



Grant Program Update

Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy

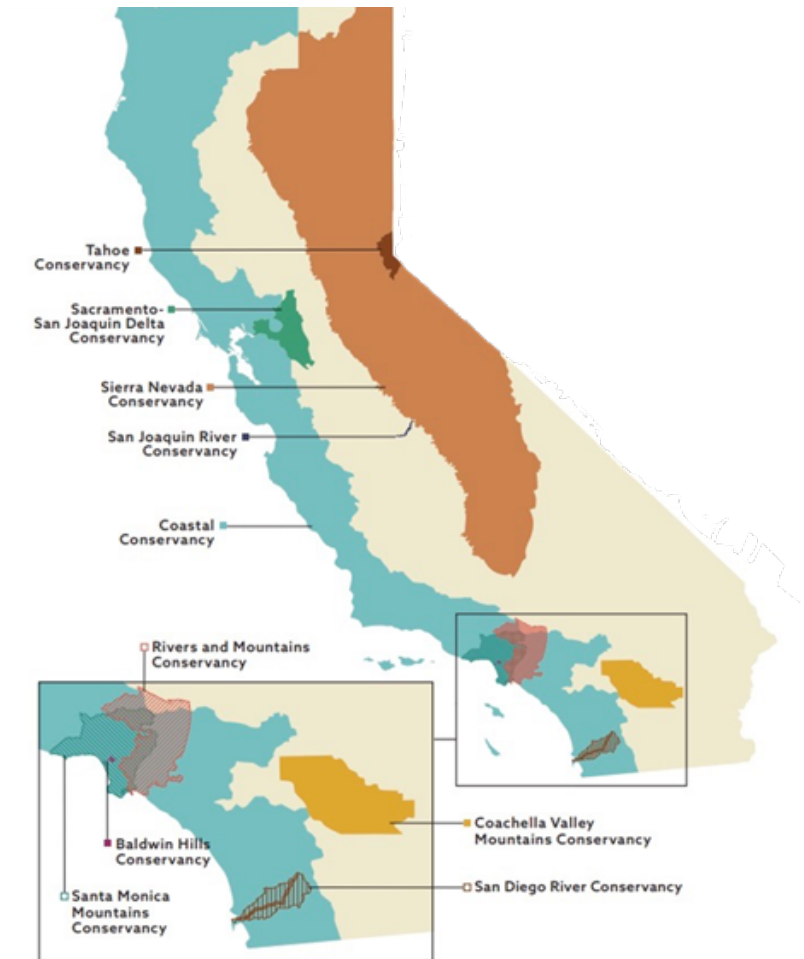


SBCCOG BOARD PRESENTATION 1/22/26

- Introduction
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- Expanded Territory
- Available Grant Funds
- Eligible Grant Applicants
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Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy

Mission: To acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills, Southern Ballona Creek and Upper Dominguez Channel watersheds and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience.

