



Oil and Chemical Spill Resource Guide



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Overview

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Interagency Recovery Coordination includes six Recovery Support Function (RSF) teams to help communities identify resources to build back better after disasters. The Natural and Cultural Resources RSF has created this document to provide an overview of funding opportunities and technical assistance available to support oil and chemical spills recovery, resilience, and prevention in California. These resources cover a broad range of support, including grant funding, technical assistance, and training resources with the intent of empowering local communities to lead their own recovery efforts and build capabilities and resilience to future disasters.







For more information about opportunities presented in this document, as well as any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at:




LongTermRecovery@caloes.ca.gov.

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Current Funding Opportunities







Oil Spill Response Equipment Grant		
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR)		
	Application Deadline	Ongoing
	Program Description	The objective of the Local Oil Spill Response Equipment Grant Program is to continuously award grants to Native American tribal governments, counties, cities, and special districts to pre-position response equipment to protect economic and environmental resources that are located within or immediately adjacent to waters of the state in the event of an oil spill.
	Eligibility	Local and Tribal governments, special districts
	Funding Information	Continuously awarded, no matching fund requirement
	Website	OSPR Grants and Outreach
	Contact Information	cindy.murphy@wildlife.ca.gov andrea.moore@wildlife.ca.gov

Native American Preparedness Grant Program		
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR)		
	Application Deadline	Ongoing
	Program Description	The Tribal Preparedness Grant is part of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response Program and supports California Native American tribes in preparing for and enhancing emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts while protecting their ancestral lands and communities from oil spills.
	Eligibility	California Native American Tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission




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Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN)		
University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine		
	Application Deadline	2025-2026 OWCN Deadlines Pre-Proposal due January 1 2025 Small Grant Proposal due April 1 2025
	Program Description	Competitive grant funding for oiled wildlife research is available. Projects can focus on both marine and inland species. Check website for details. The Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) is a collaborative program between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife - OSPR and the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center at University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.
	Eligibility	Wildlife professionals interested in furthering OWCN goals
	Funding Information	Check website for details.
	Website	Oiled Wildlife Care Network / School of Veterinary Medicine Competitive Grants Program Oiled Wildlife Care Network / School of Veterinary Medicine
	Contact Information	(530) 752-4167 owcn@ucdavis.edu



Technical Assistance

Spill Response and Restoration Tools	
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R)	
 Program Description	<p>NOAA's OR&R provides support and links to robust modeling and response tools, research and reports, and planning aids, as well as participating in clean up and recovery after spills at the request of incident command.</p> <p>Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) is responsible for evaluating and restoring coastal and estuary habitats damaged by hazardous waste releases, oil spills, and vessel groundings, as well as participating in spill cleanup and recovery at the request of incident command. Their expertise spans oceanography, biology, chemistry, and geology, allowing them to estimate oil and chemical trajectories, analyze chemical hazards, and assess risks to coastal areas, animals, habitats, and important areas to humans.</p>
 Website	<p>Response.restoration.noaa.gov Our role is stewardship; our product is science</p> <p>Environmental Restoration response.restoration.noaa.gov</p>
 Contact Information	<p>Contact Us response.restoration.noaa.gov</p>

Oil Spill Preparedness Program	
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR)	
 Program Description	<p>CDFW's Office of Spill Prevention and Response is the state's lead for response to oil spills in its inland and marine waters. OSPR's Preparedness mission is to provide best achievable protection of California's natural resources by ensuring key players in the oil supply chain have properly planned for, exercised, and identified response resources and have demonstrated the financial ability to pay for oil spills.</p>




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	Resources include certification, drills, exercises, contingency planning, and geographic response planning.
 Website	Oil Spill Preparedness
 Contact Information	(916) 375-8580 Email OSPR Office Locations

Local Government Outreach

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR)

 Program Description	<p>The Office of Spill Prevention and Response partners with California's sovereign tribal governments, counties, cities and towns, and ports, harbors, and special districts to outline its mission of providing the best achievable protection of California's natural resources.</p> <p>OSPR offers a variety of presentations depending on the needs of the tribal or local government, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to spills of oil and other deleterious materials, and restore and enhance affected resources.</p>
 Website	OSPR Grants and Outreach
 Contact Information	Cindy.Murphy@wildlife.ca.gov (916) 375-4746

Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force

 Program Description	<p>Available resources include data, maps, toolkits, videos, webinars, studies, reports, and white papers. Topics include Abandoned and Derelict Vessels (ADV), bunkering, crude oil transport, and spills data.</p> <p>The Oil Spill Task Force is an organization of representatives from state and provincial environmental agencies in the Pacific coastal area working to deepen partnerships to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from oil spills. Work includes collecting and sharing data on oil spills, coordination of spill prevention projects, and promotion of regulatory safeguards. Goals include adapting to changes in oil</p>
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	movement and risks, advancing readiness, and improving capacity to respond to oil spills.
 Website	Oil Spill Task Force The Pacific States – British Columbia
 Contact Information	Meg Harris (307) 699-2224 mharris@triangleassociates.com ostf@triangleassociates.com

Veterinary Medicine Oiled Wildlife Care Network


University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

 Program Description	The Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) is a statewide collective of trained wildlife care providers, regulatory agencies, academic institutions, and wildlife organizations working to rescue and rehabilitate oiled wildlife in California. Focus is on preparedness and response, with prepositioned teams and facilities around the state, research, outreach, and knowledge sharing.
 Website	Oiled Wildlife Care Network / School of Veterinary Medicine
 Contact Information	(530) 752-4167 owcn@ucdavis.edu

Training




Spill Response and Restoration Trainings

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

 Program Description	<p>NOAA's in-person, multi-day classes help spill responders in coastal areas increase their understanding of oil spill science when analyzing spills and making risk-based decisions. They are designed for new and mid-level spill responders.</p> <p>Online lectures and other classes are also available. NOAA's OR&R provides links to oil and chemical spill trainings, research and reports, and planning aids.</p>
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 Eligibility	Target audience for response trainings is the professional spill planning, response, and environmental science community. Webinars and other classes open to all.
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US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	
 Program Description	