Achieving Coastal Resilience
for People, Nature and Climate

COASTAL QUEST
Building Resilient Communities

SMALL GRANTS OPPORTUNITY

If you are a community-based or non-profit organization, tribal or indigenous group, or local community leader based in or serving the Pacific Region, this opportunity is for you!

Complete a simple application to apply for small grant funding and technical assistance to help you **accelerate multi-benefit coastal nature-based solutions** in your community.

Click Here to Apply

Applications due by April 16, 2024 at 5pm Pacific Time

Apply to receive a $5,000 flexible grant and Technical Assistance to advance your coastal resilience efforts and goals!

Coastal Quest is supporting new and early-stage projects to help jump-start multi-benefit coastal nature-based solutions.

Learn about grant opportunities and hear leaders share their early-stage coastal nature-based solutions projects.

How Do I Qualify?

YOU ARE a community-based or non-profit organization, tribal or indigenous group, or local community leader based in or serving coastal communities in California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, or the U.S. Pacific Territories

YOU ARE committed to/interested in developing or participating in coastal nature-based solution projects that:
- Conserve, restore, or connect coastal lands and waters
- Build resilience in vulnerable coastal communities
- Are community-driven, collaborative, and equitable
- Provide multiple benefits to people and nature

Examples of projects include, but are not limited to:

- Coastal land acquisition to protect natural resources of cultural significance, increase connectivity, protect biodiversity or blue carbon etc.
- Dune, reef, or wetland restoration that improves connectivity, resilience, access to nature, etc.
- Developing a nomination for a protected area such as a National Marine Sanctuary in coastal waters, in California a water quality protected area, and other types of coastal land and water protected areas.
- Working with partners to improve coastal water quality, such as landowners to address cesspools affecting freshwater and ocean health etc.

*This small grants program is part of Coastal Quest's movement to further the goals of the Biden-Harris administration's multi-benefit 30x30 **America the Beautiful Initiative**.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS GRANT PROGRAM?

This program aims to build a pipeline of multi-benefit coastal 30x30 projects as outlined in the **America the Beautiful Initiative** and to accelerate community-driven, multi-benefit, nature-based solutions for building resilience in coastal communities by supporting new and early-stage projects through the provision of small grants, technical assistance, financial services, and networking opportunities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

This opportunity is open to **community-based and non-profit organizations, fiscally sponsored projects, tribal and indigenous groups, and community leaders** who are:

- Based in or serving coastal communities in California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, or the U.S. Pacific Territories
- Are committed to/interested in developing or implementing nature-based solutions projects in their community that:
  - Conserve, restore, or connect coastal lands and waters
  - Build resilience in vulnerable coastal communities
  - Provide multiple benefits for people and nature
  - Are community-driven, collaborative, and equitable
  - Further the goals and principles of the America the Beautiful Initiative -- to conserve, restore, and connect 30% of lands and waters by the year 2030
- Priority will be given to organizations and leaders from disadvantaged, underserved, less resourced, and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities and communities in need of environmental and climate justice.

AT WHAT STAGE DO MY EFFORTS OR PROJECT NEED TO BE AT?

We are looking to support **new and early-stage projects**. Our goal is to accelerate the development and implementation of community-driven, multi-benefit, coastal nature-based solutions and build a pipeline of new coastal projects.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY MULTI-BENEFIT NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS?

We mean projects that use natural solutions to build resilience for people, nature, and the climate AND provide more than one benefit such as climate mitigation or adaptation, biodiversity protection, clean water, increased access to nature, improved public health, food security, carbon sequestration, or of cultural significance.

WHAT BENEFITS WILL I RECIEVE FROM THIS GRANT PROGRAM?

Selected grantees will receive a **flexible $5,000 grant** award and technical assistance from **Coastal Quest** to support their project or leadership needs. Awards will be announced on April 30, 2024. Grant funds and technical assistance will be available from **June 2024 – February 2025.**

HOW MANY APPLICANTS WILL BE SELECTED?

A minimum of five (5) groups or individuals will be selected.

WHAT DOES TECHINICAL ASSISTANCE INVOLVE?

As part of your small grant, we offer technical assistance from Coastal Quest staff to help accelerate your efforts. Here are some potential ideas of things we can help with:

- **Fundraising** - Review drafts of grant applications or fundraising requests, facilitate meetings and discussions with donors, funding agencies
- **Organizational planning and project development**: Review strategic plans, project plans, budgeting, workplans, and provide recommendations, convene and facilitate meetings with potential partners, assist in developing plans to address specific challenges
- **Technical tools**: Help meet technical/data needs by making connections to technical partners, develop maps and tools
- **Other ideas** (we'd like to hear from you!)

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED FROM ME IF I'M SELECTED AS A GRANTEE?

You will be expected in **Summer 2024** to participate in a virtual kickoff meeting with all grantees as well as attend an intake meeting with Coastal Quest staff to chart out your project and technical assistance needs.. You will also be expected to participate in technical assistance meetings and submit a brief 1-2 page report to Coastal Quest by **February 2025** describing highlights from your project and feedback on the technical assistance you received.

HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT US
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