

California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways
Coastal Erosion Control Programs
Letter of Intent Instructions for Fiscal Year 2027/28 Funding

DBW is now accepting applications for fiscal year 2027/28 grants from the Public Beach Restoration and Shoreline Erosion Control Programs.

DBW encourages all public agencies interested in grant funding through DBW's coastal erosion control programs to send us a brief project description, maximum of 500 words, in a letter to DBW. The project description serves as the first step in the application process for agencies that may seek fiscal year 2027/28 funding through our programs.

There is no dedicated State funding source for DBW's coastal erosion control grant programs. Projects must be approved individually through the annual State budget process. State funding constraints are likely to result in either no funding being available for projects in fiscal year 2027/28, or funding only being available for a limited number of projects. Therefore, DBW will only invite agencies whose letters propose projects with the highest likelihood of providing significant and cost-effective State benefits to advance to DBW's full application process.

A letter of intent must be on letterhead, emailed to casey.caldwell@parks.ca.gov, and must include all of the following information:

- The name of the agency, the agency's contact person for this project, and that person's title, phone number, and email address.
- The location of the coastal erosion problem, using either a street address or other reasonably clear method of site identification.
- A description of the erosion problem(s) that the applicant intends to solve, and explain the typical cause(s) of erosion at the site.
- A description of the proposed erosion control solution(s) the applicant intends to study, design, and/or construct.
- The estimated amount of grant funding the agency is considering seeking, and the project phase it is for.
- The estimated total cost of this phase of the proposed project, and the estimated overall cost of the project including all phases.
- A brief project schedule identifying estimated start dates and end dates (month and year) for each project phase.
- The date of transmittal of the letter to DBW.

Please review the next page for deadlines and additional information.

Deadlines and additional information:

All applicants must initially submit a letter of intent that DBW will review to verify the proposed project is eligible for funding, and if so, under which program.

Letters of intent must be emailed to Casey Caldwell (casey.caldwell@parks.ca.gov) by **5:00pm Monday, December 15, 2025**. DBW will notify agencies via email within three weeks of their submittal whether they are eligible to proceed to the application phase.

Agencies may submit more than one letter of intent if they want to seek funding for multiple projects.

Full applications are due by **5:00pm Monday, February 2, 2026** in DBW's Online Grant Application (OLGA) system. Additional instructions for the application phase will be provided to agencies that DBW determines are eligible during the letter of intent phase.

As part of the application phase, applicants must submit a fully executed resolution from their local council or board authorizing the application. This resolution can be submitted at the time of application or by the date provided in the application. A resolution is not required for the letter of intent.

Even if your agency is uncertain whether it's going to pursue funding this year, you are welcome and encouraged to submit a letter of intent. This will keep the option open, and every project description will help DBW prepare for future coastal erosion control funding needs statewide.

There is no minimum or maximum amount of grant funding available per project or per year.

Funding in fiscal year 2027/28 would not be available until July 2027 at the earliest. We do not have a funding source for more rapid funding.