



# **Discussion and Possible Recommendation on Project Prioritization and Projects to Include in SGM Grant Program Application**

Vina GSA SHAC

October 26, 2022

## Current Effort: 2 Parts

### 1. Project Development

- Project Workshops

<https://www.vinagsa.org/sgm-grant-program-workshop-series>

- Project Descriptions (included in packet)

### 2. Grant Application Development- **TODAY**

- Project selection
- Project refinement per grant program guidelines
- Project prioritization

# SGM Grant Program Overview

- DWR is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program
- **Solicitation Opened: October 4, 2022. Deadline November 30, 2022**
- Final Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) were released in December 2021 – **some things have changed**
- Two rounds of grant solicitations.
  - Round 1 – funds were awarded spring 2022 for Critically Over-drafted Basins  
~\$150 million
  - **Round 2- High, Medium and Critically Over-drafted basins are eligible.**  
**~231 million available.**  
**Grant awards will be: Minimum** – \$1 million per basin; **Maximum**– \$20 million per basin
- Only one application will be accepted per basin/subbasin- Vina GSA submitting on behalf of the Vina Subbasin

## Grant Program Schedule

### Solicitation Dates:

- Solicitation opened October 4, 2022
- Solicitation closes November 30, 2022
- Draft Award List April/May 2023
- Final Award July/August 2023

### Eligible Costs

- Reimburse from October 4, 2022 – April 30, 2026

### Final Payment Date

- On or before June 30, 2026\*

## A Few Things to Note

- ▶ Local cost share not required
- ▶ Reimbursable expenses start **October 4, 2022**
- ▶ Reimbursement Deadlines:
  - ▶ **April 30, 2026 Project Completion Date**
  - ▶ **June 30, 2026 Last Date for Invoicing**
- ▶ Ranking the projects is very important (Table 2) – *Imagine DWR only funds 1 or 2 projects; which ones do you want to get funded?*
- ▶ Think about what projects could be funded by other grants or funding sources

# Application Evaluation Criteria (28 pts total)

- Component description and benefits: up to 26 pts
  - Evaluated separately and averaged-> critical that all projects have strong supporting information
  - General background description/map (14 pts)
  - Does the component benefit an Underrepresented Community (-ies), a Tribe or an SDAC? (4 pts)
  - Will the component positively impact issues associated with small water systems or private shallow domestic wells? (4 pts)
  - How does the component address the Human Right to Water (AB 685 Section 106.3)? (4 pts)
- Remaining points for budget (1 pts) and schedule (1 pt)

- 4 - Project benefits a Tribe or an SDAC(s)
- 3- Project benefits an DAC(s)
- 2- Project benefits Underrepresented Community
- 1 - Project partially benefits either
- 0 - Project does not benefit either

[Sustainable Groundwater Management \(SGM\) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 - Applicant Workshop](#)



# Anticipated Process and Tentative Timeline

- August: Joint GSA Board meeting (Vina GSA and Rock Creek GSA) to give direction on list of projects to develop a more detailed scope/schedule budget for
- September/October – Project development with consultant support, input through Public Project Workshop Series
- October 26: SHAC to provide recommendation to Vina GSA Board on package of projects to include in a grant application and their prioritization
- November 10: Joint GSA Board meeting to establish the list of projects/prioritization to include in a SGM Grant Program application
- November 30 deadline - Staff/consultants to prepare grant application and submit by deadline



## Requested Action

- ▶ **TODAY** The task before the SHAC is three fold:
  1. Provide a recommendation on the list of projects to include in the grant application
  2. Provide a recommendation on any specific revisions to the project tasks, deliverables, or budgets for projects that are recommended to be included in the grant application
  3. Provide a recommendation on the ranking of the projects recommended to be included in the application



Summary of Projects and Implementation Activities- SORTED/SIMPLIFIED

Note: Tier A projects are activities required to comply with SGMA or to address Data Gaps identified in the GSP

#	Tier	Ref #	Title	Estimated Cost	Start Date	End Date
A.	A	A.	Grant Agreement Administration	400,000	Dec-23	Jun-26
		MA 1	GSP Implementation, Outreach, and Compliance Activities			
1	A	1	Annual Report Development, for WY 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025	160,000	Nov-22	Jun-26
		2	GSP Updates and Response to DWR Comments	100,000	Jan-24	Jul-24
		3	5-year Evaluation Report	300,000	Jan-24	Jan-27
		4	Outreach and Education Program	100,000	Jan-22	Jun-27
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>660,000</b>		
2	A	DE 4	Data Management System			
		1	Component administration and management	25,000	Jul-23	Jul-26
		2	Finalize requirements of DMS	50,000	Sep-23	Sep-24
		3	Develop and document DMS	125,000	Mar-24	Mar-26
		4	Stakeholder engagement, education, and outreach	50,000	Jul-23	Mar-26
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>250,000</b>		
3	A	LSCE 1	Community Monitoring: Domestic Well Survey		Jan-24	Dec-25
		1	Perform Well Records Survey	15,000	Jan-24	Mar-24
		2	Verify Well Use/Status	20,000	Jan-24	Mar-24
		3	Perform Well Video Surveys	120,000	Apr-24	Dec-24
		4	Create/Maintain Dry Well Database	25,000	Apr-24	Dec-25
		5	Engagement/Outreach to Monitoring Participants	20,000	Jul-24	Dec-24
		6	Equip Wells/Well Owner Monitoring Education	100,000	Oct-24	Sep-25
		7	Develop Community Database System	30,000	Apr-25	Dec-25
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>330,000</b>		
4	A	MA 3	Interconnected Surface Water (ISW)/Associated Impacts on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems		Jun-23	Jun-25
		1	Develop Plan to Fill Data Gaps	30,000		
		2	Gather and Evaluate Data	200,000		
		3	Interbasin Coordination on Methodology and Approaches	20,000		
		4	Develop and Implement an Approach to Set ISW SMC	200,000		
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>450,000</b>		
5	A	LSCE 5	Monitoring Network Enhancements		Jan-24	Dec-25
		1	Community Domestic Well Monitoring	53,750	Jan-24	Dec-24
		2	Installation of Multi-completion Monitoring Wells	810,000	Jan-24	Jun-24
		3	Installation of Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Devices	335,000	Apr-24	Jun-25
		4	Installation of Surface Water Stream Gauges	125,000	Apr-24	Jun-25
		5	Mapping the GDE (in space and changes over time) utilizing CSU Chico Staff	50,000	Jul-24	Dec-25
		6	Integrate Data Into GSP Monitoring Database	15,000	Jul-24	Dec-25
		7	Engagement/Outreach	30,000	Apr-24	Jun-25
		8	Interbasin Coordination**	20,000	Jan-24	Dec-25
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,438,750</b>		
			<b>TOTAL: Tier A</b>	<b>3,528,750</b>	* Includes grant administration	
		MA 2	Interbasin Coordination Activities		May 23	May 27

# Anticipated Refinements for a Strong Application

- ▶ Project administration, outreach/education, monitoring tasks may be added to various/all projects
- ▶ Tighten up titles and tasks
- ▶ Number of “Components” may change- activities listed may be added as task(s) to a larger “Component” to strengthen the application
  - ▶ Example Data Management System
- ▶ Project Work plans (Tasks/deliverables) for application will be streamlined and simplified per the grant program instructions
- ▶ Refine project schedules
- ▶ Budgets will be simplified and fit into 5 broad categories (Grant Agreement Administration, Environmental/Engineering/Design, Implementation/Construction, Monitoring/Assessment, Engagement/Outreach)