

A competitive grant program to restore wetlands and water quality in SF Bay and its watersheds.

U.S. EPA Region 9
SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund
Webinar- July 27, 2022
FY22 Requests for Applications Overview

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Purpose of Webinar

- Walk through the new BIL-SFBWQIF RFA and our “regular” SFBWQIF RFA
- Key differences in evaluation criteria between the two RFAs and what project outcomes can look like for each
- Increase our availability and outreach to applicants (check our website)
- Share “Drop In Q&A” events we are offering to provide more support in navigating Grants.gov



SF Bay Grant Program Funding History

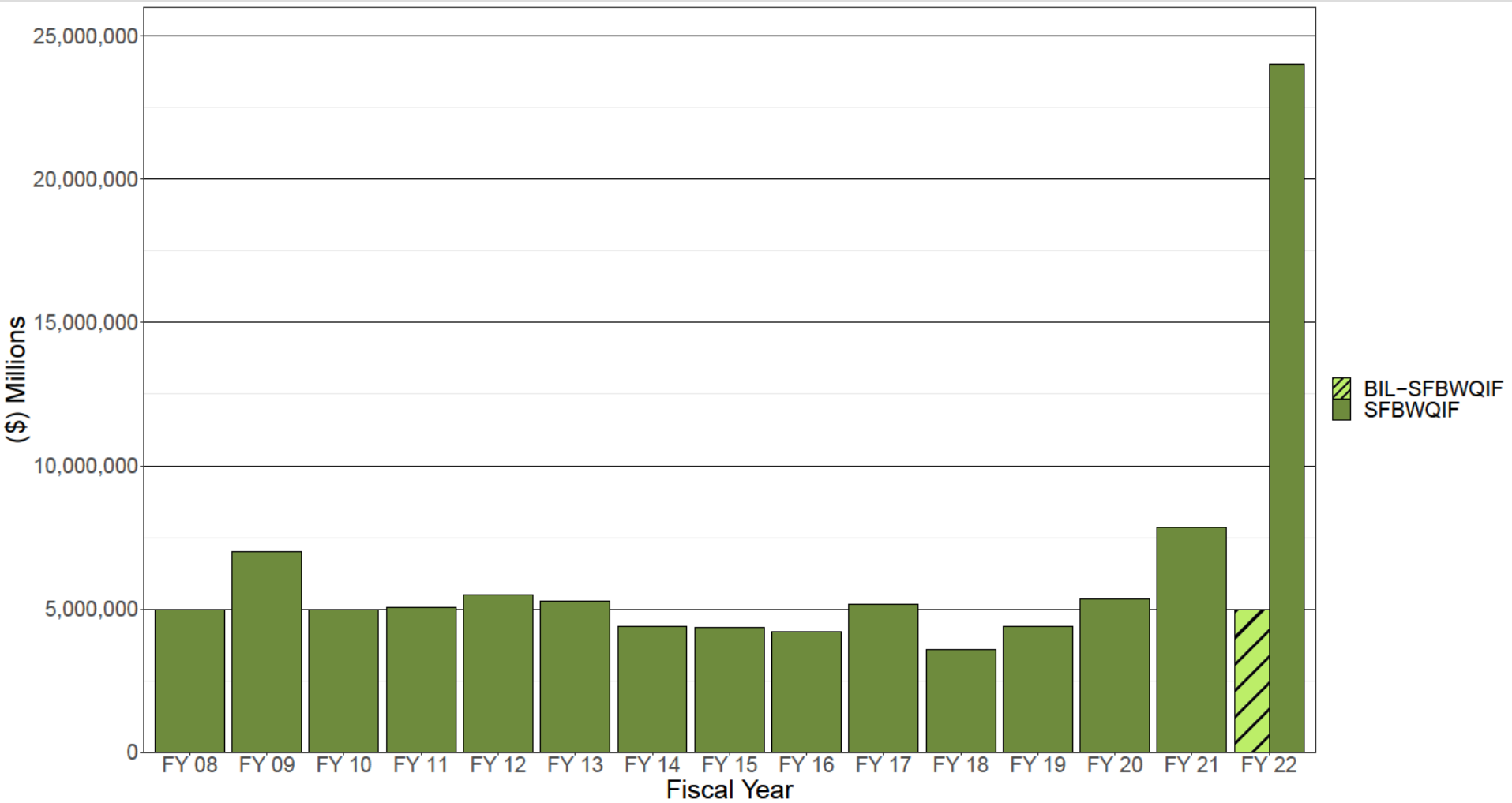


Figure 1: Available SFBWQIF RFA funding since 2008

RESTORING WETLANDS

- Invested over \$31.7 million in projects that further the goal of restoring 100,000 acres of tidal wetlands
- Complete ecosystems, in the baylands or watersheds



RESTORING WATER QUALITY

Invested over \$31 million to improve water quality in the Bay and its watersheds.



