



## [San Mateo County Harbor District Monthly Grants Report – December 2023](#)

### **GRANTS COMPLETED & SUBMITTED**

#### **CA Department of Fish & Wildlife: Boating Access Grant Program**

**Submitted on:** November 15, 2023

**Submitted by:** California Consulting, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$4,332,900

**Brief Summary of Grant Request:** SMCHD is requesting approximately \$4.3 million from CDFW's Boating Access Grant to upgrade the launch ramp and other facilities at Pillar Point Harbor to modern standards. If the full request is awarded, the funds would be used to support the construction, operational and maintenance costs associated with increasing capacity in the harbor to best serve, support, and keep up with surging demand. The District's proposed project components can accomplish this through careful reconfiguration of vital launch ramp infrastructure to achieve safer, more efficient operations while also replacing its rotted, substandard restroom building with fully-ADA compliant facilities. Acquiring the necessary funding for these important projects has proven difficult—SMCHD has been searching for appropriate funds since receiving the state's recommendation of replacement seven years ago—and this Boating Access grant offers the best opportunity to successfully fund this work. Without this award, the harbor's infrastructure will continue to erode, putting continued public access to maritime recreational opportunities along the county's coast at risk.

**STATUS:** PENDING

#### **NOAA: Marine Debris Removal Grant Program**

**Submitted on:** LOI submitted on October 27, 2023; Full Application due on February 23, 2024

**Submitted by:** California Consulting, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Brief Summary of Grant Request:** SMCHD's initial funding request was submitted to NOAA as an LOI to assist with the raising and disposing of a 94' Tug Vessel (T/V) named "Caleb" that sank over a year ago and currently remains nearly 20 ft. underwater within the outer harbor. It will cost upwards of \$1M to further facilitate the raising, towing and final disposing of this T/V, as it is considered marine debris and poses a hazard to navigation for local commercial fishing fleets within the Pillar Point Harbor. SMCHD also has several other smaller commercial fishing vessels that we may be able to dispose of as well through this grant, as commercial vessels are ineligible for DBW SAVE grant monies.

**STATUS:** PENDING

#### **NOAA: Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Grant**

**Submitted on:** LOI submitted on August 28 2023; Full Application due on February 13, 2024

**Submitted by:** California Consulting, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$2,225,000

**Brief Summary of Grant Request:** Funding support from the Climate Resilience Region Challenge grant will help to cover a portion of the implementation construction costs for Surfers Beach Restoration

Pilot Restoration Project, along with associated monitoring costs for up to five-years following construction. SMCHD plans to get construction underway before the anticipated project starting date for this Climate Resilience Region Challenge grant (currently estimated to begin by 10/01/24) and hopes NOAA might be willing to provide the District with an exception to reimburse work completed before then—or fast track our project since it is “shovel ready”. However, if that is not an option, then we could also submit invoices for work completed after October 2024 and add on a portion of the five-year monitoring costs. Monitoring would be broken into Physical monitoring (for geology, surveys of seafloor and beach width, drone surveys, etc) and Biological monitoring (focused on animals and plants that are in the project area). Milestones for the components of the projects where grant funding is being requested:

- Complete final design and engineering
- Obtain final permits from Coastal Commission, Army Corps of Engineers, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and SF Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Complete bid process and select contractor
- Complete pre-construction monitoring and surveys
- Complete construction of beach restoration pilot project
- Continue post-construction monitoring for 5 years, including annual reports

**STATUS:** PENDING – NOAA will notify Brad Damitz and California Consulting by mid-December on whether SMCHD has been granted permission to proceed with submitting its full application for the Harbor Dredge/Surfers Beach Replenishment project.

**ACTION TAKEN:** California Consulting meeting with Reid Bogart, Program Director of the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program, on 12/8/23 to discuss combining forces for the San Mateo County OneWatershed Climate Resilience Infrastructure Project if LOI submitted in August is not approved by NOAA for Full Application submittal in February 2024.

