

Beaver Coexistence Program

Assistance Application Request

Thanks to generous funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Nature Based Solutions: Wetlands and Mountain Meadows funding program (and others), the Occidental Arts & Ecology Center's WATER Institute offers a grant program to financially incentivize landowners to hire BeaverCorps professionals to nonlethally resolve beaver issues and restore wetlands.

Who can participate?

Any individual, town, business, or organization in California interested in hiring a BeaverCorps Professional or OAEC WATER Institute-Approved Beaver Professional to assess sites and/or nonlethally resolve beaver conflicts.

Grant amount?

Applicants are eligible for up to 50% of the total project costs for any nonlethal conflict prevention project. Maintenance costs for devices are the applicant's responsibility and not applicable for funding.

What are the criteria?

A willingness of the landowner/client to avoid beaver removal, and/or encourage beaver occupancy at a site. Financial investment is required from the landowner/client. Approval from all permitting authorities is required as is a commitment to allow site access after installation for up to 10 years.

How do I request assistance? First, obtain a professional estimate for the installation of the beaver coexistence project. Then, send this completed application to the Beaver Coexistence Program for consideration.

Submit this application to:

beaverhelp@oaec.org

Application Form

Please include the following information with your request

Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization (if any): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Project Address or Coordinates (if different than above): _____

Description of the problem(s), your goals/definition of success, and identification of the party responsible for maintaining the project after installation:

Estimated wetland acreage impacted: _____

Total cost estimate of water flow device (attach official estimate/invoice): \$ _____

Your contribution: \$ _____

Grant amount requested: \$ _____

If you are requesting more than 1/2 of the flow device cost, please explain your financial hardship here:

Note: If approved you must submit before and after pictures of the project, project completion invoice, and submit 6-month and 1-year maintenance reports. And, you must sign the attached Landowner Agreement.

Please return this completed application and photos to: waterinstitute@oaec.org

We will notify you promptly of the application committee's decision.