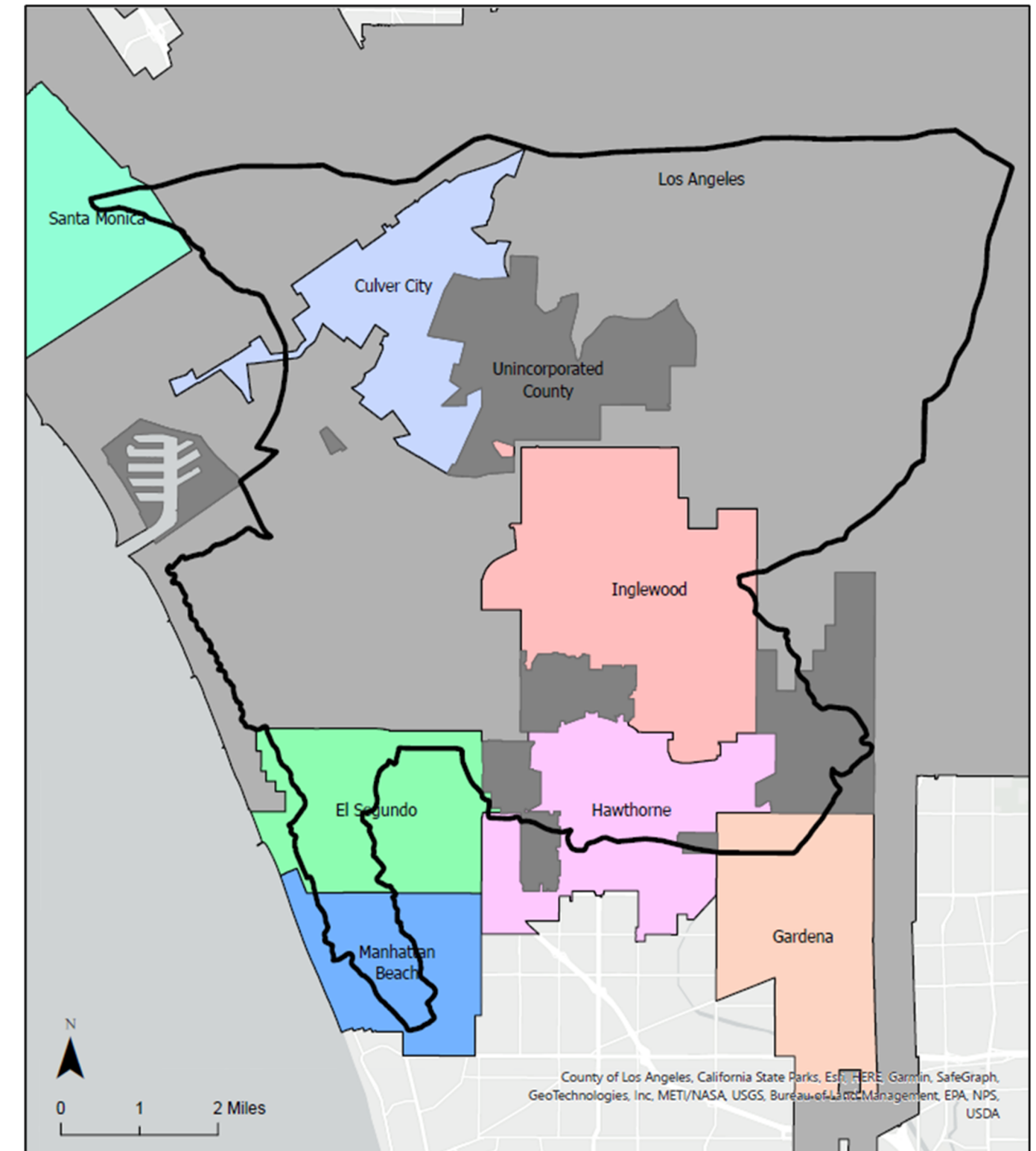


BH UWC Jurisdictional Territory

70-square miles area includes Cities and Unincorporated Communities

Jurisdiction (black line) includes portions of:

- City of Los Angeles (light grey)
- City of Inglewood (pink)
- City of Gardena (orange)
- City of Hawthorne (purple)
- City of El Segundo (green)
- City of Manhattan Beach (dark blue)
- City of Santa Monica (teal)
- City of Culver City (light blue)
- The Unincorporated Los Angeles County Communities of Lennox, Del Aire, Hawthorne Island, West Athens, Leimert Park, Windsor Hills, Ladera Heights, Mesa Heights and Baldwin Hills (dark grey)



Eligible Projects – Must be within BH UWC jurisdictional Territory

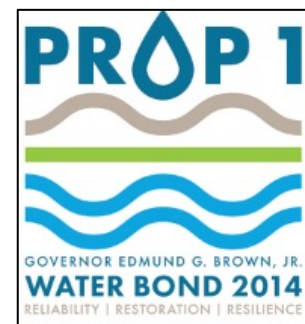
Reimbursement-based Grants

California State Grants

Reimbursement-based grant – Funds received after the grantee has already paid for eligible project costs.



