



Cannabis Restoration Grant Program Draft Watershed Remediation and Enhancement Solicitation Public Workshop

March 24, 2021



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Background



Revenue And Taxation Code Section 34019(f)(2):

- Focus on the clean up, remediation, restoration of environmental damage in watersheds affected by cannabis cultivation and related activities
- Department may allocate funds for this purpose through a grant program



Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Solicitation



Anticipated Total Funding: up to \$2 million

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Solicitation - Eligibility



- **Public agencies**

- Federal
- State
- Local Public Agency



- **Nonprofit organizations**

- **California Native American tribes**



Solicitation - Funding Priorities



Priority: Cleanup and remediation of illicit cannabis cultivation impacts on qualified public lands

- **Project Type:** Upland refuse and infrastructure removal
- **Project Type:** Riparian and stream refuse and infrastructure removal



Priority: Enhance watersheds and communities

- **Project Type:** Road treatments
- **Project Type:** Wildlife Enhancements





Solicitation - Project Categories



Planning

- Provide funding for activities that will lead to a specific on-the-ground implementation projects.

Refuse and Infrastructure Removal

- Categorically exempt CEQA and categorically excluded NEPA activities, which result in the cleanup and remediation of environmental damage in watersheds affected by cannabis cultivation.

Implementation

- Fund construction and monitoring of shovel-ready restoration and enhancement projects. Applicants must demonstrate CEQA compliance, and submit 65% or higher design plans.

Solicitation - Proposal Conditions & Requirements



- Environmental Compliance and Permitting
- Project Monitoring and Reporting
- Land Tenure/Site Control
- Long-term Management and Maintenance
- Coordination with Law Enforcement
- Hazardous Materials Assessment





Solicitation - Submission Process



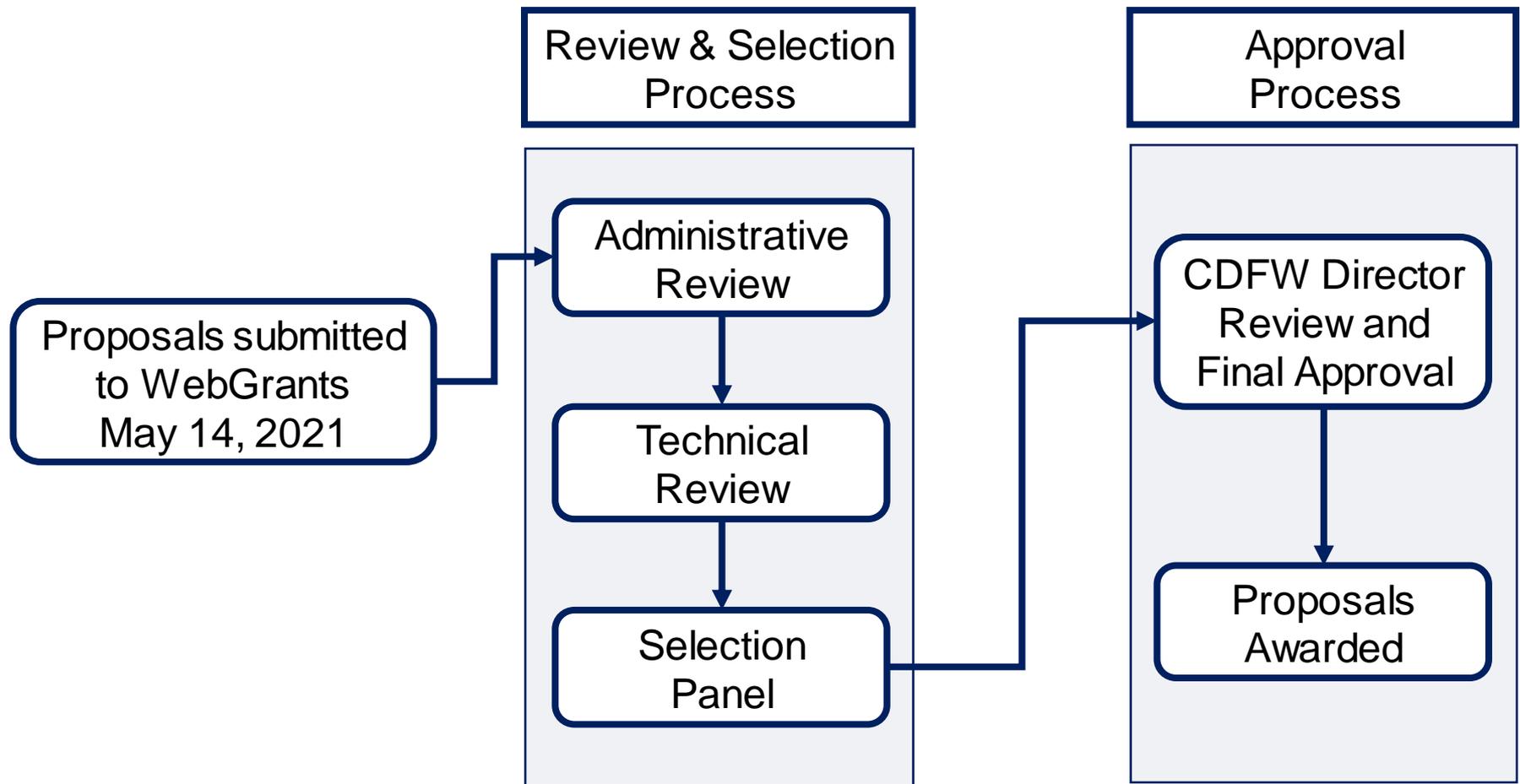
Online Submission

- Proposal application submittal through WebGrant: watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov
- Applicants must register an account in WebGrants
- Anticipated release of final Solicitation: **Week of April 5th, 2021**
- Application Deadline: **4:00 PM, PDT on May 14, 2021**

Application Workshop

- Application workshop: **10:00 AM, PDT on April 19, 2021**
- WebGrants training and guidance for complete applications
- Details will be posted on CRGP webpage:
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Cannabis-Restoration-Grant>

Solicitation - Proposal Review and Approval Process



Timeline



March 31, 2021 at 4:00 PM, PDT

Public Comment Deadline for Draft Solicitation

Week of April 5th, 2021

Final Solicitation Release

April 19, 2021 at 4:00 PM, PDT

Application Workshop

May 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM, PDT

Proposals Due on WebGrants

Late spring or summer of 2021

Awards Announced



Comments & Questions

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Webpage:

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