



Rancho California Water District

Getting the Most from Every Resource

2017 Grant Opportunity Announcement:

Turf Replacement Projects for Commercial Properties, Public Agencies, Institutions & Homeowners' Associations



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Key Information

Granting Agency Name:	Rancho California Water District (RCWD)
Grant Opportunity Title:	Turf Replacement Projects for Commercial Properties, Public Agencies, Institutions & Homeowners' Associations
Dates:	Application Due Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 5:00PM Pacific Standard Time
Eligible Applicants:	Commercial Properties, Public Agencies, Institutions & Homeowners' Associations
Funding Amount:	The maximum funding amount available to applicants will be \$1 per square foot of turf removed, not to exceed \$50,000 per project.
Applicant Cost Share:	It is likely that the \$1 per square foot funding amount for this grant offering would not cover the entire cost of a turf replacement project. Therefore, applicants who are awarded grants would be required to provide a portion of the project funding.
Estimated Amount of Funding Available for Award:	A total of \$150,000 is available through this Grant Opportunity Announcement. More funding may become available in early 2017.
Estimated Number of Agreements to be Awarded:	It is anticipated that between 3 and 10 grants will be awarded.

Grant Opportunity Description

Rancho California Water District (RCWD), in partnership with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), invites Commercial Properties, Public Agencies, Institutions and Homeowners' Associations to leverage their money and resources by cost-sharing on turf replacement projects to help mitigate the effects of California's historic drought.

Award Information

Total Project Funding

Through a DWR grant awarded to RCWD, the District is providing a total of \$150,000 for turf replacement projects. RCWD aims to gain as much benefit to the local water supply as possible through distribution of these funds.

Grant Funding Limitations

Grant funding for turf replacement projects shall not exceed \$1 per square foot of turf removed. A maximum of \$50,000 will be awarded per proposed project.

District Responsibilities

Grants for turf replacement projects will be awarded through financial assistance agreements. Involvement by RCWD in proposed turf replacement projects that are awarded grants will include pre- and post-construction inspections, measurement of actual turf square footage removed, and general oversight of the recipient's activities to ensure that water conservation objectives are being achieved on schedule.

Award Date

RCWD expects to contact potential grant award recipients and unsuccessful applicants in February 2017. Within approximately one month of that date, financial assistance agreements will be awarded to successful applicants.

Eligibility Information

Public Agencies and Homeowners' Associations that are customers of the Rancho California Water District are eligible to apply for this Grant Funding Opportunity.

For turf replacement projects that are awarded grant funding, the turf area that is removed must:

- Be owned by the entity that is applying for funding
- Be at least 15,000 square feet in size
- Be replaced with new landscape that:
 - Does not include live turf or any turf-looking plants
 - Includes plants (not turf)
 - Is permeable to water and air. Areas that replace turf with concrete, structures, or other surfaces that water cannot move through are not eligible for funding
 - Meets the requirements of Rancho California Water District, and any other entity (i.e. City or HOA) with applicable legal authority. Must provide letters of approval from such agencies

- Complies with all applicable local laws, ordinances, and other restrictions

Additional Information

1. This Grant Opportunity Announcement is not an offer of funding. Those who wish to be considered for funding must meet all applicant and project eligibility requirements before submitting a project application, which will be evaluated by RCWD and either approved or denied based on specific project selection criteria.
2. All projects are subject to on-site inspections.
3. Projects awarded funding will be required to post signs at all turf replacement project sites funded through MWD and/or this grant. Signs will provide appropriate acknowledgement of credit to the State and to all cost-sharing partners for their support.
4. Projects awarded funding are required to comply with all applicable laws, codes, policies, covenants, conditions and restrictions, including the worker's compensation and prevailing wage provisions of section 50, and Part 7 of Division 2 of California Labor Code, respectively.
5. Successful applicants waive and release RCWD, participating agencies, and their contractors or agents from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of the installation and use of services, products and devices pursuant to this Grant Opportunity Announcement.
6. Payment of grant funds will be made only after turf replacement is verified as complete.
7. Customers are responsible for complying with all applicable laws, codes, policies, covenants, conditions and restrictions.

