Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program
Bidders Webinar

November 15, 2018, 1:00-2:30 pm

Registration Link: https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/839453585
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Webinar Rules and Etiquette

● Keep your microphone muted and video off, please

● Questions accepted only at the end of our brief, formal presentation

● This webinar will be recorded and posted on CA Sea Grant’s webpage: https://caseagrant.ucsd.edu/grants-and-funding/mpa19-call-for-submissions

● Please reserve very specific questions (relevant to your project only) for email to CDFW, OPC, and/or CA Sea Grant staff.
Webinar Objectives

- Describe the purposes and priorities of the Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program
- Go over important application components
- Answer questions that potential applicants may have
Organizational Roles

- MPA policy lead; grant manager to Sea Grant
- Manages submission receipt and review; grant administrator to funded projects
- MPA management lead; monitoring partner
Solicitation Objectives

- Implement long-term monitoring strategies outlined in the Action Plan
- Better integrate Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) into long-term monitoring and adaptive management
- Inform adaptive management and evaluation of CA’s MPA Network
Solicitation Parameters

• OPC has authorized $9.5 million to support the MPA Monitoring Program (Phase 2) over a 3-year period

• Work to begin as early as 16 May 2019, and must end by 15 May 2022

• Submissions are due to CASG by 5:00 pm Pacific Time on Thursday, 20 December 2018. **FIRM DEADLINE!**
Eligibility

Individuals associated with:

• Higher education institutions

• Federal, state, local, and tribal governments

• Non-profit organizations

• Commercial organizations
Submission Type: Qualification Request

Long-term Monitoring Action Plan priorities:

- **Statewide** data collection for priority habitat types, human uses, sites, measures and metrics, and species

- Analyses to assess Network performance and inform adaptive management
Submission Type: Full Proposal Request

- Develop inclusive process to advance statewide collection and use of TEK to help inform the adaptive management of California’s MPA Network
- Formal collaboration with California Native American Tribes is a requirement
Required Submission Content

- Signed and institutionally endorsed cover page(s)

- Project Narrative/Project Description file
  - 15 pages maximum for the project description
  - Plus other required information to be included in the Project Narrative file – not subject to the 15-page limit

**NOTE: Depending on the submission type, the content of your project narrative file will be different. Please closely review the full solicitation.**

- Project Budget(s) - Excel spreadsheet
  - Including “Current & Pending Research Support”

- (Optional) Letters of Support (note - CDFW/OPC cannot provide these)
Application Submission

Due date: December 20, 2018 by 5:00pm PT

http://eseagrant2.ucsd.edu

Since this is a relatively new system, if PIs have not used eSeaGrant within the past year, you will need to register, even if previously established in the old system. Please click on the “Register” tab to get set up if necessary.

Start your application early!
Proposal Evaluation Criteria

1. Project relevance and applicability to the objectives of the Monitoring Program and MPA Monitoring Action Plan (Action Plan),
2. Data management, accessibility, and usability
3. Scientific/technical merit
4. Partnerships, collaborations, and local expertise
5. Project costs and funding leverage
6. Assessment of qualifications of project lead(s), demonstrated capacity of project support teams, access to facilities, and resources to complete the project.
7. Project management experience, expertise, and skills
Proposal Review Process

- Review panel composed of expert scientists and persons familiar with TEK working in consultation with relevant staff from CDFW and OPC
- Funding recommendations will be made jointly by Sea Grant, CDFW, and OPC
- Revision of submitted proposals and budgets is possible
- Final project recommendations will be brought to the OPC for approval in May, 2019
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Questions?

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