

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Explore the Coast (ETC)

**Deadline: January 30, 2026** | *Coastal Conservancy*

Seeks to provide enjoyable coastal experiences for people and communities who face challenges or barriers accessing the coast. ETC Priority Communities include, but are not limited to, lower-income individuals and households, people with disabilities, people of color, immigrant communities, and foster youth, among others.

### Small Surface Water & Groundwater Storage Projects (Small Storage Program)

**Deadline: April 17, 2026** | *US Department of Interior*

Enhances water storage opportunities for future generations by funding small surface water & groundwater storage projects. The program funds up to a 25% Federal cost-share to plan, design, & construct surface & groundwater storage projects that will increase water storage or move water to or from a storage project.

### Regional Forest & Fire Capacity Program

*Rolling pre-application process described [here](#) | California State Coastal Conservancy*

Awards grants to build a pipeline of implementation-ready wildfire resilience projects from Marin to Ventura County. Wildfire resilience projects supported in this program include a range of vegetation management strategies that reduce risk of wildfire while also improving ecosystem function, such as forest thinning, prescribed burning, prescribed grazing, re-establishment of native vegetation, & creation of shaded fuel breaks.

### Stream Flow Enhancement

*Continuous deadline | Wildlife Conservation Board*

Funds projects that enhance stream flows across California. Funded projects are consistent with the objectives & actions outlined in the CA Water Action Plan, with the primary focus on enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; or provide resilience to climate change.

### California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways

*Various Deadlines*

The Division of Boating and Waterways administers several grant and loan programs designed to improve and safeguard the boating experience for all users.

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

### Boots on the Ground: 124<sup>th</sup> CES Strengthens Redwoods National Park

**January 6th, 2026** | *Office of the Director of Civil Engineers*

When the Wolf Creek Education Center required facility-wide upgrades to continue serving students, faculty, and staff, the 124th Civil Engineer Squadron stepped in, leaving a lasting impact on Redwoods National Park, California. By strengthening critical infrastructure, the squadron not only supported the community, but also sharpened mission-ready skills through an Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) mission.

### City of Palo Alto Utilities, California, Undergrounding Utilities for Wildfire Mitigation

**December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025** | *City of Palo Alto Utilities*

The City of Palo Alto Utilities (CPAU) has undertaken a major infrastructure project to move overhead utility lines underground in the State-designated high fire threat area, known as the Foothills. This is a proactive step aimed at reducing wildfire risk and enhancing power reliability in the area. The multiyear project, part of the Utilities Wildfire Mitigation Plan, targets neighborhoods most vulnerable to wind-driven fires and falling power lines.



Cal OES' INF RSF Team provides funding research to support local infrastructure recovery & resilience. If you have experienced a natural disaster, have unmet infrastructure recovery needs, & would like to be connected to assistance programs, please fill out our [intake form](#).



## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)

**Safer Drinking Water/Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience:** Established from the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water (SADW) Fund through Senate Bill 200 (SB200) in 2019. The Fund will provide \$130 million per year that will be used to develop and implement sustainable solutions for small systems with violations of drinking water standards. The money may be spent on operations and maintenance costs, cost of consolidating with larger system, provision of replacement water, and funding for administrators to run the small systems. *Proposals and Requests are accepted on a continuous basis.*

**Creative Placemaking Technical Assistance (CPTA):** The CPTA program supports local leaders in elevating arts, culture, and design to strengthen community connections and deepen impact. Some available tools for participants include the Design Process Spiral, which outlines a community-centered approach to project development.

**Clean Energy Group Technical Assistance Fund:** Open to all US-based community-serving organizations. Projects must directly serve low-income communities, communities of color, environmental justice communities, or communities directly harmed by existing fossil-fuel infrastructure.



## EVENTS + WEBINARS

**Advancing Tribes' Interests at the CPUC Training Series - Understanding Your Electricity Bill:** The January training will focus on demystifying investor-owned utility (IOU) electric bills. It is the first in a two-part training on understanding IOU electricity rates and how rates are set. TECC's Regulatory Consultants Steven Moss and Richard McCann of M. Cubed will present, along with TECC Consultant and retired CPUC Administrative Law Judge, Peter Allen and TECC Co-Director, Josh Simmons.

- **January 23, 2026** | Virtual

**Planning and Conservation League (PCL) 2026 California Environmental Assembly:** Join us as we explore cutting-edge solutions for environmental policies to address the drivers of climate change: land use, transportation, energy production, and technological developments. PCL strongly believes we are already experiencing the catastrophic impacts of the climate crisis. Our panels explore immediate short-term solutions and strategies for the future.

- **January 31, 2026** | UC Davis School of Law

## TOOLS + RESOURCES

**California Tribal Fund:** Supports California-based, California-Native-led nonprofits and tribal programs in controlling and protecting their land, water, food systems, and culture.

**Flood Funding Finder:** A first-of-its-kind, interactive website—to simplify the complex federal grants system & to help small communities identify & prioritize opportunities to fund flood resilience.