Prop 68: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018



Prop 1: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014



Prop 4: Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024

Reimbursement-based Grants

Eligible Applicants

Public Agencies – Any state agency or department, special district, joint powers authority, city, county, or other political subdivision of the state.

Native American Tribes – Those that are either federally recognized or listed on the Native Heritage Commission’s California Tribal Consultation List.

Non-profit Organizations – U.S. Federal Income Tax-exempt organizations, 501(c) (3) designation or fiscally sponsored, and whose purposes are consistent with the Conservancy’s statutory authority, funding priorities and eight (8) agency-wide strategic goals.

Public Utilities & Mutual Water – Projects proposed by this type of applicant must have a clear and definite public purpose and must benefit the customers of the water system and not the investors. For additional eligibility requirements, please go to our website.

Consolidated Grant (GC) Program

BH UWC Strategic Grantmaking Process – One (1) application, *Conceptual Project Proposal*, reviewed for eligibility and consistency with Conservancy’s statutory authority, funding priorities and eight (8) agency-wide strategic goals.

Community and Climate Resilience Goals:



1 Empower Safe and Resilient Communities



2 Increase Access to Parks And Open Spaces



3 Protect and Manage Water Resources



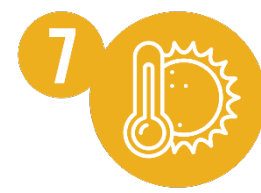
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5 Advance Urban Forest Health



6 Remediate Degraded Lands

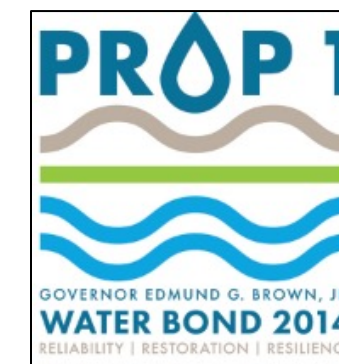


7 Mitigate Impacts From Extreme Heat



8 Prevent Wildfire

Full Grant Proposal Submission:
(Invitation Only)



APPLICATION WINDOW:
Proposals Accepted Year Round

ANTICIPATED AWARD DATE:
BH UWC Board Meeting Dates

AWARD RANGE:
\$50,000 - \$1,000,000

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Consolidated Grant (GC) Program

Priority Projects – Actions eligible for BH UWC GC Program funding that advance one or more **Community & Climate Resilience Goals**

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1 Empower Safe and Resilient Communities

- Community-led Co-design / Participatory Planning
- Conservation / Stewardship Training
- Workforce Development / Community Stabilization
- Technical Assistance / Coalition Building
- Cultural and Environmental Interpretation
- Community Resilience Programming / Hub



2 Increase Access to Parks And Open Spaces

- Trail / Greenway
- Regional Park
- Pocket Park
- Sports Field
- Community Garden
- Joint-use Space
- Park Safety Retrofits
- Park Infrastructure / Amenities
- Bike Infrastructure
- Public Transit / Park Shuttles



3 Protect and Manage Water Resources

- Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Recycled Water Infrastructure
- Groundwater Recharge / Water Storage
- Irrigation System Upgrade / Smart Technology
- Wet / Dry Weather Runoff Diversion
- Stream Daylighting



4 Increase Biodiversity

- Ecological Restoration
- Riparian Habitat Restoration
- Nature Preserve / Mitigation Banking
- Wildlife Corridor



5 Advance Urban Forest Health

- Urban and Community Forestry Training
- Informed Tree Planting / Tree Care
- Mitigating Poor Air Quality Through Tree Equity
- Improving Conditions of Urban Forests
- Carbon Sequestration



6 Remediate Degraded Lands

- Nuisance Parcel / Lot Acquisition
- Contaminated Parcel / Lot Acquisition
- Contaminated Site Remediation
- Enhancement Revegetation



