

Coastal Quest
Coastal Accelerator Cohort
Seed Funds & Technical Assistance Application

****Preview Application Only – to apply you must complete our online application [here](#).****

Introduction

The goal of this program is to build coastal climate resilience and meet coastal 30x30 goals in the Pacific region of the United States. We are looking to fund mid-stage nature-based solutions, such as coastal restoration or protection projects, which have already begun scoping, planning, and feasibility analysis--and to assist in moving those projects through planning to implementation as members of a Coastal Accelerator Cohort.

In addition to funding, Coastal Quest is offering technical support to Coastal Accelerator Cohort members. This could include fundraising and long-term financing, project planning and permitting, building community support, developing key partnerships, refining communications tools, and other support as needed.

If you are a community-based or non-profit organization, Tribe, tribal or Indigenous group, or public agency working on multi-benefit coastal projects in the Pacific Region, this opportunity may be for you!

Are you eligible to apply?

Let's make sure you are eligible for this funding opportunity. Please check all that apply:

1. **Project location:** Projects should be located in coastal communities in California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, and/or the U.S. Pacific Territories.
☐ Yes - My project is located in one of the locations listed above.
2. **Type of Organization:** You must be a 501(c)(3), fiscally sponsored project or organization, Native American Tribe, tribal or Indigenous organization, or public agency (city, county, or special district) to receive this grant.
☐ Yes - My organization is one of the types of organizations listed above.

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3. **Project type:** To be eligible, your project should include one or more of the following actions:
- Nature-based solutions for resilient coasts and communities, such as restoring or protecting coastal lands and waters (e.g., wetlands, dunes, nearshore marine, and/or intertidal habitats)
 - Improving coastal water quality
 - Providing multiple benefits for people, nature, and the climate
 - Furthering the goals of the 30x30 Initiative to conserve, restore, and connect 30% of lands and waters by the year 2030

Note: We do not fund management, research, monitoring, or outreach and education projects.

☐ Yes - My project includes one or more of the actions listed above.

4. **Grant Requirements:** The following is a list of grant requirements that must be met during the 18-month grant period:
- Participate in a virtual kickoff meeting with the other grantees in early 2026
 - Attend an intake meeting with Coastal Quest staff in February 2026 to chart out your project and technical assistance needs
 - Participate in technical assistance check-in meetings, 2 workshops, and webinars during the 18-month grant period
 - Complete a 1-2 page summary of your project accomplishments due to Coastal Quest in August 2027

☐ Yes - I can meet all of the grant requirements as outlined above.

Yes = You are eligible to apply!

If you have any questions, contact us at CoastalNbS@coastal-quest.org.

Application Questions

About Your Organization -----

5. **Fill in the blank:** Name of your Organization, Fiscally Sponsored Project, Tribe, or Agency
6. **Drop Down:** Status or Type of Organization (if applicable). For example: 501(c)(3), Fiscally sponsored project or organization, Native American Tribe, Tribal or Indigenous organization, Agency
7. **Project name:** Project title:
8. **Fill in the blank:** Name of the person completing this form: (first & last)
9. **Fill in the blank:** Title:
10. **Fill in the blank:** Email (must be an email)

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11. **Fill in the blank:** Phone number (must be numbers with area code)
12. **YES / NO** Is the person completing this form authorized to sign grant agreements?
13. **Check Box:** Select your organization's approximate annual budget.
- ☐ No budget
 - ☐ Less than \$50,000
 - ☐ \$50,001-\$250,000
 - ☐ \$250,001-\$500,000
 - ☐ \$500,001-\$1,000,000
 - ☐ \$1,000,000+
14. **Check Box:** How many paid employees does your organization have?
- ☐ All volunteers
 - ☐ 1-2
 - ☐ 3-5
 - ☐ 6-10
 - ☐ 11-25
 - ☐ 26+
 - ☐ Other

About Your Project -----

15. **Check Box:** Select where your project is based. Select all that apply.
- ☐ California
 - ☐ Oregon
 - ☐ Washington
 - ☐ Hawaii
 - ☐ Alaska
 - ☐ Northern Mariana Islands
 - ☐ Guam
 - ☐ American Samoa
 - ☐ Other – Fill in the blank:

16. **In 150 words or less:** Share your organization's mission.

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17. **In 2 paragraphs or less:** Describe the project for which you are seeking funding and technical assistance. Please include details about the benefits of the project and how it advances one or more of the following:
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 - Improving coastal water quality
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18. **In 300 words or less:** What are your project goals? (bullet list preferred)
19. **Fill in the blank:** What is the estimated size of your project in acres?

Landownership -----

20. **Landowner support:** Is your project located on coastal land? (YES/NO)
21. If yes, do you own the land where your project is located? (YES/NO)
22. If no, have you secured agreement(s) with the landowner(s) to proceed with your project? (YES/NO)
23. If yes, please describe your agreement with the landowner(s) and include landowner contact information.

Advancing Your Project

24. What do you plan to accomplish in the next 18 months with the support of this Coastal Accelerator Cohort? (bullet list preferred)
25. **In 300 words or less:** How would this funding help accelerate your project? Does it fill a gap?
26. How much funding are you requesting? (Awards range from \$5,000 to \$20,000)
27. Does your project have matching funds? If so, please list the amount.

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28. Which of the following types of technical assistance and/or resources would be helpful to accelerate your project? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Developing or helping to execute community engagement
- ☐ Project management and permitting
- ☐ Building collaboratives or public-private partnerships
- ☐ Grant-writing support
- ☐ Project fundraising and financing
- ☐ Refining communication tools
- ☐ Developing technical tools (e.g., for data analysis, etc.)
- ☐ Fiscal sponsorship
- ☐ Other (please describe)

About the Communities You Serve -----

29. Please briefly describe the community or communities you serve (e.g., location, relationship to the coast, key partners, etc.).

30. **Check Box:** Which of the following communities does this project serve? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Disadvantaged, underserved, less-resourced communities
- ☐ BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities
- ☐ Communities in need of environmental or climate justice
- ☐ Veterans
- ☐ LGBTQ++
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other – Fill in the blank:

After Submitting -----

What should you expect if you are selected as a grantee?

You will be expected to participate in a virtual kickoff meeting with the other grantees in **early 2026**, attend an intake meeting with Coastal Quest staff in **February 2026** to chart out your project and technical assistance request. You will be eligible to receive technical assistance and attend 2 workshops and several webinars during the 18-month grant period. A 1-2 page summary of your project accomplishments is due to Coastal Quest by August 2027.

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We will be in touch in early 2026 to offer grant agreements to awardees. In the meantime, we encourage you to explore our [Coastal Funding Database](#) where you will find a variety of funding opportunities.

If you have any questions, please contact us at CoastalNbS@coastal-quest.org

All the best,
The Coastal Quest Team

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