Grant Program (Round 2)

At a Glance

1. What is the purpose of IRWM Grants?

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grants are furnished by California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to encourage integrated regional management of water resources and provide funding for projects that support integrated water management planning and implementation. The funds for these grants are raised by DWR through Proposition 84 bonds.

2. What kinds of projects will be funded under this grant?

Eligible projects are planning actions related to development, updating, or improvement of an IRWM Plan. This may include focused, topic-specific planning efforts such as salt/nutrient management planning or enhanced integration of flood management issues into an IRWM Plan. Applicants must make it apparent within the Work Plan that the end result of the proposed work effort is an IRWM Plan that meets the policy objectives. For instance, grant awardees in 2011 included a number of local and regional water agencies who applied for funds to update their existing plans or create new ones.

Note: This is not an implementation grant. Solicitation for Round 2 implementation grants may be announced by DWR in the future.

3. Is your agency eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants are local agencies, special districts and certain non-profit organizations. To be eligible, applicants should submit applications on behalf of specific IRWM planning regions which have been accepted into the grant program through the Region Acceptance Process (RAP). More information on the RAP can be found here:
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/integregio_rap.cfm

4. What is the funding limit and required cost-sharing?

Grants will be limited to a maximum of \$1 million per IRWM Planning Region for a regional proposal and a minimum 25% of the total project costs must be paid through non-State funds.

5. How and when will funds be awarded?

Funds will be awarded through a competitive proposal process. The application deadline is March 9, 2012. Public meetings to discuss initial funding recommendations will be held in May 2012, and final grant awards will be made in July 2012.

*The entire text of the draft guidelines can be downloaded at the following URL:
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/integregio_planning.cfm*

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