### **Division of Boating and Waterways: Boating Infrastructure Grant**

**Submitted on:** August 1, 2023

**Submitted by:** California Consulting, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000

**Brief Summary of Grant Request:** Due to sea level rise/landfill subsidence, the replacement of existing ramps serving Docks 12–14 in Oyster Point Marina’s East Basin have been identified by Moffat & Nichol via cost benefit analysis as highest in need for infrastructure improvements. In terms of access, the three ramps and wooden floating docks are rotting, uneven, and fail to comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Guest docks will provide up to 156 ft. of side-tie moorage, with newly accessible concrete floating replacements ensuring full ADA-compliance and additional 80 ft. aluminum gangways built to better support visitor traffic moving on/off the docks. With an estimated 50-year lifespan, the Dock 12–14 Replacement Project will also undoubtedly bolster SMCHD's operating capacity and impact.

**STATUS:** PENDING – Final Revisions Submitted on September 4, 2023 to Ethan Tratner at DBW

### **U.S. Department of Transportation: Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**

**Submitted on:** Original submission in April 2023; RFI submitted to DOT on August 11, 2023 with DOT having confirming receipt that very same business day.

**Submitted by:** California Consulting, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$4,164,844

**Brief Summary of Grant Request:** Design, engineering, public outreach, permitting, grant opportunity assistance and construction support for the Pillar Point Harbor Launch Ramp, Boat Rinse Station and ADA Restroom Replacement project. If successful, these funds may also help get the ball rolling to help pay the estimated \$37 million total in construction costs.

**STATUS:** PENDING for PPH Launch Ramp Restroom/Boat Wash – Moved into Round III of DOT’s PIDP competitive applications as of August 31, 2023

**Division of Boating and Waterways: Boating Safety & Enforcement Equipment Grant**

**Submitted on:** April 28, 2023

**Submitted by:** Cary Smith w/ assistance of California Consulting

**Amount Requested:** Between \$12,000 – \$148,000

**Brief Summary of Grant Request:** To purchase boating safety and law enforcement equipment through the Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant Program (BSEE).

**STATUS:** AWARDED

**Division of Boating and Waterways: Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE)**

**Submitted on:** April 28, 2023

**Submitted by:** Kin Yip Chan w/ assistance of California Consulting

**Amount Requested:** \$150,000

**Brief Summary of Grant Request:** To remove, reduce and prevent abandoned recreational vessels from entering San Mateo County Harbor District’s waterways.

**STATUS:** AWARDED

**Division of Boating and Waterways: Boat Launching Facilities (BLF) Grant**

**Submitted on:** February 1, 2023

**Submitted by:** California Consulting, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$400,000

**Brief Summary of Grant Request:** The main scope of this proposed project is to improve PPH facilities and provide quality services to better meet the needs and expectations of customers, visitors, and any other stakeholders. This means having a deeper comprehension and understanding on a countywide level of what precisely PPH visitors and potential visitors’ expectations entail so that SMCHD is able to better meet previously unmet need, including infrastructure improvements such as: Concrete ramps, boarding float dock, trench drain, 30,000-sq. ft concrete paving for turn around area, new ADA compliant restroom, fish cleaning station, boat wash stations, , etc.

**STATUS:** AWARDED – As of June 24, 2023, SMCHD received \$400,000 from the Division of Boating & Waterways for a planning grant at Pillar Point Harbor’s Boat Launch Facility that will fund the design, permits, etc. while establishing an engineer’s cost estimate for construction, which includes:

- Demolishing and replacing the concrete boat ramp, pile-guided boarding floats, restroom, boat wash station, and fish cleaning station;
- Installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
- Improving the parking area, sewer lines and site drainage;
- Creating an ADA path of travel; and
- Installing educational signage.

**GRANTS CURRENTLY IN THE WORKS**

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

**Deadline:** December 15, 2023

**District-approved project this grant will apply to:** Surfers Beach Pilot Restoration Project

**Primary POC and Project Consultant:** Brad Damitz

**Amount:** \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 over a three-year grant duration

**Eligibility:** Local, regional, state, and federal government agencies located on the open coastline or within the San Francisco Bay.