7 Mitigate Impacts From Extreme Heat

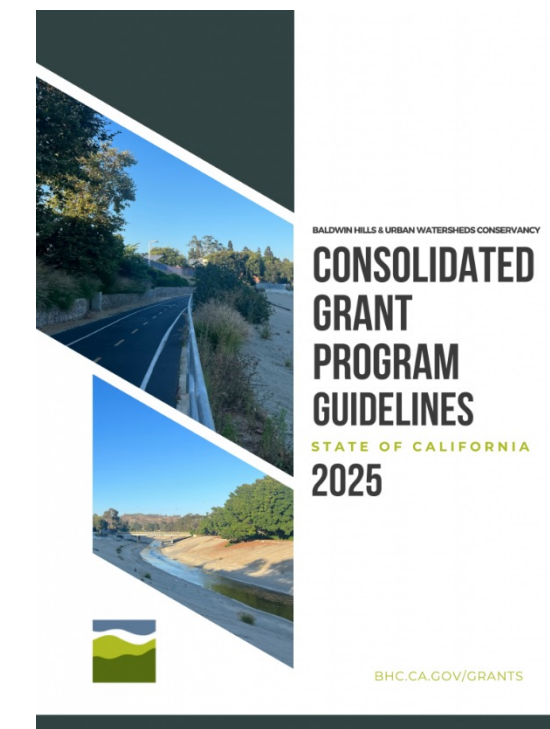
- Shade Structure
- Hydration Station
- Cool Pavement
- Shade Trees
- Cooling Center



8 Prevent Wildfire

- Vegetation Management / Fuel & Ignition Reduction
- Fire Breaks and Buffers
- Wildfire Hardening
- Water Accessibility / Supply for Fire Prevention

See BH UWC CG Program Guidelines –



