

- **Bay Area Region:** Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo
- **South Bay and Central Coast Region:** Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
- **Central Valley Region:** Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne

Eligibility

Eligible applicants will be governmental organizations (including tribal governments), educational institutions, or certified 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations/public charities. Applicants must be prepared to provide documentation to demonstrate they meet the Foundation’s criteria for charitable giving. Applicants *must* be the grantee and not a fiscal sponsor for another organization.

Suggestion for eligibility:

Who **can** **apply**

You can apply if your organization is:

- A government agency, including a tribal government
- A school or educational institution
- A nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status

You must also:

- Be able to show that your organization meets the Foundation’s charitable giving requirements
- Apply as the organization receiving the grant, not on behalf of another group

Not sure about your nonprofit filing status?

- Check your organization’s status using the [California State Attorney General’s Registry of Charities and Fundraisers Search Tool](#).
- If your organization is not in good standing with state or federal filing requirements, it cannot apply for this grant.
- You can also review the California Association of Nonprofits webinar, [That Nonprofit Deadline is More Important than You Thought](#), and its nonprofit compliance checklist.

Priority will be given to projects that address the needs of disadvantaged and/vulnerable communities.

Organizations are invited to submit one application that addresses any of the three focus areas (Land Stewardship, Air Quality, or Water Stewardship) in any of the five regions. One grantee will be selected from each region. Grants can cover any stage of a project, including but not limited to planning, construction, design, education, and coordination.

Organizations that received a Nature Positive Innovation Grant in **2023, 2024, or 2025** cannot apply this year.

Before You Apply

To be considered, your application must follow all instructions in this document. You can also review the glossary and sample resources at the end of this guide to help shape your proposal.

Grant Requirements

If you receive a grant, your organization will need to:

- Complete a project questionnaire
- Sign and submit the certification document
- Join quarterly update calls with Foundation representatives
- Provide a report to the Foundation detailing project actions, stakeholders engaged, additional resources leveraged, and other outcomes, including an executive summary.

There is no required project end date. However, we recommend finishing the project within **18 months** of receiving the grant.

Timeline

	Date & Time
Grant Application Portal Opens	May 27, 2026
Grant Applications Due Date	July 3, 2026; 11:59pm
Anticipated Award Notification	Week of October 19, 2026
Anticipated Grantee Kickoff Meeting	Week of November 30, 2026

Questions

Email NaturePositiveInnovationGrant@pge.com and allow up to 3 business days for a reply as there is a large volume of emails that come in during this period.

Glossary of Terms

- *Nature Positive*¹: Enhancing the resilience of our planet and societies to halt and reverse nature loss.
- *Air Quality*: Examples include but are not limited to: Projects or implementation of processes that reduce particulates due to human caused pollution, remove solid, liquid or gaseous contaminants from the air, improve air quality due to the planting of vegetation or promote adoption of technology or practices that are beneficial to local air quality.

- *Environmental Stewardship*²: The responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices to enhance ecosystem resilience and human well-being
- *Land Stewardship*: Activities that enhance or improve damaged or blighted conditions. Examples include but are not limited to: Streambank stabilization projects, community gardens, creation or rehabilitation of local parks or outdoor green spaces.
- *Partner*: Individual(s) or organization(s) that will be involved in the design and implementation of the proposed work.
- *Stakeholder*: Individual(s) or organization(s) impacted by the environmental challenge that the project is working to address, who occupy the area where the project will be implemented, and/or are otherwise affected by the design and implementation of the project.
- *Water Stewardship*: Examples include but are not limited to: Projects that enable the protection of the aquifer, stream or river restoration projects that provide an ecological functional lift, community water quality improvement programs.

1 Source: World Economic Forum

2 Source: Chapin, F. S., Stephen R. Carpenter, Gary P. Kofinas, et al. 2010. Ecosystem Stewardship: Sustainability Strategies for a Rapidly Changing Planet." Trends in Ecology & Evolution. 25 (4):241-249.

Resources

The resources listed below are meant to help understand and identify potential environmental stewardship options. This is not a comprehensive list of possible resources, and applicants are not required to include them in the application or be limited to this list.

[California Wildlife Conservation Board](#)

[California Natural Resource Agency](#)

[California Transportation Commission Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program](#)

[California Climate Adaptation Strategy](#)