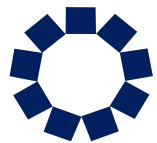


# Priority Conservation Area Grant Program



## 2024 Grant Award Recommendations



ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

November 8, 2024



# PCA Grant Program Process

- **December 8** – Committee approval to release \$8.5M Call for Proposals
- **March 11** – Grant Program Guidelines and Call for Proposals released
- **May 8** – 24 LOIs received (\$21.2M)
- **June 6** – 15 proposals advanced
- **August 28** – Full applications due
- **November 8** – 13 award recommendations





# Evaluation Process

- **Evaluation criteria**
  - **Alignment with PCA Goals**
  - **Partnership / EPC benefits**
  - **Regional Significance**
  - **Likelihood of Success**
  - **Multiple Benefits**
  - **Operations and Maintenance**
- **Evaluation Committee**
  - **MTC / SFEP / SCC**

- **Award Recommendations**
  - **Full award for projects >85pts (7)**
  - **75% award for projects 84-76 pts (6)**
  - **No award for projects <75pts (2)**





# Award Recommendations (1 of 2)

County	Applicant	Project Name	Proposed Award
<b>Alameda</b>	East Bay Regional Park District	Tidewater Expansion at Martin Luther King Jr Regional Shoreline	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Napa</b>	Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District	Phinney Fee Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Santa Clara</b>	Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency	Richmond Ranch Acquisition Project	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Sonoma</b>	City of Santa Rosa	Southeast Greenway	\$ 750,000
<b>Solano</b>	Solano County Resource Management	Farm to Market Phase 4	\$ 750,000
<b>Napa</b>	Napa County Public Works	Napa Valley Vine Trail - Vista Carneros Segment	\$ 750,000
<b>San Francisco</b>	City and County of San Francisco, Recreation and Parks Department	Visitacion Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project	\$ 750,000





# Award Recommendations (2 of 2)

County	Applicant	Project Name	Proposed Award
<b>Marin</b>	Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy	Evolving Shorelines Project at Bothin Marsh	\$ 670,000
<b>Sonoma</b>	Sonoma County Regional Parks	Sonoma - Schellville Trail Design	\$ 550,000
<b>Santa Clara</b>	County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation	Upper Stevens Creek Trail Project	\$ 500,000
<b>Contra Costa</b>	Contra Costa Resource Conservation District	Rangeland Enhancement through Livestock Pond Restoration	\$ 280,000
<b>Santa Clara</b>	Peninsula Open Space Trust	Coyote Valley Wildlife Connectivity Planning Project	\$ 250,000
<b>Santa Clara</b>	Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority	Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve Regional Bay Area Ridge Trail Expansion	\$ 250,000
			<b>TOTAL \$8,500,000</b>






# Requested Action & Path Forward



**Today:** Approve \$8.5M for recommended projects

**Phase 1 PCA Grants  
(\$8.5M)\***

 Award funding



**Winter 24/25  
Execute Awards**



**Spring 2025  
Phase 2 PCA Grants  
Call for Projects (\$8M)\***

- Expanded technical assistance
- Opportunities for streamlined reapplication
- SB1425 implementation

\*\$18M approved by Commission in Reso. 4505

 **Priority Conservation Areas**  
*Update designations*

*Call for New Designations*





# Thank You

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