Proposition 68 Grants



California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018

Competitive Grant Program – Funds the creation, expansion, or improvement of regional parks and facilities.

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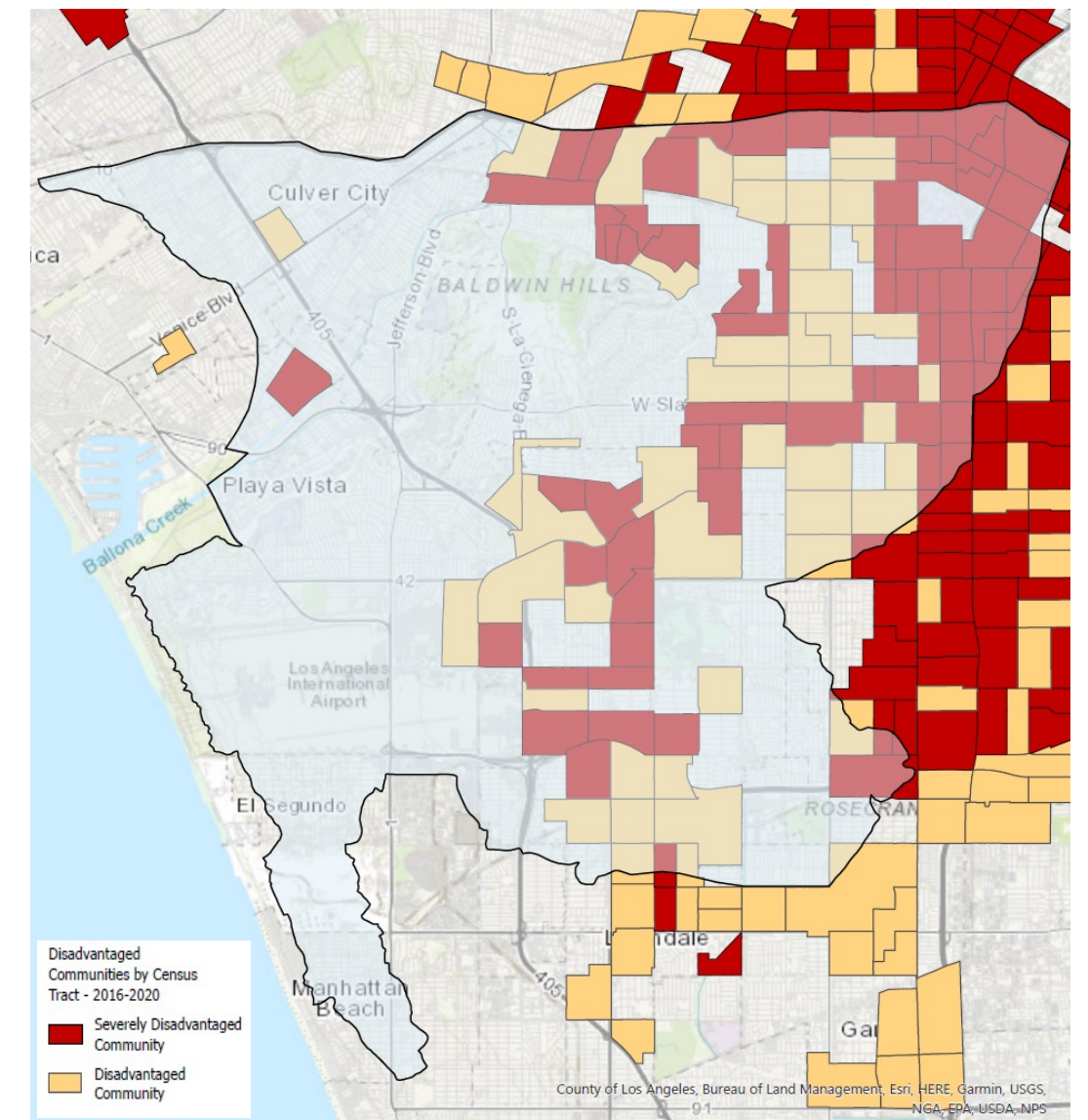
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Priority given to projects that:

