



COASTAL RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT FUND (CREF)

Combined 2020-2021 Funding Cycle

May 11, 2021



Recommended Actions

- a/b. Receive and approve staff's recommendations for 2020 & 2021 awards
- c. Direct staff to prepare non-County contracts
- d. Transfer 2018 CREF award (\$20,000) from SBCTC to County CSD
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- f. Defer \$118,212 of 2021 acquisition monies to the Fund Deferral Program and retain the Fund's current balance of \$419,488 (for a total of \$537,800)
- g. Determine the allocation of CREF awards are exempt from CEQA



Brief CREF Overview

- Three oil and gas facilities pay into CREF annually.
 - Point Arguello, Point Pedernales and Santa Ynez Unit
- CREF Guidelines stipulate:
 - 50% of the CREF fees go towards coastal acquisitions type projects
 - Other 50% goes towards general allocation and coastal acquisitions type projects
- Staff solicits, evaluates and recommends proposals for CREF awards
- Board of Supervisors awards grants



CREF 2020-2021 Proposals

**10 Proposals
seeking
\$1,455,178**

**1 Acquisition
seeking \$712,800
(\$712,800 available)**

**9 General Allocations
seeking \$742,378
(\$293,212 available)**



Available Acquisition Monies

\$712,800 available

- \$146,606 from 2020 fees (earmarked for coastal acquisition)
- \$146,606 from 2021 fees (earmarked for coastal acquisition)
- \$419,488 from Fund Deferral Program

Grant Recommendations Acquisition



Proposal	Request	Recommend
No. 9 – Land Trust’s Orella Ranch Conservation Easement	\$ 712,800	\$ 175,000



- \$146,606 from 2020 coastal acquisition subfund
- \$ 28,394 from 2021 coastal acquisition subfund



Fund Deferral Program

Recommended Action f	
\$118,212	Defer remaining amount of 2021 fees earmarked for coastal acquisitions to Fund Deferral Program
\$419,588	Retain current balance of Fund Deferral Program
\$537,800	Total amount that staff recommends for Fund Deferral Program

Grant Recommendations

General Allocation



Proposal	Request	Recommend
No. 1 – NatureTrack’s beach-friendly wheelchair trax device	\$ 26,272	\$ 26,272
No. 3 - CIMWI’s K-5 th grade Marine Conservation Curriculum	\$33,929	\$ 33,929
No. 10 – SM Natural History Museum’s Coastal Exhibits	\$37,349	\$37,349

Grant Recommendations

General Allocation



Proposal	Request	Recommend
No. 2 – SBWCN’s seabird complex upgrades	\$84,828	\$ 50,662
No. 4 – Channelkeeper’s Watershed Brigade	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000
No. 5 – CSD’s Lookout Park Bluff top Erosion	\$170,000	\$ 40,000

Grant Recommendations

General Allocation



Proposal	Request	Recommend
No. 7 - City of SB's Arroyo Burro Open Space Improvement	\$70,000	\$ 50,000
No. 8 - Cabrillo High School Aquarium's Coastal Splash Zone Exhibit	\$ 110,000	\$ 50,000



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