



## DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION ALLIANCE GRANTS PROGRAM 2022 SOLICITATION

*Please note that the application process has changed for the 2022 Program. Applicants now submit a Proposal Application only.*

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is excited to announce that the [2022 Alliance Grants Program](#) is open for applications. To help ensure safe, effective pesticide usage in California, DPR annually funds Alliance projects that promote or increase the implementation, expansion, and/or adoption of effective and proven integrated pest management (IPM) systems or practices that reduce risks to public health and the environment in agricultural, wildland, or urban settings. The Program has a long history of [awarding diverse projects](#) that meet these goals and advance many different aspects of IPM.

Successful applications will demonstrate strong partnerships, outreach, and/or an educational or training component to promote IPM and the broad application of the proposed IPM systems or practices. The most competitive Alliance Grant projects are those that can serve as a model for similar situations, and have a high potential for wide adoption.

This year, the Alliance Grants Program has \$1.8 million in funding for projects up to 2 ½ years in length (end date of December 31, 2024). Projects with budgets between \$50,000 and \$1.8 million are invited to apply.

Do you want to be a part of DPR's mission to protect human health and the environment by fostering reduced-risk pest management practices and supporting the state's transition to sustainable pest management? [Apply today!](#)

If you would like to receive updates on DPR's Alliance Grant Solicitation please sign up for our listserv at <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/listserv/listdesc.htm>.

### DATES AND DEADLINES

- **Early September 2021** – Solicitation period opens; DPR begins accepting Proposal Applications
- **Thursday, September 9, 2021 (10:00 - 11:00 am PDT)** – DPR-hosted virtual information session #1
- **Thursday, September 23, 2021 (10:00 - 11:00 am PDT)** - DPR-hosted virtual information session #2
- **Thursday, December 2, 2021 (10:00 - 11:00 am PST)** – DPR-hosted virtual information session #3

- ***Thursday, February 3, 2022 (10:00 - 11:00 am PST)*** – DPR-hosted virtual information session #4
- ***Thursday, March 10, 2022 (5:00 pm PDT)*** – Final application deadline
- ***Thursday, May 12, 2022 (9:30 am PDT)*** – Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) Alliance Grants proposal review meeting
- ***Late June 2022*** – Funding decision emails sent out
- ***Thursday, September 1, 2022*** – Likely earliest project start date pending full execution of grant agreement
- ***Tuesday December 31, 2024*** – Latest project end date

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. The project must primarily benefit the people of California.
2. The project must not mention, promote, or disparage a pest control brand or trade name in a deliverable or use the image of a product in a deliverable. Active ingredient names must be used instead.
3. All applicants, principal investigators, key personnel, subawardees, subcontractors, and consultants must meet all eligibility requirements and be eligible to contract with DPR.
4. All grantees, principal investigators, key personnel, subawardees, subcontractors, and consultants must abide by all of the provisions of the applicable University of California/California State University System (UC/CSUS) and non-UC Terms and Conditions, including overhead capped at 25%.
5. Alliance Team members must have the appropriate background and technical experience to complete the project. DPR's grant manager assigned to the grant must be a full and participating member of the Alliance Team.
6. The funding requested must be within the minimum and maximum funding limits of \$50,000-\$1.8 million.
7. The project must not depend on other sources of funding for the completion of any task or deliverable. However, in-kind contributions of personnel time, equipment, facilities, and materials by Alliance Team members are allowed.
8. The project goals and objectives must be clearly stated and must promote or increase the implementation, expansion, and/or adoption of effective and proven integrated pest management (IPM) systems or practices that reduce risks to public health and the environment in agricultural, wildland, or urban settings.
9. The project must demonstrate the economic feasibility and efficacy related to scalable implementation of the proposed IPM practices to be promoted.
10. The project must not focus primarily on research; however, applied research can be a minor component of the overall project. Projects that include any basic research component, or which include substantial amounts of applied research as a major component, are encouraged to apply to DPR's [Research Grants Program](#). For the purposes of this Grant Solicitation, a substantial amount of applied research is defined as the sum of applied research activities comprising more than 25% of Tasks or the Budget (as described in the submitted Scope of Work).
11. Eligible applicants may include (but are not limited to) entities such as government and tribal agencies, universities, colleges, consultants, pest control businesses, commodity

groups, and nonprofit organizations. Principal investigators, key personnel, subawardees, subcontractors, and consultants must not have outstanding fines or penalties with DPR or with any County Agricultural Commissioner.

12. DPR employees are not eligible to receive funds; however, other State employees may apply.
13. PMAC members or their alternates involved in an Alliance Grant Proposal Application must abide by the conflict of interest requirements contained within the [PMAC Charter](#).