GREENING DEVELOPMENT

Invested ~\$8.5 million to improve Bay Area stormwater quality.



NEW- BIL GOALS

Expand water quality restoration efforts and build regional resilience to climate change stressors in underserved communities.



SFBWQIF StoryMap

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FY 22 RFAs Overview

Grant Opportunity	BIL - SFBWQIF	SFBWQIF
Available Funds	\$5,000,000	\$24,000,000
Funding Range for Projects	~ (\$200,000 to \$1,000,000)	~ (\$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000)
Match (statutory Requirement)	0% (Match waived)	50%
Project Period	~4 years	~4 years
Evaluation Criteria	Scope/Approach (20 pts) Environmental Results- Outputs and Outcomes (25 pts) Budget Detail (18 pts) Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (12 pts) Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds (5 pts) Environmental Justice and Underserved Communities (20 pts)	Scope/Approach (20 pts) Environmental Results- Outputs and Outcomes (25 pts) Budget Detail (18 pts) Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (12 pts) Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds (5 pts) Partnerships (20 pts) OR Underserved Communities (20 pts)

Evaluation Criteria

Points	BIL - SFBWQIF	SFBWQIF
20	Scope/Approach	Scope/Approach
25	Environmental Results- Outputs and Outcomes	Environmental Results- Outputs and Outcomes
18	Budget Detail	Budget Detail
12	Programmatic Capability and Past Performance	Programmatic Capability and Past Performance
5	Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds	Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds
20	Environmental Justice and Underserved Communities	Partnerships OR Underserved Communities

