

Public Beach Restoration Grant Program
Division of Boating and Waterways
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Summary:

The Public Beach Restoration Grant Program was created in 1999 via the Public Beach Restoration Act (*Harbors and Navigation Code 69.5-69.9, AB64–Ducheny*). The principal purpose of the program is the restoration, enhancement, and nourishment of public beaches through the cost-effective engineered placement of sand on the beach or in the nearshore environment to minimize the erosive forces of ocean waves to protect vital public infrastructure and accommodate the recreational needs of visitors to California’s beaches. This program is also consistent with the California Natural Resources Agency’s Shoreline Erosion Protection Policy (1978) favoring beach nourishment as a method of erosion control. Most projects in this program receive funding from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the State paying 85% of the cost of the local sponsor’s required cost share.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2022 for the FY2024/25 State budget.

Application Procedure: Applicants submit an application requesting funding for a specific phase of the project (study, planning, feasibility, design, or construction) along with a resolution from their governing body authorizing the application for grant funding.

FY2022/23 Funding Authorized: \$15,485,000 for three projects.

Typical Grant Amount: Varies by project; recent grants have ranged from \$40,000 to \$11.5 million depending upon the project.

Funding Source(s): Public Beach Restoration Fund (PBRF), which has no official revenue source. FY2022/23 projects were funded by a transfer from the state’s General Fund to the PBRF.

Eligible Grant Recipients: Public entities operating beaches that are open and accessible to the public.

Restrictions: Projects must primarily serve a public purpose; private benefits can only be incidental.

Accomplishments/Planning: DBW is currently developing regulations for this program.