## PROPOSAL APPLICATION PROCESS

The [2022 Alliance Grants Proposal Application Package](#) is now available and may be downloaded. The 2022 Alliance Grants Proposal Application Package contains all required documents for preparing your Proposal Application. Please read and review the documents carefully, and relay any questions to Alliance Grants Program Lead, Dr. Tory Vizenor, at [Tory.Vizenor@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:Tory.Vizenor@cdpr.ca.gov).

The Proposal Application Package consists of the following documents:

- Alliance Grant Proposal Application Form (PDF)
- Scope of Work and Budget Information (Microsoft Word document)
- Alliance Grant Proposal Application Guidance Document (PDF)
- Terms and Conditions for UC/CSUS grantees (PDF)
- Terms and Conditions for non-UC/CSUS grantees (PDF)
- Department of Pesticide Regulation Alliance Grants Program 2022 Solicitation (PDF)

Completed Proposal Applications must be submitted no later than **5:00 pm PDT on Thursday, March 10, 2022** to the following two email addresses:

- DPR's Pest Management Grants Program at [dprpmgrants@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:dprpmgrants@cdpr.ca.gov)
- Alliance Grants Program Lead at [Tory.Vizenor@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:Tory.Vizenor@cdpr.ca.gov)

Completed Proposal Applications should contain all the required documents listed below. Optional documents may be included as needed to support the Proposal Application. **Submit all documents in the format of a PDF. Please additionally include the Scope of Work and Budget Information document as a Microsoft Word file.**

### *Required*

- Completed Alliance Grant Proposal Application Form, including:
  - Completed Applicant and Submitter Information section;
  - Completed Certification and Submission Statement section;
  - Yes/no responses to the Eligibility Questions; and
  - Answers to Questions 1 – 4 (not to exceed one page each for Questions 1, 2, and 3 and two pages for Question 4 for a total of 5 pages).
- Letters of Support from expected beneficiaries of the IPM systems or practices or from others who can attest to the quality or effectiveness of the applicant's similar work.
- Full-text versions of up to five Key Cited Documents that document the effective and proven IPM systems or practices that your project will build upon.
- Curriculum vitae or resumes of Principal Investigators (PIs) and Key Personnel.

- Completed Scope of Work and Budget Information document.

***Optional***

- A list of pesticides and active ingredients that will likely be affected if the proposed IPM systems or practices are adopted.
- Illustrative graphics that enhance the application (e.g. flow charts).

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Alliance Grants Program Lead at [Tory.Vizenor@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:Tory.Vizenor@cdpr.ca.gov)

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

After you submit your Proposal Application, DPR staff will screen the submitted materials to ensure that they meet all eligibility requirements, as detailed in the Eligibility Requirements section. Only those proposal Applications that meet all eligibility requirements will be reviewed and ranked by DPR staff and the Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC)<sup>1</sup>, a stakeholder group with members from diverse affiliations with expertise and/or interest in pest management that assists DPR's Grants Programs with Proposal Application review.

The PMAC will make grant funding recommendations to the Director via a consensus-based Proposal Application ranking process that occurs during a [public meeting](#). DPR staff will also rank the Proposal Applications and provide a staff recommendation to the Director. The Director considers these separate recommendations and selects projects for funding.

## **NOTIFICATION PROCESS**

Applicants will be notified via an email from the Alliance Grants Program Lead, Tory Vizenor, as to whether or not their Proposal Application was awarded funding by late June 2022. Feedback for applicants whose projects were not selected for funding will be provided after awards are announced.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about the PMAC, including dates and agendas of public meetings and the current roster, visit the [PMAC website](#).

## **VIRTUAL INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR APPLICANTS**

Three virtual information meetings will take place via Zoom to address questions about the Alliance Grants Program, the application process, and completing the application materials.

### **Meeting 1: September 9, 2021 at 10:00 - 11:00 am PDT**

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89257163188?pwd=V0hGdHlVNVpFT0dRZEhzQ095STRFUT09>

Meeting ID: 892 5716 3188

Passcode: 336928

### **Meeting 2: September 23, 2021 at 10:00 - 11:00 am PDT**

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88404089178?pwd=R3FoZHBnNnVtZmtOV1hVbEdsRTFkQT09>

Meeting ID: 884 0408 9178

Passcode: 480984

### **Meeting 3: December 2, 2021 at 10:00 - 11:00 am PST**

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81608723746?pwd=bmxmd0RNUXF6bm5WaVBJOXRjaHdEdz09>

Meeting ID: 816 0872 3746

Passcode: 529514

### **Meeting 4: February 3, 2022 at 10:00 - 11:00 am PST**

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88696155879?pwd=elgvcmFkY3B5ZCsremMwMjAzZW02Zz09>

Meeting ID: 886 9615 5879

Passcode: 331499