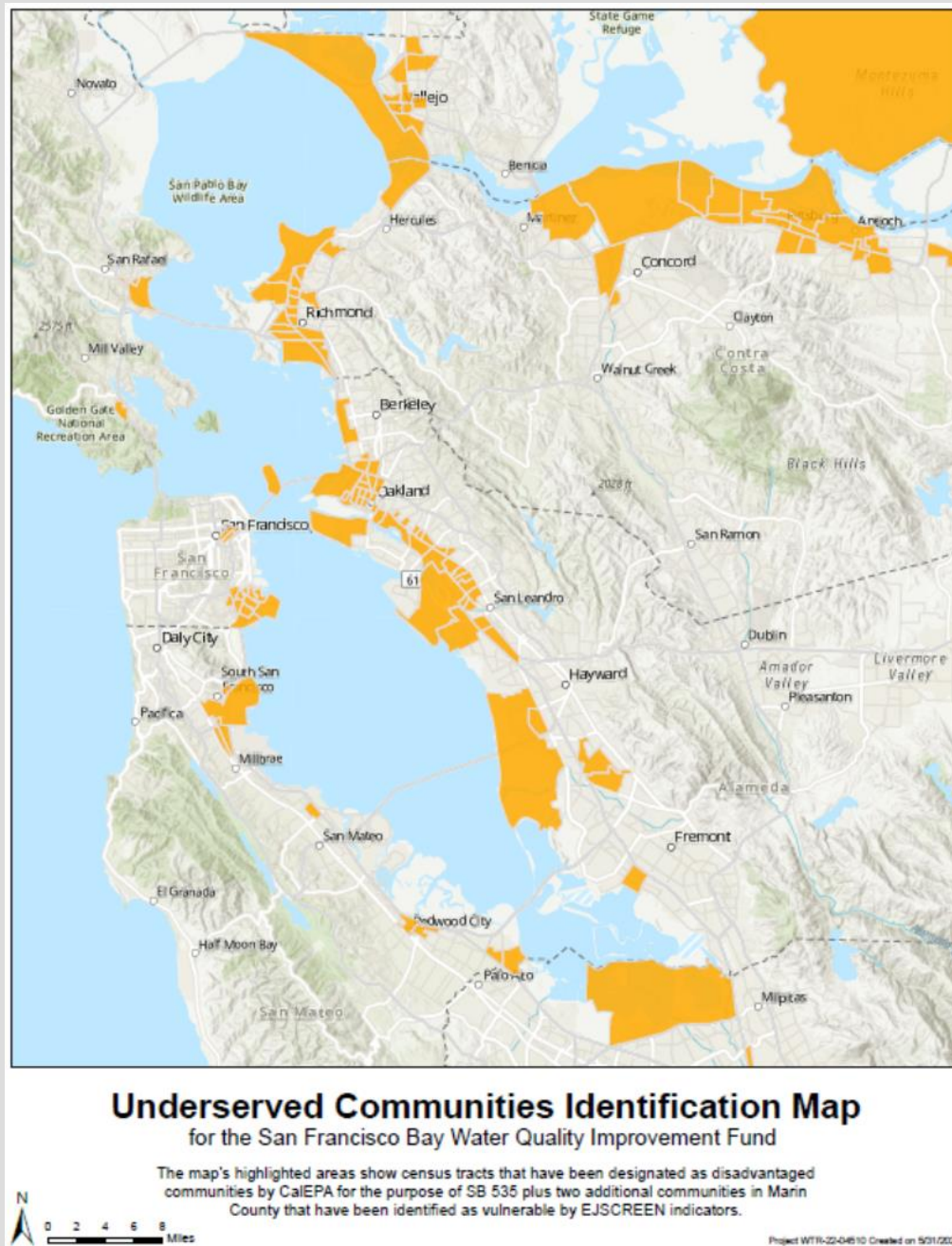
Outputs & Outcomes

- Outputs = activities and/or deliverables
- **Outcomes** = environmental results, effects, or consequences
 - Outcomes must be quantified, and provide timeframe for expected results
 - Outcomes may be environmental, behavioral, health-related, or programmatic in nature, but must be quantitative.
- A description of how the project will track progress towards achieving outputs and outcomes is expected.



Underserved Communities Identification* Map

*Other communities may be considered with information submitted in your application



Highlights As You Prepare Your Application Materials

Grant Opportunity	BIL - SFBWQIF	SFBWQIF
Page Limit	10	15
Abstract	☒	☒
Project Activities	☒	☒
Budget-Task Table	☒	☒
Linkage to SFEP's CCMP/Estuary Blueprint (Attachment A)	☒	☒
Environmental Justice Evaluation Criteria	☒	
Letters of Organizational Support and Partnerships	☐	☐



*Optional

Highlights As You Prepare Your Application Materials- Continued

Not included in page limit:

- Map(s) of the watershed and/or proposed project area
- Letters of support
- Standard form (SF) 424
- SF 424 A – Budget Summary
- EPA Key Contacts Form 5700-54
- EPA Form 4700-4 – Pre-award Compliance Review Report



Grants.gov Directions in Attachment B

BIL- SFBWQIF RFA



A screenshot of the Grants.gov website showing the details for a grant opportunity. The header includes the Grants.gov logo, a search bar, and navigation links. The main content area displays the grant title, agency, and a table of general information.

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EXAMPLE Standard Form 424A for BIL – SFBWQIF RFA

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Approval No. 0348-0044

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (Project Cost) (g)
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal(EPA) (e)	Non-Federal (f)	
1. BIL-SFBWQIF	66.126	\$	\$	Amount applying for: \$500,000		\$500,000
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.TOTALS				\$500,000		\$500,000

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. OBJECT CLASS CATEGORIES	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				(5) Total
	(1) Federal (EPA)		(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$200,000		\$	\$	\$200,000
b. Fringe Benefits	0				\$0
c. Travel	0				\$0
d. Equipment	\$50,000				\$50,000
e. Supplies	\$5000				\$5000
f. Contractual <i>(construction dollars typically go here)</i>	100,000				\$100,000
g. Construction	0				\$0
h. Other	\$145,000				\$145,000
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a - 6h)	0				\$0
j. Indirect Charges	0				\$0
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$500,000				¹⁸ \$500,000

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1. SFBWQIF	66.126	\$	\$	Amount applying for: \$1,700,000	Put match here: \$1,700,000	\$3,400,000
2.						
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4.						
5.TOTALS				\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$3,400,000

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a. Personnel	\$200,000	0	\$	\$	\$200,000
b. Fringe Benefits	0	\$90,000			\$90,000
c. Travel	0	\$10,000			\$10,000
d. Equipment	\$50,000	0			\$50,000
e. Supplies	\$5000	0			\$5000
f. Contractual (<i>construction dollars typically go here</i>)	1,000,000	\$1,500,000			\$2,500,000
g. Construction	0	0			\$0
h. Other	\$445,000	\$100,000			\$545,000
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a - 6h)	0	0			\$0
j. Indirect Charges	0	0			\$0
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000			\$3,400,000

