



Los Angeles Community Water Justice Grants Program

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About the 2019 Pilot Program

In partnership with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Regional Board), the Rose Foundation is piloting the Los Angeles Community Water Justice Grants Program to support water related projects that benefit and involved underserved, vulnerable, or otherwise disadvantaged communities in its design and implementation.

Grants from this 2019 pilot program will be funded through Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) payments. A SEP is, in part, “an environmentally beneficial project that a person agrees to undertake, with the approval of the Los Angeles Regional Board, that would not be undertaken in the absence of an enforcement action.”

The purpose of the application process is to develop an initial Project List and expand this program from the Central Valley to the Los Angeles region. Experience in this first year and feedback from participants will educate the roll out of the full program in 2020.

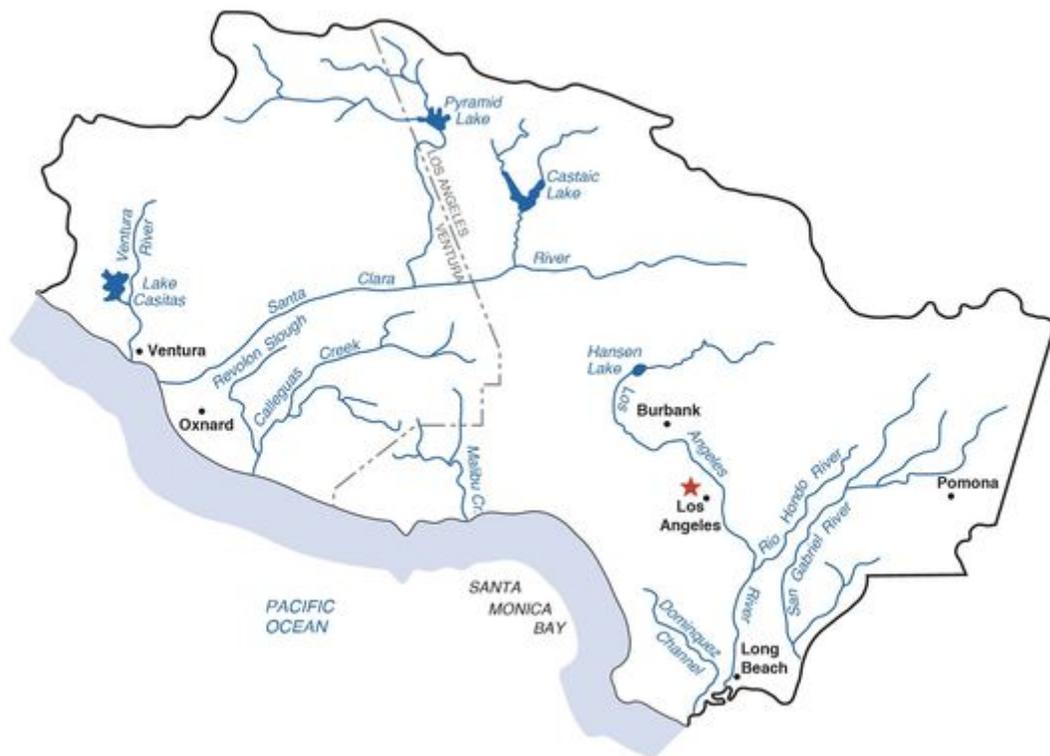
Organizations with projects that meet both the community and water quality criteria will then be placed on the initial Project List for potential funding.

Successfully completing the application process and being placed on **the initial Project List does not mean that you will be automatically awarded a grant. It does mean that your organization will become eligible** to be selected by dischargers who are involved with a Los Angeles Regional Board enforcement process in the coming year, or otherwise be matched with a settlement where there is a close nexus between the nature of the project and the underlying violations alleged in the enforcement action.

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- **Projects Supported:** Projects must be designed to benefit groundwater or surface water quality in the Los Angeles Region, including the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, along with very small portions of Kern and Santa Barbara. *See below a map of the boundaries of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region:*



- **Applicant requirements:** projects must benefit underserved, vulnerable, or otherwise disadvantaged communities and should demonstrate a high degree of community support and community involvement. Projects that benefit public health in addition to water quality are especially encouraged.
- **Grant amount:** applicants are encouraged to seek grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Your requested amount should not exceed 25% of your organization's typical annual expenses.
- **Non-profit Status:** Applicants must be a 501(c)3 organization, fiscally-sponsored by a 501(c)3, or a governmental or tribal entity.

[Click here](#) to check the full eligibility requirements and to see examples of eligible projects and not eligible projects.

Application Process

1) Submit Letter of Inquiry

All interested applicants must submit an [letter of inquiry](#). This letter allows the Rose Foundation to determine if the proposed project appears to be a good fit for the program. Please remember, this grants program has twin “bull’s eyes”, underserved, vulnerable, or otherwise disadvantaged community benefit and water quality. To advance in the process, successful applicants must hit both bull’s eyes.

Please follow the following steps to submit your Letter of Inquiry.

- a) Check Eligibility: Please check all [eligibility requirements](#) before starting the application.
- b) Read the Application Instructions: Please read all of the instructions carefully and follow them step-by-step. To access our online application system instructions, please visit <https://rosefdn.org/instructions>
- c) Start your Application: The Letter of Inquiry must be submitted [via our online application system](#). Once you log onto the system, please specifically answer each question, and please be aware of the character limits that will be specified for your responses to each question.

⇒ **Letters of Inquiry** are due by **January 11, 2019 at 5pm.**

If you have any questions, [join](#) our How-To-Apply Conference Call on **November 27, 2018 at 3pm.*

2) Submit Application

Applications will be invited based on the letters of inquiry. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact us by email at grants@rosefdn.org or by phone at (510) 658-0702.

⇒ **Invited applications** are due by the end of **February 2019.**

What Happens Next?

A screening process for the letters of inquiry will take place, applicants may or may not be contacted for follow up information. Subsequently, based on the invited applications received, Rose Foundation will then recommend an initial Project List to the Los Angeles Regional Board. At its discretion, Los Angeles Regional Board may accept some, or all, of the projects on the initial Project List. Once the final Project List is determined by the Los Angeles Regional Board, these projects become eligible for SEP funding.

For More Information

For questions or advice regarding the development of your project proposal, please contact:

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About Rose Foundation

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