- Connect people with natural landscapes and/or urban greenspaces, and serve **Disadvantaged Communities**
- Promote an appreciation for the environment and natural resources
- Address the threats facing the environment and regional natural resources



Proposition 1 Grants

Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

- Funds water supply, capture, recharge and storage infrastructure projects
- Right to “safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes”

([Water Code Sec. 106.3](#))



Milton Green Street

Additional Project Categories

- *Habitat Restoration Projects*
- *Climate Adaptation Projects*
- *Multi-Benefit Open Space Projects*

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Proposition 4

Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024

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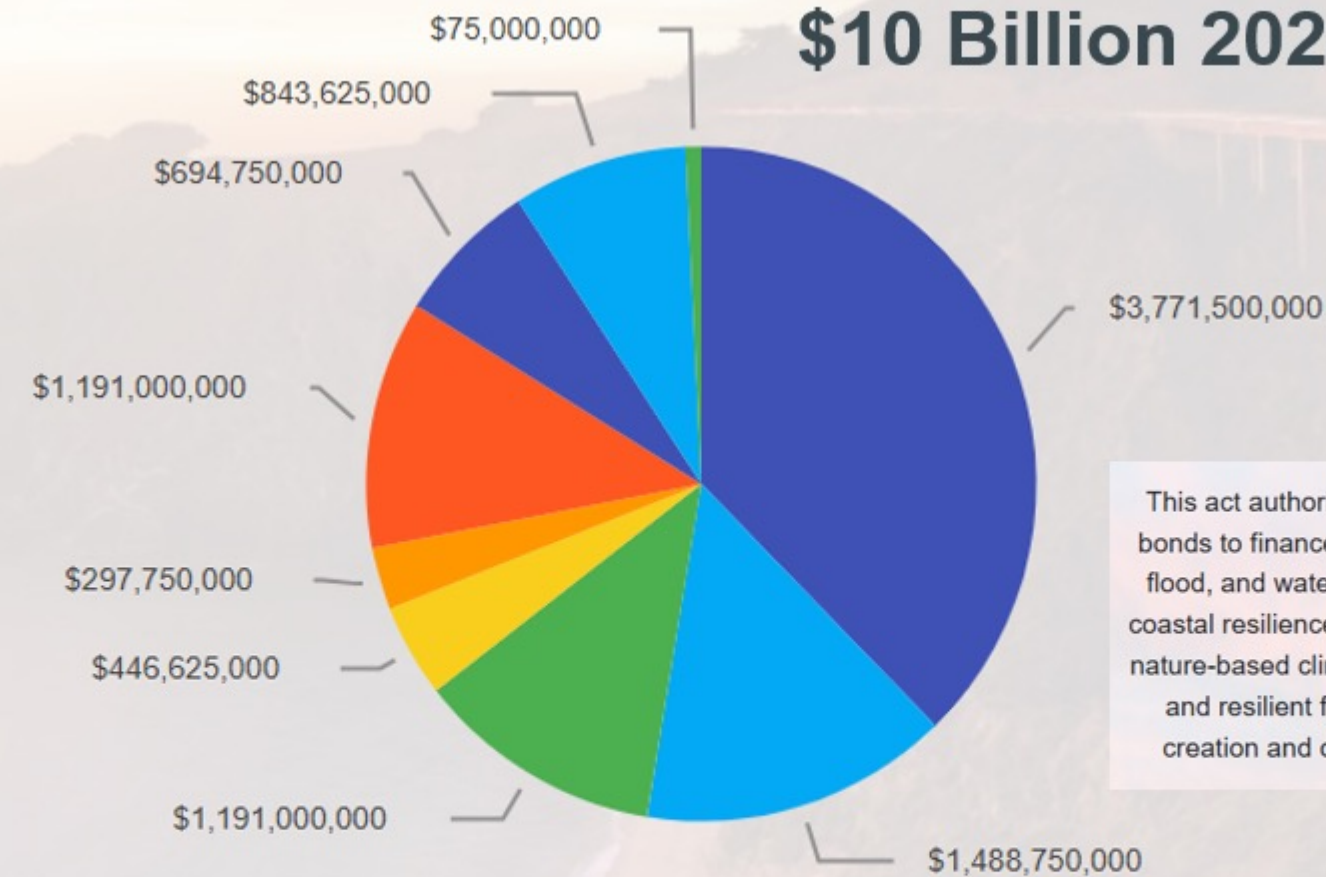
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\$10 Billion 2024 Climate Bond



This act authorizes \$10 billion in state general obligation bonds to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs.

- Safe Drinking Water, Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience
- Wildfire and Forest Resilience
- Extreme Heat Mitigation
- Climate Smart, Sustainable, and Resilient Farms, Ranches, and Working Lands
- Protect Biodiversity and Accelerating Nature-Based Climate Solutions
- Park Creation and Outdoor Access
- Coastal Resilience
- Clean Air
- Statewide bond costs

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Bond Accountability Website

Proposition 4 Grants (Early 2026)

Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024

Priority given to projects that:

- Protect Biodiversity and Accelerate Nature-Based Climate Solutions
- Provide Direct and Meaningful Benefits to **Climate Vulnerable** and **Disadvantaged Communities**
- Connect people with **Parks, Open-Spaces** and **Natural Areas**
- Address Regional **Climate Hazards** and **Vulnerabilities**
- Improve **Urban Watershed Health** and Promote **Environment Stewardship**

