

2023/2024 Delta Research Proposal Solicitation

Information Sheet



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Program

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Information for the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program 2023/2024 Delta Research Proposal Solicitation

This is a competitive solicitation for research that advances the understanding and management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh system. Projects must directly address the 2022–2026 [Science Action Agenda's](#) science actions. In previous Delta Science Program (DSP) solicitations, the Council has awarded more than \$34 million for Delta research in partnership with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Water Contractors. The 2023/2024 Delta Research Proposal Solicitation will commence in the fall of 2023.

Overview of the 2023/2024 Delta Research Proposal Solicitation

- Up to **\$6 million** is available for research that advances the 2022-2026 **Science Action Agenda**.
- The solicitation calls for research projects across multiple disciplines in the biological, physical, and social sciences. However, in recognition of a history of under-investing in research related to the human dimensions of the Delta, **projects with a substantial social science component will be eligible for additional points** during the review process.
- In addition to a **large project award category (\$200,001 to \$1,500,000)**, the solicitation includes an award category for **small projects (maximum award of \$200,000)** that are subject to fewer application requirements.
- Projects must demonstrate a strong connection with **natural resource managers and Delta community partners**.



Funding research to inform decision-making

Funding research is central to carrying out the DSP mission to *"provide the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform water and environmental decision-making in the Delta."* The importance reaches beyond the DSP mission: **funding science in the Delta directly supports the coequal goals and the implementation of the Delta Plan** by developing management tools, advancing the state of knowledge, and providing the best available science to inform decision-makers.



Sustaining our institutional partnerships

As a well-respected partner in administering research calls for 20 years, the **California Sea Grant** College Program, University of California San Diego **would facilitate the online proposal application process** and review processes and may administer the awards selected by the Delta Science Program.



Focus on applied research that integrates with communities

The solicitation builds on the Council's recent efforts to make science more relevant to the needs of decision-makers, such as the Science for Communities event held in 2022. **Projects funded as a result of the solicitation must have a strong connection with local Delta communities and/or a strong application to natural resource management or decision-making.** This connection must be demonstrated by a Letter of Interest from a representative from the Delta community and/or a natural resource management entity.



Anticipated timeline

June 2023: Draft solicitation released for public comment

Fall 2023: Solicitation announced and accepting proposals

October 2023: Deadline for Letter of Intent (required)

December 2023: Deadline for submitting proposals

May 2024: Awards announced



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Learn about previously funded research with the [Delta Science Tracker](http://sciencetracker.deltacouncil.ca.gov/) (sciencetracker.deltacouncil.ca.gov/) and the [Delta Research Proposal Solicitation webpage](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/delta-science-proposal-solicitations) (deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/delta-science-proposal-solicitations).



Check out a cool [Story Map](#)

(storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5adba791573d4375be7e75f120273838) that demonstrates the benefits of research from the 2018/2019 Delta Science Proposal Solicitation.



Email questions about the upcoming solicitation to DeltaResearch@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

