



U.S. EPA Region 9 San Francisco Bay Program Grants

FY25-FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity Overview

February 2026

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Webinar Key Points

- To do ASAP- get a UEI from Sam.gov
- Review evaluation criteria
- Overview of forms (SF-424A, 4700-4)
- Other considerations: QAPP, indirect costs, BABA
- Upcoming dates for application support “Drop In Q&A” to provide more support in navigating Grants.gov

EPA's 5 Pillars

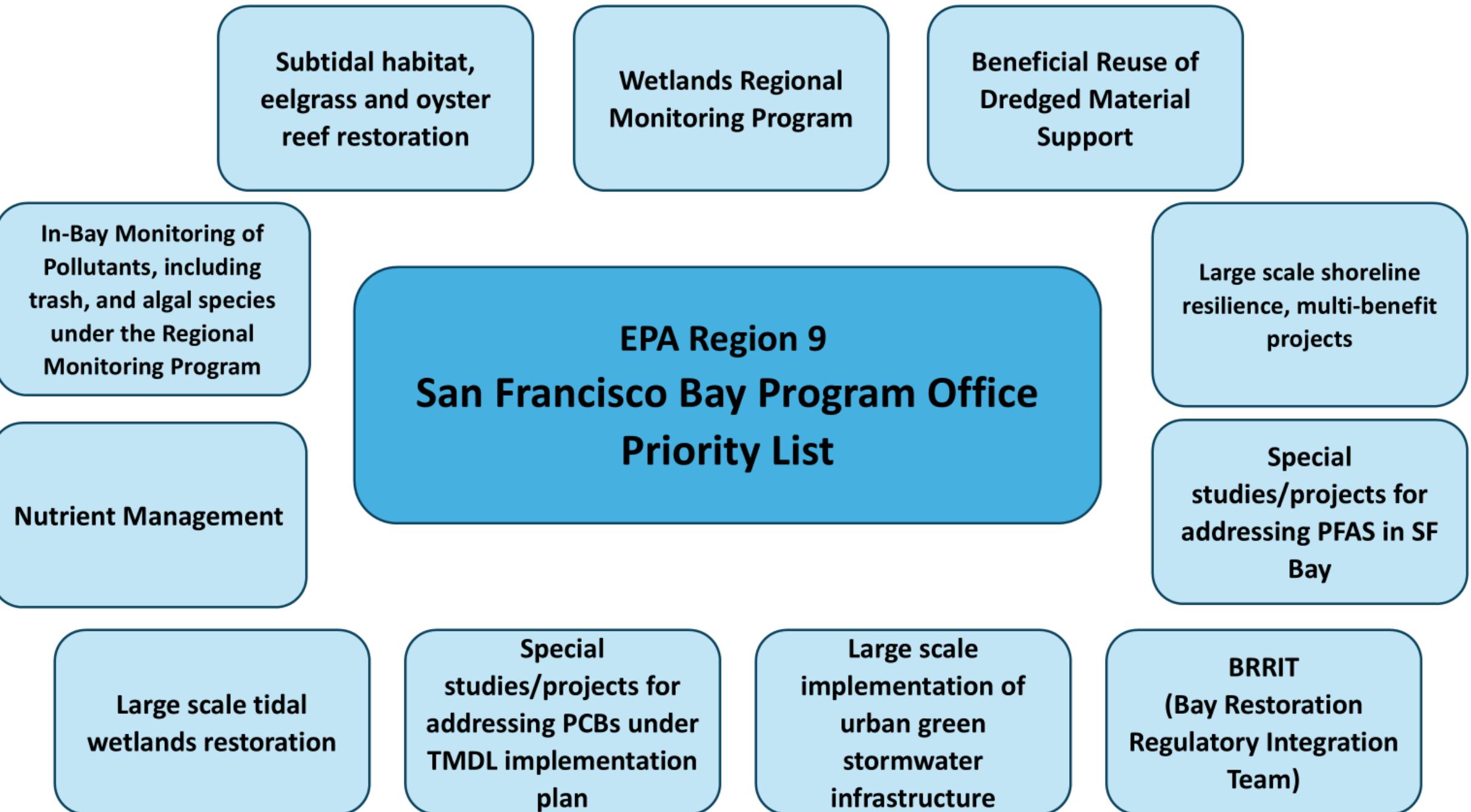
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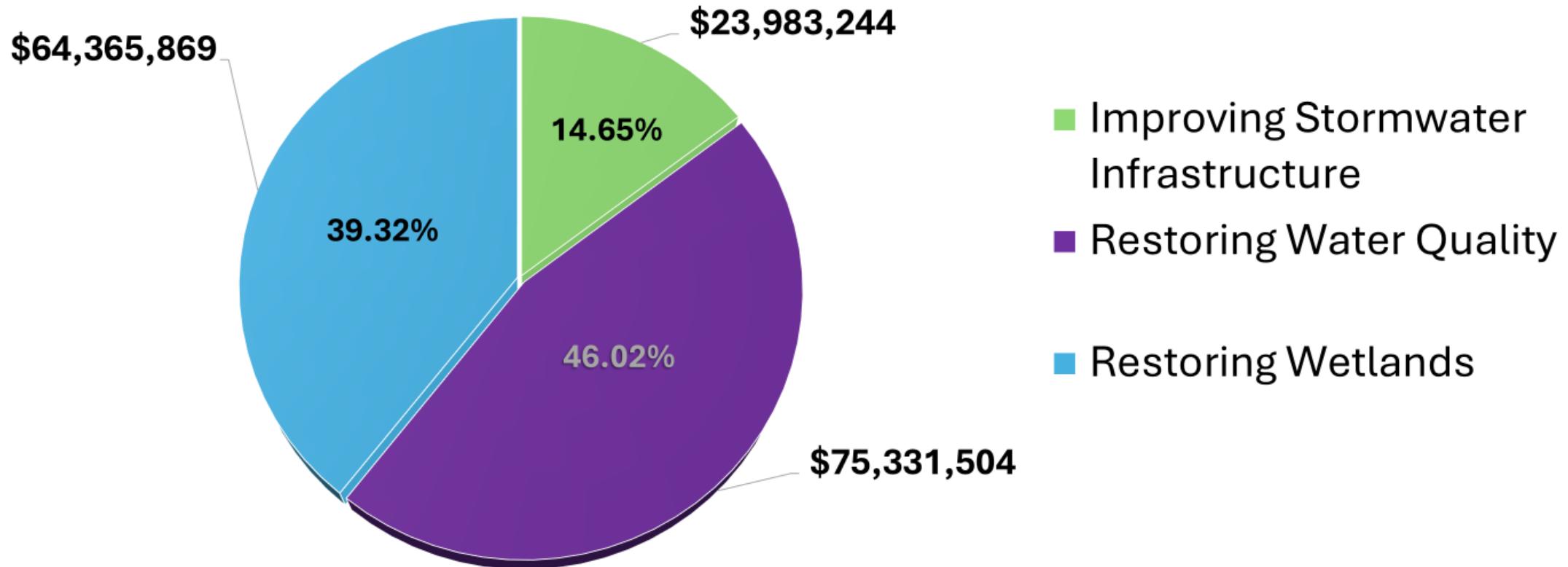
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Protecting and
Bringing Back
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SF Bay Awards 2008- 2024