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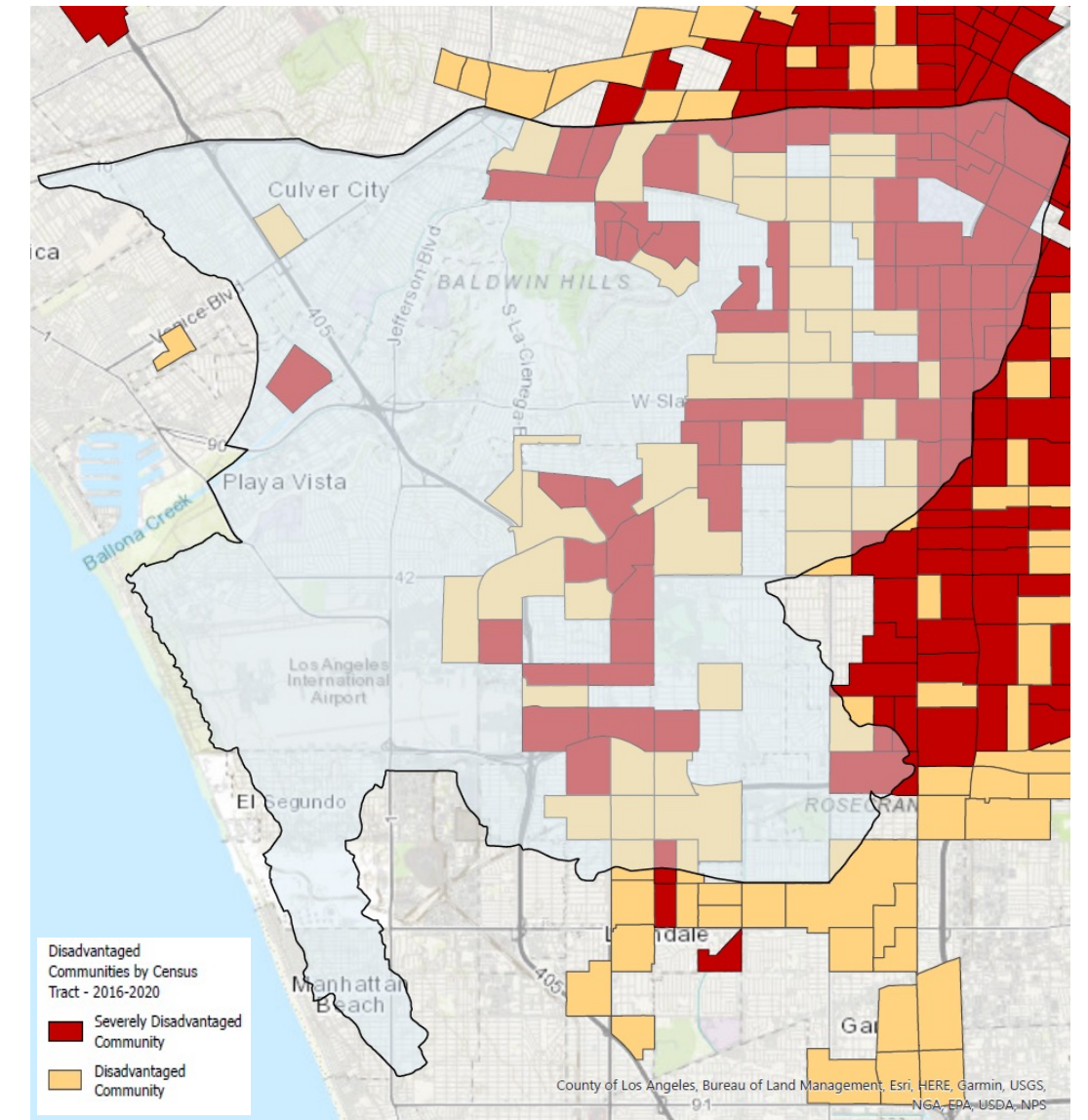
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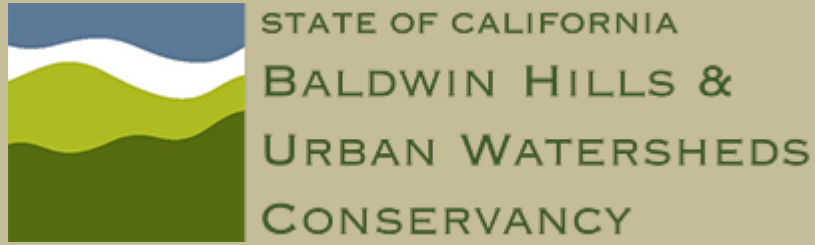
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BALDWIN HILLS &
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CONSERVANCY

Proposition 4 Grants (Early 2026)

40% of all Prop 4 funding will provide “meaningful and direct benefits” to Disadvantaged Communities and Vulnerable Populations.

