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PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT ROUND
INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

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AGENDA

- Park Improvement Grant Overview
- Park Improvement Grant Application
- Important Dates
- Q&A

GRANT OVERVIEW

Grant Round Goal

For California state park visitors to have meaningful experiences, they must have access to the parks, feel welcome, find it easy to orientate themselves to park amenities, and easily access the stories that inspire caring for the park's natural and cultural history. Because of this, we must work to ensure that we grow tomorrow's champions by fostering relevant and meaningful experiences in parks.

Objective

Park Improvements will fall under one of the three following categories:

1. Expanding Access
2. Honoring History and Culture
3. Park Experiences

Applicants can apply for grants up to $10,000.

EXPANDING ACCESS

Reducing barriers and expanding access to parks so that all Californians have equitable access to the positive impact parks have on health, happiness, and quality of life.

Examples:

- *Transportation to and from state parks*
- *California State Park Adventure Pass, and State Library Parks Pass*
- *PORTS Program*

HONORING HISTORY AND CULTURE

Honoring sites, artifacts, stories, and ideas that represent and reveal the wisdom, contributions, and experiences of everyone who has called California home.

Examples:

- *Park instillations and interpretive panels*
- *Educational brochures*
- *Podcast, park tour app*

Ana Gloria Rodriguez, Kumeyaay from San Jose de la Zorra, Mexico. From the Divided Together Podcast. Photo credit: Gustavo Mayoral

PARK EXPERIENCES

Improving parks and innovating programs so state park visitors have meaningful and relevant experiences while visiting their parks, leading to a lifelong connection.

Examples:

- *Signage – directional signage, brail signage*
- *Maintenance – restrooms, visitor center, day use areas*
- *Staff salary that will directly support time spent improving parks – maintenance, leading programming*

APPLICATIONS

- We will be using Submittable for applications and all reports.
- Primary and secondary contacts will be required for all applications.
- Letter of Support, current 501c3, and W9 required if you are working with a non-profit park partner.
- Letter of Support required from DPR.

IMPORTANT DATES

- *March 1 – April 1, 2022:* Application open for submissions.*
- *May 1-15, 2022:* Notification if application was accepted or declined.
- *June 1-15, 2022:* California State Parks Foundation will externally announce Park Improvement grantees.
- *June 1, 2022 – June 1, 2023:* Grant term.
- *December 1, 2022:* Midterm report due
- *June 30, 2023:* Final report due.

**Only one submission per applying organization will be accepted. Programs/projects may fall under more than one area, but a main focus area will need to be clearly stated in the submission.*

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Questions & Answers

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THANK YOU!