Over \$163 Million Dollars Awarded



SF Bay Story Map:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/fbcee9e1ab154c1686e349ef7ff2f57f>

What is a UEI?

- Unique Entity Identifier
- Need UEI to apply - keep current!
- Register at SAM.gov
- Different UEI levels
- UEI and full SAM.gov registration required for direct recipients

Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID

Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government

[Get Started](#)

Sign into your entity workspace to renew or update your entity

[Renew Entity](#)

Check the status of a recently submitted entity registration or renewal

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NOFO Overview

Grant Opportunity	SF Bay Program Grants EPA-R9-SFBay-26-01
Available Funds	~\$33,000,000 (plus any additional available appropriations)
Funding Range for Projects	~ \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000
Match (statutory requirement)	25% of total amount
Project Period	~3-5 years
Evaluation Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scope and Approach (20 points)• Environmental Results (25 points)• Budget Detail (13 points)• Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (12 points)• Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds (5 points)• Partnerships and Cooperative Federalism (25 points)

Environmental Results – Outputs & Outcomes

- **Outputs** = activities and/or deliverables
- **Outcomes** = environmental results, effects, or consequences
- Outcomes may be environmental, behavioral, health-related, or programmatic in nature, but must be quantitative and provide a timeline for anticipated results.
- A description of how the project will track progress towards achieving outputs and outcomes is expected.

Application Materials - Basic Checklist

Page Limit	15
Abstract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project Activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget-Task Table	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Linkage to SFEP's CCMP/Estuary Blueprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Map(s) of the watershed or project area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Letters of organizational support or partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Optional

Not included in page limit:

- Map(s) of the watershed and/or proposed project area
- Letters of support
- Standard form (SF) 424
- SF 424 A – Budget Summary
- EPA Key Contacts Form 5700-54
- EPA Form 4700-4 – Pre-award Compliance Review Report

EXAMPLE Standard Form 424A

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs OMB Approval No. 0348-0044