7. Program Income - NA	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0	10
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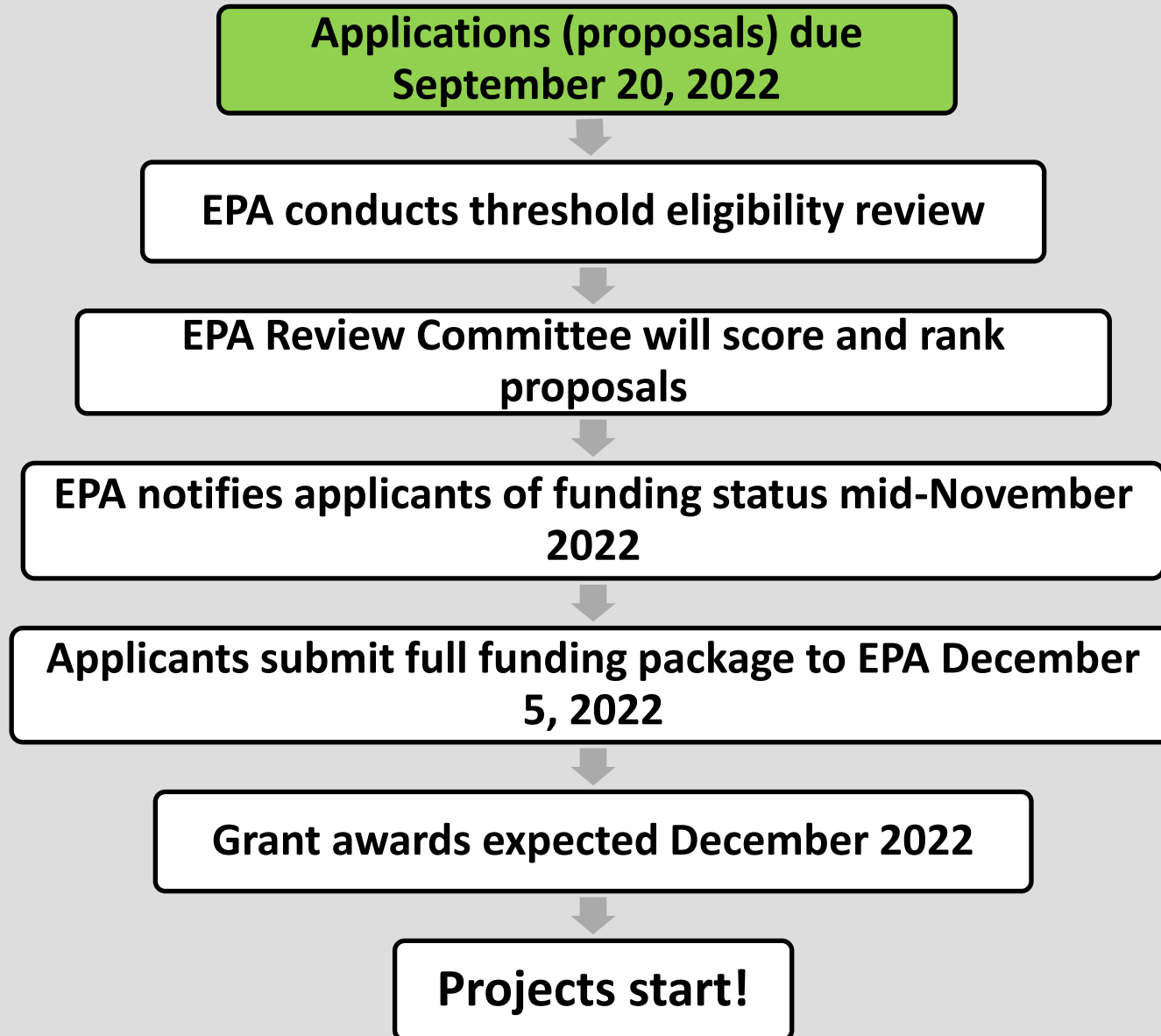
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Reminders

- Register your organization in SAM.gov ASAP
- Describe your match in budget tables
 - Reminder: BIL SFBWQIF match waived
- Budget-task table versus budget detail table
- All documents that will be reviewed as part of your application must be submitted through Grants.gov



What is the selection process?



New RFA Resources

Drop-In Q&A Sessions

- Upcoming Dates (Pacific Time):
 - August 9, 10-11 AM
 - August 18, 2-3 PM
 - August 23, 9-10 AM
 - August 31, 2-3 PM
 - September 7, 11 AM-12 PM
 - September 15, 11 AM-12 PM
- Purpose
 - Answer your questions on the application process
 - Answer your Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and Login.gov questions
 - Direct you to helpful resources

SFBWQIF Tip Sheet for Grants.gov

LINK: <https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/rfa-application-assistance-tips-submitting-applications-through-grantsgov>



Additional Resources

- **EPA Grant Application Resources (SF 424, SF 424A)**
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.html>
- **EPA Website for grant solicitation provisions**
<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-overview-applicants-and-recipients>
<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-solicitation-clauses>
- **San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund RFA, FAQ, Tip Sheet, Environmental Results, Project Info, Copy of webinar:**
<https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/san-francisco-bay-water-quality-improvement-fund>
- **SFEP Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan (also called the Estuary Blueprint)**
<https://www.sfestuary.org/estuary-blueprint-2022-update/>





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