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Department of Toxic Substances Control · Cleanup In Vulnerable Communities Initiative

ECRGenius Webinar #4

Fluxx & Application Walkthrough

August 15, 2023



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What is ECRG?

**ROUND 2 GUIDE TO THE
EQUITABLE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT**
~ \$85 Million Available Now for Environmental Investigation and
Cleanup in Disadvantaged California Communities

1. ECRG's MISSION & VISION
The ECRG is a historic investment in California's vulnerable and disadvantaged communities to address historic environmental injustices and set a path to improve public health and revitalize brownfields.
ECRG's mission is to EnCouRaGe beneficial reuse of land through assessment, investigation, and cleanup and to advance environmental justice goals through concerted support and deep investment in vulnerable and underserved communities.
ECRG's vision is to transform brownfields into vibrant community spaces where people live, work, play, and learn in harmony with their built environment.

2. ELIGIBILITY
Public entities, nonprofits, and tribes are eligible to apply to conduct environmental assessment, investigation and cleanup in California's most disadvantaged areas. We highly recommend using the Eligibility Self Check Tool found on the New Applicant Resources page of our website - www.dtsc.ca.gov/ecrg/

EXAMPLES OF ROUND 1 GRANTEEES

GRANTEES	LOCATION	PROPOSED REUSE	AMOUNT GRANTED	GRANT TYPE
The Unity Council	Oakland	Affordable Housing	\$873,613	Investigation
San Diego State University Research Foundation	San Diego	Transportation & Education Hub	\$300,000	Community-wide Assessment
City of Lynwood	Lynwood	Commercial/Retail	\$4,874,991	Cleanup
Yurok Tribe	Klamath	Park/Open Space	\$477,250	Cleanup

3. AVAILABILITY
• \$350,000: Community-wide Assessment
• \$150,000-\$7 million: Site-specific Investigation
• \$300,000-\$10 million: Site-specific Cleanup

4. INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED
• Site address and key information such as APN, parcel info, acreage, CES score, and poverty score
• You can find our easy to use map on our New Applicant Resources webpage at: www.dtsc.ca.gov/ecrg/
• Property ownership documents and access agreement
• Scope and schedules for 2 years of grant activities
• Environmental oversight agreement
• Not needed for Community-wide Assessments
• Please check the DTSC website for specific information about eligibility requirements
• www.dtsc.ca.gov/ecrg/

5. SCHEDULE
• August 14, 2023 - Application Opens
• October 9, 2023 - Application Deadline
• January 2024 - Decisions Released
• February 2024 - Agreements Executed

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Sign up for our newsletter to stay informed about new information, educational webinars, and grant deadlines on our website - www.dtsc.ca.gov/ecrg/

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NEW Round 2 Guide

Event	Date
Webinar #1: Round 2 Overview	Tuesday, July 25, 2023
Webinar #2: Eligibility, Ownership & Access	Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Webinar #3: Engagement & Reuse	Tuesday, August 8, 2023
Round 2 Guidelines and Application Released	Monday, August 14, 2023
Round 2 Application Opens	Monday, August 14, 2023
Webinar #4: FLUXX & Application Walkthrough	Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Local Environmental Agency Oversight Applications (recommended latest application date)	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
DTSC/Regional Board Oversight Applications due	Monday, September 11, 2023
Round 2 Applications Close	Monday, October 9, 2023
Applications Screening and Evaluation	January 2024
Grants Awarded and Agreements Executed	February 2024
DocuSign Grant Agreements	Within 2 business days after receipt

What was covered in ECRGenius #1, #2 and #3?

ECRGenius#1: Overview & Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- ✓ Public entity
- ✓ Nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status
- ✓ Tribe, regardless of federal recognition
- ✓ ECRGrantees who have expensed at least 70% of their current grant allocation

Sites must be:

- ✓ In census tract of CES 4.0 Score of 75% or greater

For CES 4.0 Scores less than 75%:

CES Poverty Percentile 50% or greater

OR

100% affordable housing

Tribal uses are eligible regardless of the CES 4.0 Score

ECRGenius #2: Eligibility, Ownership & Access

- ✓ [Eligibility Self-Check Tool](#) – USE IT!
- ✓ CERCLA Liability defense – Find your box

	Site-specific Investigation	Site-specific Cleanup
Applicant is Owner ¹	CERCLA Liability Defense REQUIRED (See supplemental information for Question I)	CERCLA Liability Defense REQUIRED (See supplemental information for Question I)
Applicant is Not Owner	Purchase Information or Owner Attestation Form is Required (CERCLA Liability Defense NOT REQUIRED)	CERCLA Liability Defense REQUIRED FOR OWNER (See supplemental information for Question I)

¹ Tribes are exempt from the requirement to demonstrate a CERCLA Liability Defense for sites they own.

ECRGenius #3: Engagement, Equity & Reuse

- ✓ Need of and value that eligible reuse provides
- ✓ Community benefit commitments
- ✓ Use [Spectrum of Public Participation](#) model for deep and meaningful engagement with the local community

1. How to create/register for an account
2. How to log in
3. Fluxx tips and things to remember
4. Fluxx application walkthrough
5. Contacts for questions



Fluxx Application

How can you plan for ECRG success?

- Use the [ECRG website](#)
 - Round 2 ECRGenius series
 - Application questions for all scenarios
- Use the ECRG [Eligibility Self-Check Tool](#)
 - Collect the information
 - Gather documents
- Work with our [Brownfield Technical Assistance Provider](#)
 - Pro bono environmental consultants
- Attend [California Land Recycling Conference](#)
 - Topics to emphasize the benefits of new connections, greater capacity, accessible funding, and navigating brownfields from remediation to revitalization
 - Limited appointments available for in-person application pre-submittal reviews

How can you get free assistance?

- Work with the Center for Creative Land Recycling
- [Set up an appointment](#) for:
 - Early stage ECRG project envisioning
 - Site eligibility verification
 - Discussion on ECRG application focus areas
 - Getting answers to specific questions on the ECRG
 - Building a better ECRG application
 - Application pre-submittal review



Working with CCLR dramatically increases ECRG success

95% of applicants who worked with CCLR got funding in Round 1



Questions and Answers

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