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (Project Cost) (g)
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal(EPA) (e)	Non-Federal (f)	
1. SF Bay Program	66.126	\$	\$	Amount applying for: \$1,500,000	Put match here: \$500,000	\$2,000,000
TOTALS				\$1,500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000
OBJECT CLASS CATEGORIES		SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES				
		GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY		(3)	(4)	(5) Total
		1. Federal (EPA)	Match			
a. Personnel		\$300,000	0	\$	\$	\$300,000
b. Fringe Benefits		0	\$90,000			\$90,000
c. Travel		0	\$10,000			\$10,000
d. Equipment		\$50,000	0			\$50,000
e. Supplies		\$5000	0			\$5000
f. Contractual (<i>construction dollars typically go here</i>)		700,000	\$300,000			\$1,000,000
g. Construction		0	0			\$0
h. Other		\$445,000	\$100,000			\$545,000
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a - 6h)		0	0			\$0
j. Indirect Charges		0	0			\$0
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)		\$1,500,000	\$500,000			\$2,000,000
Program Income- NA		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0

How to calculate 25% match

- **75% Federal** = \$1,500,000 (Note: $75\% = 0.75$) **25% Match** = ??
- $\$1,500,000 \div 0.75 = \$2,000,000$ (this amount is the Total Project Cost)
- $\$2,000,000 - \$1,500,000 = \$500,000$ (this amount is Recipient's required **25% match**)
- To double check: $\$2,000,000 \times 0.25 = \$500,000$

Indirect/Overhead Costs

- Indirect costs include space costs, utilities, accounting services, human resource services, etc.
- EPA recognizes up-to-date indirect cost agreements negotiated with other federal agencies
- Can use 15% de minimis rate
- Can submit a proposal for indirect cost agreement with EPA after selected for award

Guidance and policy: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/rain-2018-g02-r2>

FAQs: <https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-program/faqs#admin-costs>

Identifying Subawards and Contracts in Your Budget

Subawards

- Put in your budget in row "H" Other
- Typically, are funds that go to:
 - State and local gov't
 - nonprofit organizations for collaborative projects that further the missions of both organizations
 - colleges/universities

Contracts

- Put in your budget in row "F" Contractual
- Typically, are funds that go to:
 - for-profit firm or individual consultant
- Used to fund activities/services such as:
 - Project design, engineering, planning
 - Training or facilitation
 - Construction/project implementation

FAQs: <https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-program/faqs#contracts>

Subaward Policy: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/documents/gpi-16-01-subaward-policy_attachments.pdf

Form 4700-4

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OMB Number: 2030-0020
Expiration Date: 06/30/2024

Preaward Compliance Review Report for All Applicants and Recipients Requesting EPA Financial Assistance

Note: Read Instructions before completing form.

I. A. Applicant/Recipient (Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code)

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

B. DUNS No.

VII. Does the applicant/recipient provide initial and continuing notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in its program or activities? (40 C.F.R 5.140 and 7.95)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
a. Do the methods of notice accommodate those with impaired vision or hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Is the notice posted in a prominent place in the applicant's offices or facilities or, for education programs and activities, in appropriate periodicals and other written communications?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Does the notice identify a designated civil rights coordinator?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
VIII. Does the applicant/recipient maintain demographic data on the race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap of the population it serves? (40 C.F.R. 7.85(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
IX. Does the applicant/recipient have a policy/procedure for providing access to services for persons with limited English proficiency? (40 C.F.R. Part 7, E.O. 13166)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Key Contacts Form – 5700-54

- **Authorized Representative** – This person will receive the award and any amendments in their inbox.
- **Payee**- Any person in your organization authorized to receive payments.
- **Administrative contact**- an individual from your organization who can be contacted for grant administrative topics, like budget and indirect cost rate.
- **Project Manager**- The individual who is the overall lead for the project/ grant.

Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs)

- A QA Project Plan (QAPP) should cover environmental information operations performed by or for EPA, including by States, Tribes or others receiving resources from the Agency.
- Include QAPP preparation in your budget and project schedule.

SF Bay FAQs: <https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-program/faqs#monitoring>

Participatory Science QA Toolkit: <https://www.epa.gov/participatory-science/frequently-asked-questions-quality-assurance-project-plans>

Buy America Build America (BABA) Requirements

- If applications include the use of funds for building infrastructure, all iron, steel, manufactured goods, and construction materials must be domestically made.
- For more information on Build America provisions and requirement, please visit [EPA's Build America, Buy America website.](#)

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<https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-program/faqs>

NOFO Selection Process

March 3rd NOFO Closes (applications due)



**EPA Review Committee will score and rank proposals - EPA notifies applicants of funding status
April 2026**



Applicants submit full funding package to EPA in May 2026



Grant awards expected starting June 2026



Projects start!

Grants.gov Directions in Section 5.C. of NOFO



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- Wednesday January 28th at 3pm
- Thursday February 12th at 11am



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