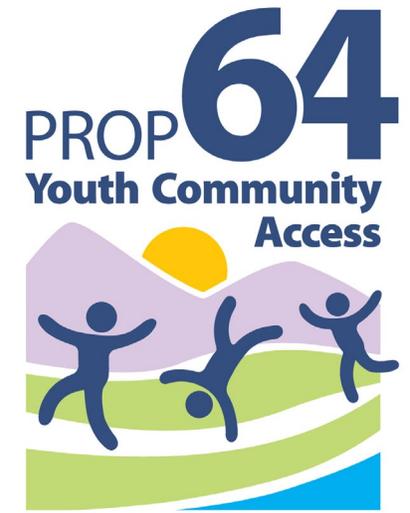




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# Youth Community Access Grant Program

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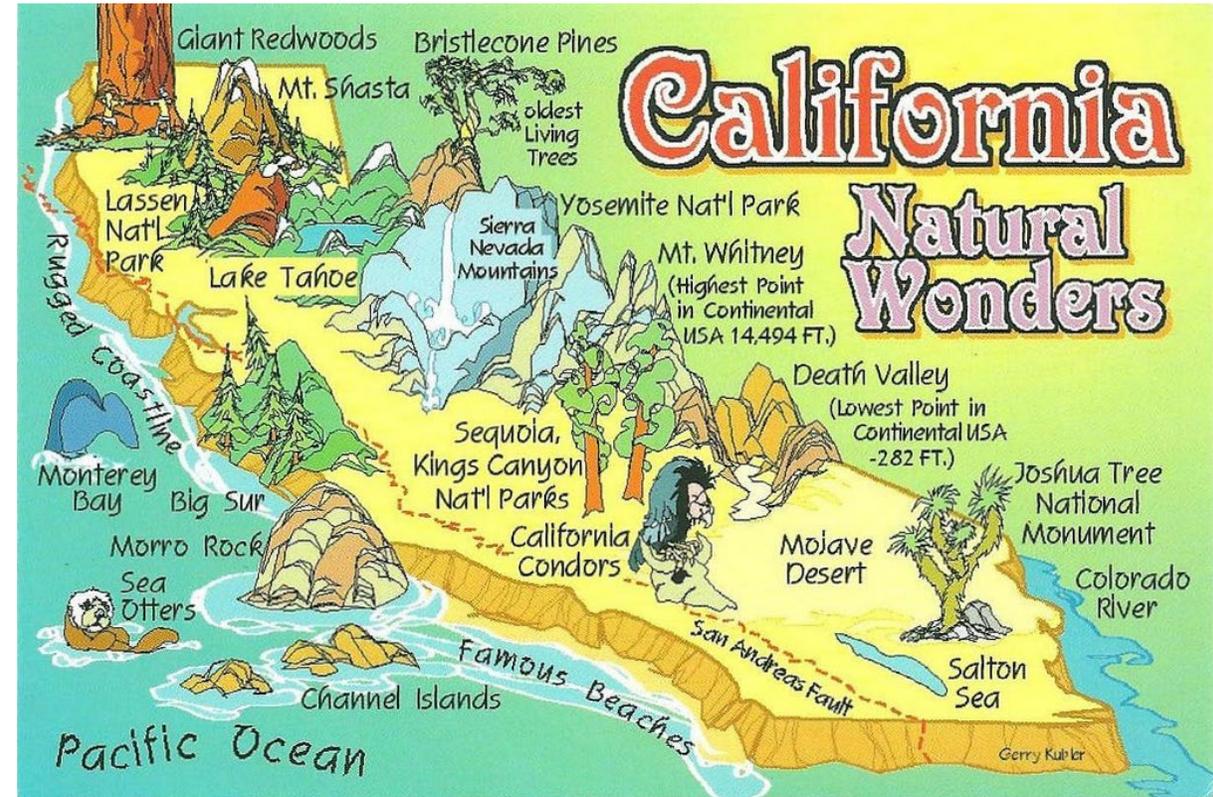
# Eligible Applicants

- ❖ Local, state, and federal agencies
- ❖ Nonprofit organizations
- ❖ Federally-recognized Native American tribes
- ❖ Non-federally-recognized CA Native American tribes on CA Tribal Consultation List maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission



# Eligible Projects

A competitive grant program to support projects that serve youth and directly support access to either natural or cultural resources **AND** meet the criteria for both low-income and underserved communities.



# Project Requirements

1. Project must serve youth
2. Project must directly support youth access to natural or cultural resources
3. Project must include design features and program elements to promote youth health, safety, well-being, and comfort

Youth is defined as a person between the ages of 0-26



# Project Requirements

## Underserved & Low-Income Communities

### Communities of Color

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- African American
- Asian-Pacific Islander
- Latinx

### Vulnerable Populations

- Foster and transition age youth
- LGBTQIA youth
- Youth with disabilities
- Youth involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system
- Other youth populations disproportionately affected by past state and federal drug policies

# Project Requirements

## Underserved & Low-Income Communities

**Low-income community** means a community/household with annual median household income less than 80% of the statewide average



# Funding Priorities

1. Projects that feature youth-led opportunities
2. Projects in which youth participate in outreach and awareness campaigns
3. Projects that empower youth to make healthy choices

Youth-led means projects in which youth are participants in planning, decision-making, facilitation, and evaluation activities



# Project Examples

Workforce development programs that integrate new environments, healthy choices, and skills to advance careers relating to natural or cultural resources



*Photos courtesy of San Diego Canyonlands*



# Project Examples

Programs that teach youth about their history, culture, and language with trips to various cultural lands to enhance the teachings



*Photos courtesy of Community Coalition*



# Project Examples

Field trips to local, state, or national parks and outdoor areas that provide opportunities for hiking, leadership development, environmental education, etc.



*Photos courtesy of Sierra Nevada Journeys*

# Project Examples

Acquire a clean vehicle to take youth on eligible outdoor excursions along with educational programming to support and enhance the excursions



*Photos courtesy of MeWater Foundation*



# Project Examples

Educational programs that combine classroom instructions with excursions to access natural and/or cultural resources



*Photos courtesy of Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory*

# Program Accomplishments

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As of June 2022:

- 65 projects awarded in February 2022
- 100 percent of awarded projects are located within and provide benefits to underserved and low-income communities
- One clean vehicle acquired to transport youth to natural and cultural resources
- 16 awarded projects completed project deliverables
- Recruited 23 committee members from various state and private agencies to evaluate proposals





# Program Barriers

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- Inflation and increased costs
- Staffing shortage
- Vehicle inventory

# Anticipated Timeline

Technical Assistance Workshops	June – July 2022
Step 1: Proposal Evaluation	August – December 2022
Step 2: Virtual Field Visits	January – April 2023
Step 3: Supporting Documentation	May – June 2023
Grant Awards Announced	August 2023
Projects Completed	March 2026

# Questions?

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