**Match:** 15%

**URL:** [https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=28766](https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28766)

**Summary:** In 2016, the District applied for and was approved DBW award monies to help with funding its Surfers Beach Pilot Restoration Project. SMCHD has since received annual amendments, extending

its originally proposed deadline because of project planning being significantly delayed due to eelgrass mitigation requirements. This means zero actual funding to SMCHD has yet to be provided as the project is still waiting to transition into both its implementation and construction phases. Therefore, SMCHD's funding request for 2023's Public Restoration Program will serve to replace the previously approved funding grant from 2016 as a contingency (e.g., there are additional unexpected delays and project construction does not begin until Summer 2024). Should the project begin construction closer to what was initially planned; however, DBW will not redistribute award monies to avoid potential duplication in funding.

### **2024 Measure K Funds for San Mateo County**

**Deadline:** January 5, 2024

**Amount:** At minimum, \$750,000 over a 3-year period agreement

**Eligibility:** State and local government agencies, public entities, Tribes, and nonprofit organizations

**Match:** At least 25% of the project costs must come from a non-Federal source - \$1,083,225

**URL:** <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/smcgov/projects/65188/downloads>

**Summary:** Subject to availability of funds and approval of individual agreements by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the County is providing this NOFO for Measure K funds to be used to provide services and public benefits to residents of San Mateo County within the following priority areas: (a) Children, Families, and Seniors; (b) Emergency Preparedness; and (c) Housing and Homelessness (collectively, the "Priority Areas"). San Matro County anticipates that funds may be awarded to provide services in the Priority Areas for three-year terms in amounts of at least \$250,000 per year. This threshold was established based on anticipated minimum staff and grant administration costs. In the Emergency Preparedness category, Measure K seeks to fund:

- **Planning**
  - Communication plan specific to community area/needs to address the vulnerabilities to their specific hazards
  - Language Support – make sure all communication is multilingual, which includes real-time human translation services including American Sign language
  - Emergency Kits
- **Community Outreach**
  - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program
  - Identify community hubs and create sustainable resiliency centers including operations, staffing, communications, and emergency supplies
- **Emergency Mitigation**
  - Early Warning System with communication infrastructure hardening
  - Mitigate Fire Risk to communities and evacuation routes with fuel management
- **Other**
  - Mitigate Natural Hazard Risk and Fund Infrastructure Improvement (earthquake, fire, sea level rise, flood) – should include needs assessment, all hazards – multi-jurisdictional emergency operations plan, training, and Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation
  - Coastside Evacuation Center and Evacuation Routes

**\*\*HIGHLIGHTED BY SUP. MUELLER AS HIGH-PRIORITY**

### **EDA: FY2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (PWEAA)**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Amount:** \$100,000 to \$30 million

**Match:** Yes – 50%

**Eligibility:** District organization; State, County or City; Institution of higher education; and Public or private nonprofit organizations or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

**URL:** [www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346815](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346815)

**Summary:** EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive-merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the U.S.

**ACTION TAKEN:** California Consulting contacted Wil Marshall from EDA to describe SMCHD's Johnson Pier Expansion Project and attached all relevant planning docs to see what input he may have to share with us. Ultimately, we would like to incorporate aspects of the Noyo Harbor Revitalization Project (awarded in early 2023), including infrastructure and community facility development as well as entrepreneurship and access to capital. SMCHD will consider requesting \$1.2 million to \$3.5 million from EDA to help provide the capital needed to support replacing and making improvements to Johnson Pier with a new, modern facility that's much more capable of competently handling larger tractor trailer vehicles and features enhanced electrical lines with larger amperages to service the fish buyers. As a result of the rebuilt pier, an estimated 600 jobs will be created (including commercial fishers) and many others saved. Wil says that SMCHD should only apply if the Johnson Pier Expansion Project is consistent with the region's current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or regional economic development strategy that meets EDA's CEDS or strategy requirements. All eligible applicants must identify the CEDS or equivalent EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy, while clearly detailing in the required ED-900 Form which local businesses, entities and/or employers will support the economic development needs/objectives outlined in the strategy.

