



DAC Project Concept Form Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Planning Grants

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The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced a round of funding that will take place in 2016 for disadvantaged community (DAC), economically distressed area (EDA), or underrepresented community planning activities. For this round of funding, \$5,250,000 is available to the San Diego Funding Area. Allocation of these funds between the San Diego, Upper Santa Margarita, and South Orange County IRWM Regions is still under consideration.

Eligible Project Types

In the San Diego region, the priority for this funding is to fund project development activities that will lead to competitive, fundable projects that will leverage implementation grant funding. Completion of planning, design, engineering, and environmental activities that support future capital projects are the priority for this funding opportunity. The project development activities must address DAC issues identified in the *2013 San Diego IRWM Plan* for either urban or rural DACs, which are outlined below:

Urban DAC Issues/Needs	Rural DAC Issues/Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inadequate facilities ○ Impervious surfaces ○ Vegetation overgrowth ○ Pollution (trash) • Poor surface water quality • Illegal dumping and trash • High volume surface runoff • Water pricing • Lack of recreational spaces • Education and outreach • Financial and technical resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to safe and reliable drinking water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water quality ○ Operational issues • Groundwater contamination • Backup/alternative water supplies • Illegal dumping and trash • Deteriorating collection and distribution systems • Septic system issues • Wildfire risks • Education and outreach • Financial and technical resources

Project Concept Information

To have your DAC project development activity considered for the DAC Planning Grant funding, **please fill out this concept form and return it to sdirwm@rmcwater.com by **May 18, 2016****. If you have any questions about the selection process or concept form, please contact Sally Johnson (sjohnson@rmcwater.com; (858) 875-7427).

In order to be eligible, the following must apply:

- Project Sponsor: must be a local public agency, a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status, a public utility, a Federally-recognized Indian tribe, a State Indian tribe listed on the Native American Commission's Tribal Consultation list, or a Mutual Water Company.
- IRWM Plan: all project sponsors must have adopted or be willing to adopt the *2013 San Diego IRWM Plan*.
- Project Benefits: must benefit a DAC, EDA, or underrepresented community.
- Project Type: project must address a DAC issue identified in the *2013 San Diego IRWM Plan*, and must constitute project development activities that will lead to competitive, fundable projects that will leverage implementation funding.
- Funding Match: there is no funding match requirement for the DAC Planning Grant funds.

Basic Project Information

Please fill out each row in **Table 1** for your project.

Table1: Basic Project Information

1. Project Title:		
2. Project Sponsor(s):		
3. Project Partner(s) (if applicable):		
4. Primary Project Sponsor Contact Information:		
5. Project Location:		
<p>6. Describe how project meets the San Diego IRWM Plan Objectives:</p> <p>IRWM Plan Objectives are described in further detail in Chapter 2 of the <i>2013 San Diego IRWM Plan</i>, which is available online here: http://www.sdirwmp.org/pdf/SDIRWM_02_Vision_Objectives_Sep2013.pdf</p> <p><i>NOTE: projects must meet Objective A, Objective B, and at least one other objective to be eligible for the DAC Planning Grant funding</i></p>	Objective A - Encourage integrated solutions to water management issues and conflicts:	
	Objective B - Maximize stakeholder and community involvement and stewardship:	
	Objective C - Effectively obtain, manage, and assess water resources data and information:	
	Objective D - Further the scientific and technical foundation of water management:	
	Objective E - Develop and maintain a diverse mix of water resources:	
	Objective F - Construct, operate, and maintain a reliable infrastructure system:	
	Objective G - Enhance natural hydrologic processes to reduce the negative effects of hydromodification and flooding:	
	Objective H - Effectively reduce sources of pollutants and environmental stressors:	
	Objective I - Protect, restore, and maintain habitat and open space:	
	Objective J - Optimize water-based recreational opportunities:	
	Objective K - Effectively address climate change through greenhouse gas reduction, adaptation, or mitigation:	
7. Has the project been identified in an existing document or process? Name the document or process.		
8. Project Need:		
9. Project Description:		

<p>10. Describe how project addresses DAC issues identified in the 2013 San Diego IRWM Plan:</p> <p>DAC issues are identified in Section 3.3 of Chapter 3 of the <i>2013 San Diego IRWM Plan</i>, which is available online here: http://www.sdirwmp.org/pdf/SDIRWM_03_Region_Description_Sep2013.pdf</p>		
<p>11. Does the project directly benefit DACs, EDAs, or underrepresented communities? Please explain how.</p> <p>If your project benefits an underrepresented community, please explain the community and how it is underrepresented.</p>		
<p>12. Anticipated Project Implementation Schedule:</p>	Project Start Date:	
	Project End Date:	
<p>13. Proposed Project Budget:</p> <p><i>NOTE: No funding match is required for this solicitation.</i></p>	Total Project Costs:	
	Total Grant Funding Requested:	
	Total Project Match (if applicable):	
<p>14. Deliverables. Explain the tangible outcomes (work products) anticipated from your project:</p>		

Back-Up Documentation

Please provide any backup materials (project maps, partnership agreements, etc.) that support the information provided in your concept form. Note that during the project selection process, a full work plan, budget, and schedule may be requested for your project.

Please submit any back-up documentation, together with this concept form, to sdirwm@rmcwater.com by May 18, 2016.

Additional Information on Grant Funding

The DAC Planning Grant funding is distributed by DWR, through San Diego County Water Authority as the regional grantee. This grant funding has several stipulations that should be understood by project sponsors. Consult the DWR IRWM Program website or contact Sally Johnson (sjohnson@rmcwater.com; (858) 875-7427) for additional information.

DWR Planning Grant (DAC Involvement Program) Website:
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/pl_dac_involvement.cfm

San Diego IRWM Grant Opportunities Website:
<http://sdirwmp.org/grant-opportunities>