

# Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Grant Program

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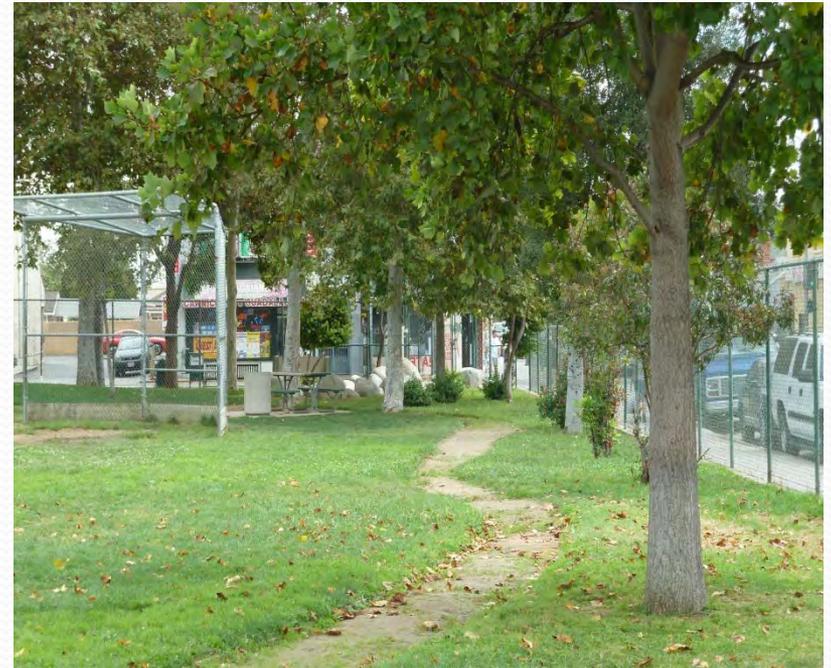
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# **\$63.0 Million Administered in Three Rounds**

Third and last round underway.

First two rounds resulted in a total of 94  
Grants – both plans and projects.



# Projects awarded to -

- Cities
- Counties
- Nonprofits
- JPA (if one member is eligible)
- Special Districts





## Statutory Requirements



Grants are awarded to projects located in urban areas that

- Use a natural system, or a system that mimics natural systems, or
- Create, enhance, or expand a community green space

And provide multiple benefits including, but not limited to –

- a decrease in air and water pollution, or
- a reduction in the consumption of natural resources and energy, or
- an increase in the reliability of local water supplies, or
- an increased adaptability to climate change
- other (e.g., higher than minimum density, historical value of trees, disadvantage labor force)

## Statutory Requirements

Projects must be consistent with the State's planning policies pursuant to Section 65041.1 of the Government Code as they pertain to following priorities -

- ❖ promote infill development and invest in existing communities
- ❖ protect, preserve and enhance environmental, agricultural and recreation resources, and
- ❖ encourage location and resource efficient new development
- And, reduce, on as permanent a basis that is feasible, greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and any applicable regional plan.

## Considerations when recommending funding -

- Use of interagency cooperation and integration (i.e., collaboration),
- Use of existing public lands and facilitates, public resources and investments including schools
- Economically or severely economically disadvantaged communities
- Public health
- Innovation and/or creativity
- Communities vulnerable to climate change
- Public access, as feasible



## Types of eligible projects funded -

- Tree canopy / Urban forestry
- Local parks and open space
- Greening of existing public lands and structures, including schools
- Multi-objective stormwater projects, including construction of permeable surfaces and collection basins and barriers
- Urban streams, including restoration
- Community, demonstration or outdoor education gardens and orchards
- Urban heat island mitigation and energy conservation efforts through landscaping and green roof projects
- Non-motorized urban trails that provide safe routes for both recreation and travel between residences, workplaces, commercial centers and schools

## Sample projects awarded

Implementing Entity:	Council for Watershed Health
Partners:	City of Los Angeles; Bureau of Sanitation; Department of Water & Power; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; The Tree People; Urban Semillas
Project:	Sun Valley Neighborhood Retrofit: Elmer Paseo
Amount:	\$294,395
County:	Los Angeles







Implementing Entity: The Watershed Project

Partners (partial list): City of Richmond; Clif Family Foundation; East Bay Municipal Utilities; EPA; Friends of the Richmond Greenway

Project: Richmond Greenway Native Plant Garden

Amount: \$74,940

County: Contra Costa



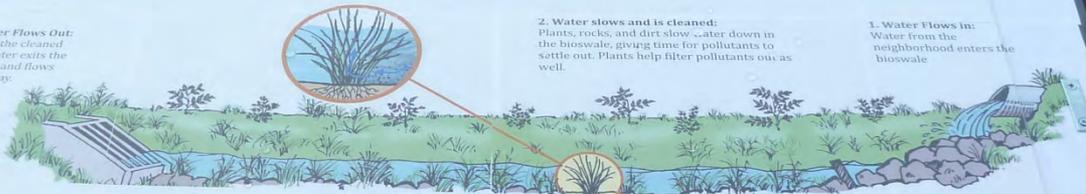
## THE RICHMOND GREENWAY BIOSWALE

A bioswale looks like a dry creek bed with plants growing inside. After a storm, rain flows over roads and rooftops and carries dirty water with it. The bioswale captures the stormwater and slows it down. Slowing the water enables it to soak into the ground and also allows dirt and pollutants to settle out of the water. Through this process, the bioswale helps clean the water before it enters the San Francisco Bay.

**4. Water Flows Out:**  
Most of the cleaned stormwater exits the bioswale and flows into the Bay.

**2. Water slows and is cleaned:**  
Plants, rocks, and dirt slow water down in the bioswale, giving time for pollutants to settle out. Plants help filter pollutants out as well.

**1. Water Flows In:**  
Water from the neighborhood enters the bioswale.



### What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is rain that runs off of impervious surfaces such as roads, rooftops, and sidewalks. This water carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, fertilizers, and pesticides to San Francisco Bay.

**3. Water sinks into the ground:**  
Some of the stormwater sinks into the ground, helping to reduce the amount of water that flows into the Bay.

The Watershed Project, with the help of volunteers and supporters, constructed this bioswale to improve the quality of water entering into San Francisco Bay.

To volunteer, or for questions regarding the bioswale, please contact The Watershed Project at:  
[volunteer@thewatershedproject.org](mailto:volunteer@thewatershedproject.org) or (510) 665-3430



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Organizations:*

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City of Richmond  
Clif Family Foundation  
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Friends of the Richmond Greenway  
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Patagonia  
Questa Engineering Corporation  
REI  
Restoration Design Group  
San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
And the many students and volunteers  
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The Bay Area watershed have kepters, friends, allies, neighbors, students, and  
struggle to sustain freshwater resources, and to healthy organizations. The  
services—including educational grants, community stewardship grants and  
dedicated groups achieve their watershed education and awareness goals. We  
Education to help further their Watershed Awareness Campaigns.







Implementing Entity: San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

Partners: BART; SF Public Utilities Commission; Friends of Cayuga Park; Cayuga Improvement Association.

Project: Cayuga Park Renovation

Amount: \$710,779

County: San Francisco