**\*\*\*Johnson Pier Project Update as of 11/9/23:** Noah Christman from Lighthouse Public Affairs recently spoke to a couple of the folks over at MTC/ABAG to learn and understand more about the status of Bay Area's CEDS—namely that the most recent version (adopted in 2018) would have expired last year but fortunately, EDA has permitted MTC/ABAG an additional year to sort out some governance issues and as of now, they are working together toward developing a new one for FY2024.

## **UPCOMING GRANTS TO CONSIDER**

### **NOAA: Community-Based Restoration Grant Program**

**Deadline:** FY2023 NOFO not yet released, but will be sometime soon

**District-approved project this grant will apply to:** Pillar Point Harbor East Outer Harbor Dredge Project to include Surfers Beach Replenishment and Eelgrass Mitigation Plan

**Primary POC and Project Consultant:** Brad Damitz

**Amount:** \$150,000 to \$2,000,000

**URL:** [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/current-and-past-community-based-restoration-projects](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/current-and-past-community-based-restoration-projects)

**Match:** No matching requirement. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to combine NOAA Federal funding with formal matching contributions or informal leverage from a broad range of sources in the public and private sectors to implement restoration.

**Eligibility:** Like-minded organizations from all sectors, including non-profits, state agencies, tribal organizations, and local governments.

**URL:** [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/community-based-habitat-restoration](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/community-based-habitat-restoration)

**Summary:** NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program provides funding and technical assistance for restoration projects that ensure fish have access to high-quality habitat. The goal of these projects is to recover and sustain fisheries—particularly those species managed by NOAA Fisheries, or those [listed as endangered or threatened](#) under the Endangered Species Act. Since its start in 1996, the Community-based Restoration Program has contributed technical assistance and nearly \$217 million to more than 2,200 coastal habitat restoration projects. These projects have restored more than 93,000



acres of habitat and opened more than 4,300 stream miles for fish migration. Projects range from improving access to habitat by restoring coral reefs to rebuilding coastal wetlands. NOAA most typically supports implementing priority habitat restoration actions that have already been identified in applicants' recovery plans for threatened and endangered species. In addition to benefiting fisheries, habitat restoration yields community and economic benefits such as increased coastal resiliency, commercial and recreational opportunities, decreased safety hazards, and reduced maintenance costs. NOAA also offers technical support in navigating project planning and design, environmental compliance, project management, monitoring, etc. to help our partners overcome technical challenges and build solutions that boost fish populations, recover threatened and endangered species, and support resilient coastal communities.

### ***Reporting Requirements Submitted***

#### **FEMA – San Mateo County Harbor District Debris Cleanup**

**Date Awarded:** July 2021

**Amount Awarded:** \$87,385

**Status:** Completed by Kin Yip, with assistance from California Consulting when needed.

#### **California Coastal Conservancy – Pillar Point Harbor R/V Park Public Restroom and Greenspace**

##### **Project located at Surfers Beach**

**Date Awarded:** December 2021

**Amount Awarded:** \$212,812

**Status:** Currently being completed by Questa Engineering and California Consulting, including progress reports and receipts as needed.

#### **Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Pillar Point Harbor R/V Park Public Restroom and Greenspace Project located at Surfers Beach**

**Date Awarded:** May 2022

**Amount Awarded:** \$298,000

**Status:** Currently being completed by Questa Engineering and California Consulting, including progress reports and receipts as needed.

#### **Peninsula Clean Energy (CALeVIP EV Program) – Three Level-3 ChargePoint Chargers Located at the new RV Park Restroom/Greenspace Project**

**Date Awarded:** October 2022

**Amount Awarded:** \$15,000

**Status:** Extension granted due to weather impacts which took place in spring 2023, thereby delaying the project's start date.