Application and Submission Information

Application Submission Deadline

The application submission deadline is:

- Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 5:00PM Pacific Standard Time

Applications received after this application deadline will not be considered.

Application Delivery Instructions

Applications may be emailed to haesslyj@ranchowater.com, or hard copies may be submitted as follows:

By mail: Rancho California Water District
 Attn: Water Use Efficiency Department
 PO Box 9017
 Temecula, CA 92589-9017

Under no circumstances will applications received through any other method be considered eligible for grant award. Regardless of the delivery method used, you must ensure that your application arrives at RCWD headquarters by the date and time deadline stated above. Applications received after the deadline, but are postmarked prior to the deadline, will not be accepted.

Application Review Information

Proposed projects will be scored based on the following criteria:

- **Readiness to Proceed (25 points)**
Projects that can be complete by May 15, 2017 will receive 25 points
- **Site Visibility (25 points)**
Sites that receive a lot of foot and/or vehicle traffic will score higher under this criterion.
- **Past Performance (10 points)**
Applicants and/or their contractors who have performed a turf replacement project in the past with funding assistance from RCWD and/or Metropolitan Water District, and who have successfully completed their projects on time and according to the terms of the funding program will receive 10 points.

Award Administration Information

Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive, by electronic or regular mail, a notice of award.

Award Document

If the applicant is awarded a financial assistance agreement as a result of this Grant Opportunity Announcement, the agreement document must be signed by the authorized RCWD representative before it becomes effective.

Award Recipient Reporting

Applicants who are awarded a financial assistance agreement will be required to submit to RCWD photo documentation of the site retrofit process. Required documentation will include pre-construction, construction, and post construction photos. Receipts for materials and labor may also be requested.

Agency Contacts

Eligible entities interested in submitting applications in response to this Grant Opportunity Announcement may direct questions to RCWD by email. Questions may be submitted to: haesslyj@ranchowater.com

2017 Grant Application Turf Replacement Projects for Commercial Properties, Public Agencies & Homeowners' Associations

Date of application: _____

Applicant Information

<i>Name of organization</i>	<i>Legal name, if different</i>
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<i>Address</i>	<i>City, State, Zip</i>
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<i>Name of Primary Contact Regarding this Application</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
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<i>Name of Secondary Contact Regarding this Application</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
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Is your organization a Commercial Property or Homeowners' Association? _____ Yes or No

Is your organization a public agency/unit of government? _____ Yes or No

If you answered no to both questions, your organization is not eligible to be awarded grant funding through the grant opportunity announcement associated with this grant application.

Turf Replacement Project Information

<i>Name of Turf Replacement Property Owner</i>	<i>Legal name, if different</i>
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<i>Turf Replacement Site Property Address</i>	<i>Water Service Account Number(s)</i>
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Square Feet of Turf to be Removed at Site

Installation of signage at the turf replacement site, which provides information about the funding agencies could be a requirement for participation in the grant program. Is your organization willing to install required signage at the turf replacement site? _____ Yes or No

Is the proposed turf replacement site highly visible to foot and vehicle traffic? _____ Yes or No
Attach at least one photo illustrating the site's visibility.

Please describe proposed turf replacement project. Include a list of the plant materials (latin name) that will be used to replace the turf, planting density (i.e. number of plants per 1000 square feet), information about any mulch that will be used in the turf replacement areas, and information about any irrigation system retrofit work that will be required for the project. Attached another sheet if needed.

Project Timing & Budget Information

Proposed Project Start Date: _____

Proposed Project Completion Date: _____

Has local agency approval been obtained for the Project?
If approval is complete, attach approval letter from city or other legal authority. _____

Total Project Budget:

Amount of Grant Money Requested (up to \$1 per sq. ft.)

Amount to be Provided by Applicant

Amount to be Provided by Other Entity

If your organization has already received a rebate through another agency for a completed turf replacement project, was it completed on time and according to schedule? Please provide the address for where the project was completed. Please describe any problems you encountered with completing the project on time.

Does your organization understand prevailing wage requirements for turf replacement projects funded by the State of California, and is it willing to pay prevailing wage for implementation of the proposed turf replacement project(s)?

_____ Yes or No

Authorization

Name & Title of Person Authorized to Submit Application: _____

Signature: _____