At least 10% of the 40% to benefit Severely Disadvantaged Communities.

Up to 5 percent of the funds made available pursuant to this section may be allocated for community access projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, and vulnerable populations and that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Transportation**
- (2) Physical activity programming**
- (3) Resource interpretation**
- (4) Multilingual translation**
- (5) Natural science**
- (6) Workforce development and career pathways**
- (7) Education**
- (8) Communication related to water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and other outdoor pursuits**

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Applying for Funding

STEPS 1 & 2

ATTEND WORKSHOP AND READ BH UWC'S CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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Proposal Development (You should)...

- **Read** Guidelines
- **Consult** with Conservancy Staff
- **Utilize** the BH UWC Resilience Tool Kit
- **Develop** Project Partners and their Roles in Project
- **Obtain** Stakeholder Support
- **Define** Scope of Work
- **Obtain** Project Cost Estimate
- **Submit** Conceptual Project Proposal (Concept Application)

Applying for Funding

STEP 3

CONCEPT PROPOSAL SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

Applications will be Reviewed for...

- Eligibility and consistency with BH UWC priorities
- Resiliency and co-design elements
- Benefits to Community and / or DAC/SDAC Area
- Feasible Scope of Work, Budget and Timeline
- Preliminary Project Plans
- Methods to Monitor and Report Progress on the Project
- CEQA Compliance
- Completion of requires forms

Applying for Funding

STEP 4

CONSERVANCY BOARD CONSIDERATION

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The Conservancy staff will recommend which Concept Proposals should be considered for Full Grant applications and placed on a future Governing Board agenda based on alignment with and availability of BH UWC funding.

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STEP 5

GRANT AWARD & CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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If Conservancy Board approves the Grant...

- Staff will draft a Grant Agreement
- Staff will negotiate the final Deliverables, Budget, and Timeline with the Grantee
- Grantee will revise accordingly
- Staff will finalize the Grant Agreement & send to Grantee for approval and signature

GRANT APPLICATION SCHEDULE 2026

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2026: Year-Round Grant Solicitation
BH UWC GRANT FUNDING WORKSHOPS
February 11
April 8
July 8
September 9
December 16
BH UWC BOARD MEETINGS
January 30
March 20
May 22
July 17
September 25
November 20

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I submit a proposal?

Electronic or Hard-Copy. Applications are available at <https://bhc.ca.gov/grants/>.

Will the UWC fund planning or only implementation?

We fund both.

Can applicants apply for an advance?

If the applicant can submit an advance request package for consideration of a 25% advance of the grant project budget.

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Is land acquisition eligible?

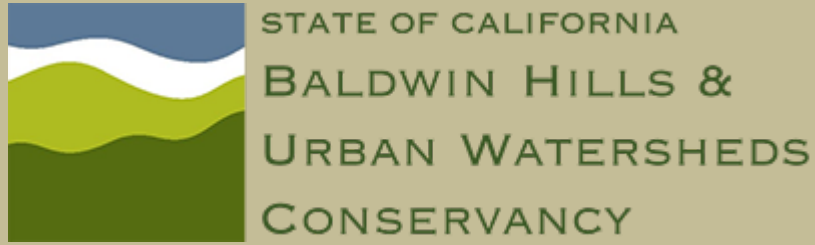
Yes.

Does the BH UWC allow matching funds from other granting agencies?

Yes, non-state funds are considered matches.

Can my project budget include project administration?

Yes, overhead is capped at 20% based on a documented justifiable indirect rate formula proposed by the grantee.



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please visit our website for more information:

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– Consolidated Grant Program Guidelines

– Conceptual Project Application Form

– BH UWC Jurisdictional Territory Map

