



## Coastal Conservancy Beach Wheelchair Grants

The State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) announces the availability of grants to public agencies, federally-recognized tribes, and certain nonprofit organizations for acquiring beach wheelchairs that will be provided free of charge for public use. The purpose of this grant program is to help more people explore California's spectacular coast. Beach wheelchairs increase recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities, seniors, and others who have difficulty physically accessing the beach.

Approximately \$100,000 will be awarded in this grant round. The anticipated minimum grant award is \$5,000 and the maximum anticipated grant amount is \$20,000. **Applications must be submitted by April 8, 2019.**

### **Background**

The Coastal Conservancy is a non-regulatory state agency that works to preserve, improve, and restore public access, natural resources, and agricultural lands along the Pacific coast and the San Francisco Bay shoreline and its adjacent counties. The Conservancy undertakes projects and works with public agencies and non-governmental organizations to accomplish these goals. Increasing public access to California's coast is a core component of the Conservancy's work. The Conservancy seeks to support programs that bring people to the coast and enhance visitor experiences.

**Eligible Applicants:** Public agencies, federally-recognized tribes, and certain nonprofit organizations are eligible for funding. To be eligible, a nonprofit organization must qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and its articles of incorporation must demonstrate that the organization's purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, the Coastal Conservancy's enabling legislation.

**Eligible Project Locations:** Projects must involve beaches along the coast of California or the shore of San Francisco Bay. For an overview of current availability of beach wheelchairs at California beaches, visit the following website: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/access/beach->

[wheelchairs.html](#). The Conservancy may support acquisition of beach wheelchairs for sites that currently do not have them, as well as acquisition of additional beach wheelchairs at sites with existing beach wheelchairs that are in high demand or are in need of replacement.

**Eligible Projects:** Eligible projects include the acquisition of beach wheelchairs and beach wheelchair storage. Eligible projects must include one or both of the following:

- Purchase of beach wheelchair(s) to maximize barrier-free access to the coast for persons with disabilities, seniors, or others who need a beach wheelchair to access the beach.
- Purchase of pre-fabricated storage or weather protection for existing or new beach wheelchairs, such as storage sheds or awnings. As these are relatively small grants, the Conservancy will not be able to fund planning or construction of storage facilities.

Projects may also include outreach or marketing components as a relatively small portion of the overall budget. This could include media or special events to promote beach wheelchair availability, advertising availability of beach wheelchairs to target audiences, and/or signage describing availability of beach wheelchairs.

**Questions:** Prospective applicants are encouraged to discuss their projects with Conservancy staff prior to submitting applications. Questions about the application process and potential projects may be directed to Amy Hutzel, Deputy Executive Officer, at 510-286-4180 or [amy.hutzel@scc.ca.gov](mailto:amy.hutzel@scc.ca.gov).

**Application Submittal:** The Beach wheelchair grant application is attached. Complete applications should be submitted via email to [grants@scc.ca.gov](mailto:grants@scc.ca.gov). The application should be emailed as a word document. Applicants are welcome, but not required, to attach a small number of relevant photos (preferably as jpgs) and maps (as jpgs or pdfs); these attachments should not exceed 10MB total. Relevant photos and maps should demonstrate the location, context, and proposed outcomes of the project.

**Submission Dates:** Applications must be submitted by **April 8, 2019**.

### **Application Review and Grant Award Process**

**Project Review:** Conservancy staff will evaluate each application based on how well it meets the Selection Criteria stated below. Applicants may be contacted to provide additional information during the review process. Conservancy staff may seek assistance in evaluating the

proposals from individuals and/or technical experts with pertinent expertise from other governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and other entities. Applicants can anticipate being notified as to whether their project will be recommended for funding in June of 2019.

**Selection Criteria:** Projects will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- The extent to which the project serves and increases recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities, seniors, and others who may have physical challenges accessing California beaches;
- The extent to which the project location needs new or additional or replacement beach wheelchairs and/or storage;
- The extent to which the beach wheelchairs will be easily accessible by users (factors considered include anticipated location of the beach wheelchairs and simplicity of checking them out).
- Project description is clear and concise and budget is reasonable.

**Conservancy Board Approval:** Projects recommended by staff for funding are subject to approval by the Coastal Conservancy Board at a noticed public meeting. Conservancy staff will present the recommendations for grants to the Conservancy Board in Fall 2019. Applicants are required to provide staff with all pertinent information in a timely manner to ensure Board consideration.

Project funding will not be available until a grant agreement between the Conservancy and the grantee has been executed which will generally take at least a month after Board approval (late 2019).



## BEACH WHEELCHAIR GRANT APPLICATION

CONTACT INFO			

**\*If applicable, Include name of fiscal or project sponsor.** – If applicant qualifies as a 501(c)(3) organization, provide your IRS 501(c)(3) letter and Articles of Incorporation as attachments to your completed [Non-Profit Questionnaire](#). *Note: Applicants who have submitted these documents in the past two years do not need to resubmit.*

PROJECT INFO			

**1. Brief Project Description.** Describe the proposed project. Please limit your response to no more than five sentences.

**2. Need for beach wheelchairs.**

How many beach wheelchairs will you acquire and for what beach(es) are you acquiring beach wheelchair(s)?

Does the beach(es) currently have beach wheelchairs? If so, is this grant for additional beach wheelchair(s) and/or replacement beach wheelchair(s)?

If known, approximately how much visitation does the beach(es) receive annually?

If known, what is existing use or demand for beach wheelchairs at the beach(es)?

**3. Associated storage needs.**

How will beach wheelchairs be stored and protected from the elements? Is there a need for new or additional storage for beach wheelchairs at your site and if so, what will be acquired for storage?

**4. Outreach and Marketing**

How will availability of beach wheelchairs be advertised? If you are requesting funds for outreach and marketing, please briefly describe.

**5. Management and Maintenance**

How will beach wheelchairs be made available for people? What is the process for requesting/reserving/using a beach wheelchair?

How will beach wheelchairs be maintained?

**6. Preliminary budget.** In the budget table below, provide: 1) the estimated completion date for each task, 2) the estimated cost (cash amounts) of the task, and 3) the funding sources (applicant, Conservancy, and other) for the task. Matching funds are not required. Sample tasks are: Acquisition of beach wheelchair(s); Acquisition of storage shed; Marketing and outreach. Do not include in-kind services or contributions in this table; describe them below. The table will automatically sum the totals for each row and column. To do this, highlight the whole table and hit F9.

Task Number	Task	Completion Date	Applicant's Funding	Coastal Conservancy	Other Funds	Total Cost
1						\$ 0
2						\$ 0
3						\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

If you listed other funds, describe the specific source of other funding, and whether that funding has been secured or is dependent on a future award or authorization.

*If you have in-kind services, briefly describe and estimate the value of expected in-kind services. In-kind services or contributions include volunteer time and materials.*

**Additional Information**

If the applicant is a nonprofit organization, has your organization submitted the Conservancy's Nonprofit Pre-Award Questionnaire within the last two years?  YES  NO

If no, please complete the questionnaire, found on our website at <http://scc.ca.gov/webmaster/forms/Non%20Profit%20Pre-Award%20Questionnaire.pdf> and submit with your application along with your organization's IRS 501(c)(3) letter and Articles of Incorporation.