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WELCOME!

2022 Wildfire Resiliency and Prevention
Grant Round Informational Webinar

- All participants will be muted.
- Please put questions in the chat or raise your hand. We will have a Q&A at the end of the webinar as well.
- Webinar will be recorded and emailed to all participants.

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AGENDA

- 2022 Wildfire Resiliency and Prevention grant round overview
- Grant application overview
- Grant round dates to remember
- Q&A



GRANT OVERVIEW

The 2022 Wildfire Resiliency and Prevention grant round will support activities in state parks to help create a wildfire resilient state park system. We will support models and approaches that land managers are using for state parks to be prepared for wildfires.

These models include:

- Use of controlled burning and debris removal to foster a healthy ecosystem and reduce catastrophic wildfires.
- Restoring native vegetation to landscapes that are overrun with highly flammable and invasive species to increase the native biodiversity that has evolved with fire and can better protect and recover from wildfires.
- Educating and activating local communities and all Californians in the efforts to build greater resiliency to wildfires and how they can help.

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

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES THROUGH-LINE OF IMPACT



MISSION WHY WE ARE HERE.

Protecting and preserving the California state park system, for the benefit of all.

OUR APPROACH HOW WE DRIVE IMPACT.



LEARN

To determine the best solutions and practices, we work to develop a deep understanding of significant issues facing parks and monitor current trends in the environmental, social justice, and parks space.

- Executed a process based on a literature review, collaboration with experts, park professionals, and research to focus on programs or projects in the areas of assessment, restoration, preparedness, education.

EDUCATE

The future of parks depends on a diverse and informed constituency of individuals and partners that is engaged and has a voice in the halls of power.

- Educated participants during Park Advocacy 2021 on wildfire legislation and budget items.
- Informed members and online community on wildfire impacts to parks, closures, and safety.

ACTIVATE

California State Parks Foundation activates a base of park supporters, partners, and volunteers to be champions for their parks.

- 2020 Wildfire Relief Fund: Immediate relief grants to parks devastated by the 2020 wildfires.
- 2020/21 Wildfire Resiliency and Prevention Fund: Grants for Assessment, Restoration, Preparedness & Education.
- Volunteer projects to clear invasive species and reduce fuel loads.
- Volunteer projects to plant native plants that are naturally more fire resistant.

INFLUENCE

We create change by connecting in-the-field learnings and collective wisdom from all constituencies to inform policy solutions in the halls of power where decisions are made at the highest level.

- Supported bills to create a climate resiliency grant program for local communities
- Supported bond proposals to provide funds for state parks to invest in activities to defend parks against wildfire



VISION WHAT CALIFORNIA LOOKS LIKE WHEN WE SUCCEED.



Californians experience, engage with, and champion their state parks, ensuring that they will thrive now and for future generations.



MODEL EXAMPLE

Use of control burning and debris removal to foster a healthy ecosystem and reduce catastrophic wildfires.

Anderson Marsh Historic State Park Entrance Meadow Restoration

Through the use of prescribed burns, manual weeding, and the spot applications of herbicides, the entrance meadow was cleared of non-native species, thatch, brush and overgrowth.

AMIA had the assistance of the Koi Nation of Northern County to observe the prescribed burns, monitor for cultural resources issues that might arise and observed the planting of the native plants.

(2021 Wildfire Resiliency and Prevention grantee)



MODEL EXAMPLE

Restoring native vegetation to landscapes that are overrun with highly flammable and invasive species to increase the native biodiversity that has evolved with fire and can better protect and recover from wildfires.

Leo Carrillo State Parks Coastal Bluff Restoration

This project consists of regular invasive plant removal as part of an adaptive weed management and habitat restoration plan, with the goal of reducing the coverage of the invasive plant canopy and invasive plant debris within the project area. Meeting this goal would help restore historical habitat by encouraging existing native plants and seeds to re-colonize the project area. The Leo Carrillo State Park General Plan recommends that the State Park system make every effort to preserve, enhance, restore, and interpret this habitat type for future generations.

(2022 Building Climate Resilient Parks grantee)



MODEL EXAMPLE

Educating and activating local communities and all Californians in the efforts to build greater resiliency to wildfires and how they can help.

Models of Landcare: Test Plot Case Study

Test Plot is a land-based practice in Los Angeles that celebrates the labor involved in land care. Through the establishment and testing of planting palettes, and stewardship models, Test Plot seeks to establish longer term, care-based relationships between local communities and the public lands they engage with. Though Test Plot works at a site level, by replication there is an opportunity to research and test how local community-based restoration work might be done more effectively to address scale. Developing knowledge and skills and creating a system to support others to do the same work in other state parks will support a more climate resilient state park system.

(2022 Building Climate Resilient Parks grantee)



APPLICATIONS

- We will be using Submittable for applications and 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 your state parks district superintendent



DATES TO REMEMBER

- *October 3 – November 4, 2022:* Submittable open for applications*
- *November 28 – December 5, 2022:* Notification if application was accepted or declined
- *Mid-December 2022:* California State Parks Foundation will externally announce Wildfire Resiliency and Prevention grantees
- *December 15, 2022 – December 15, 2023:* Grant term
- *July 14, 2023:* Midterm report due
- *January 31, 2024:* 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!

For questions regarding the Wildfire Resiliency and Prevention Grant Round, please reach out to Haley at, haley@calparks.org