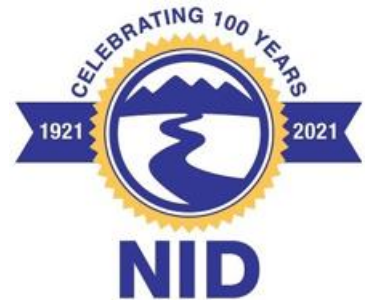




Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager

DATE: July 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunities Update

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update from staff on grant opportunities.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Directors has expressed interest in receiving an update on current and upcoming grant opportunities. This request aims to ensure the organization remains informed about potential funding sources that could support various projects and initiatives. Staff will provide relevant details regarding ongoing efforts to identify and pursue grants.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

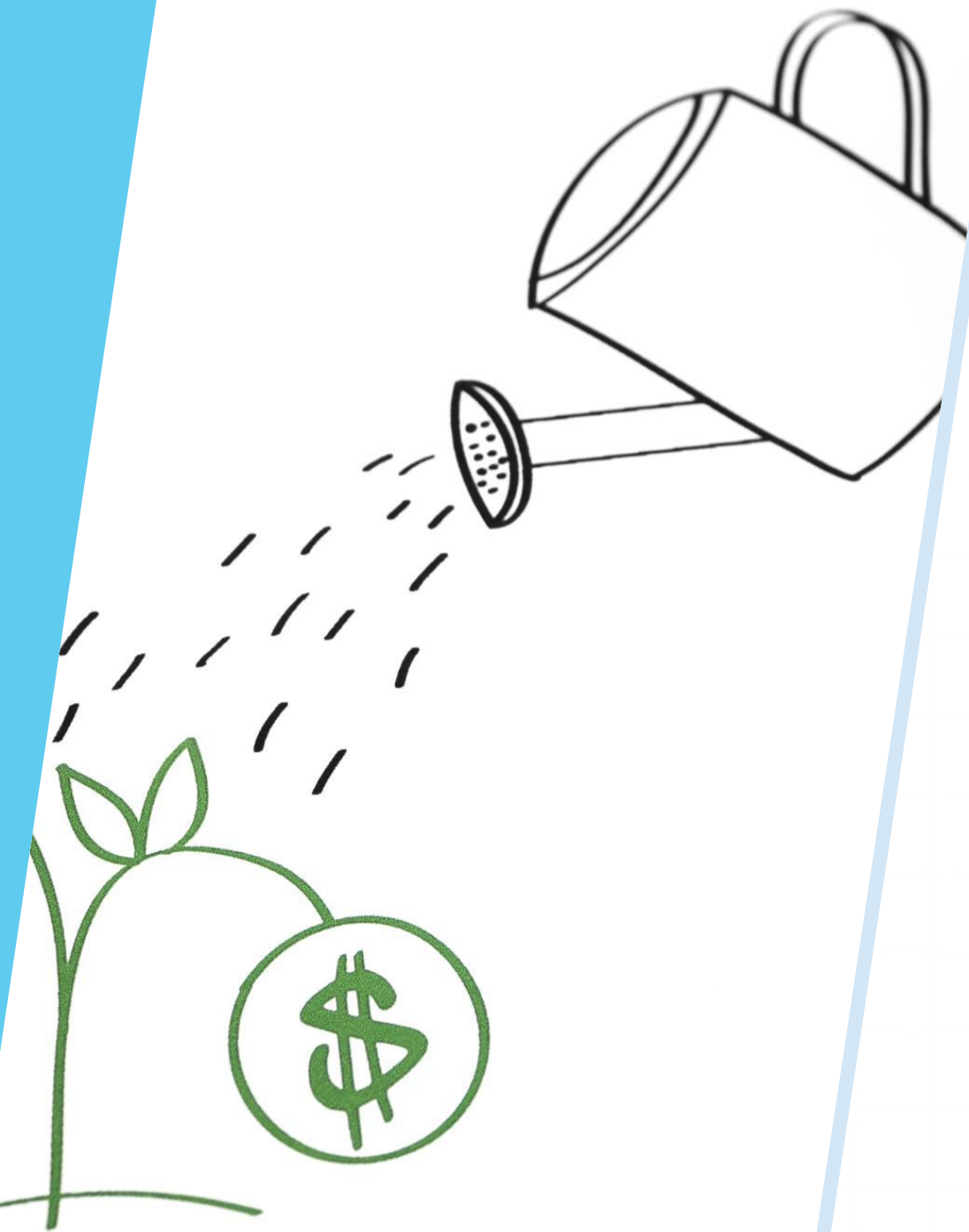
Informational Only, no budget impact at this time.

NID Grant Opportunities Summary for Board of Directors

Overview of funding options available for strategic initiatives

7.22.2026

Grant Opportunities Overview



Summary of Grant Opportunities

Overview of key state, federal, and philanthropic grants relevant to NID projects.

Focus Areas for Funding

Funding project include dam safety, wildfire resiliency and infrastructure improvements.

Strategic Planning for Grants

Timely preparation, matching funds, and collaboration with stakeholders are crucial for grant success.

Scotts Flat Spillway Project

Proposition 4: Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Program

Program Overview and Purpose

Est. \$228M, the DSCR Program supports repairs and upgrades to ensure dam safety and climate resilience.

Eligible Project Types

Projects include spillway reconstruction, seismic retrofits, sediment removal, and structural improvements.

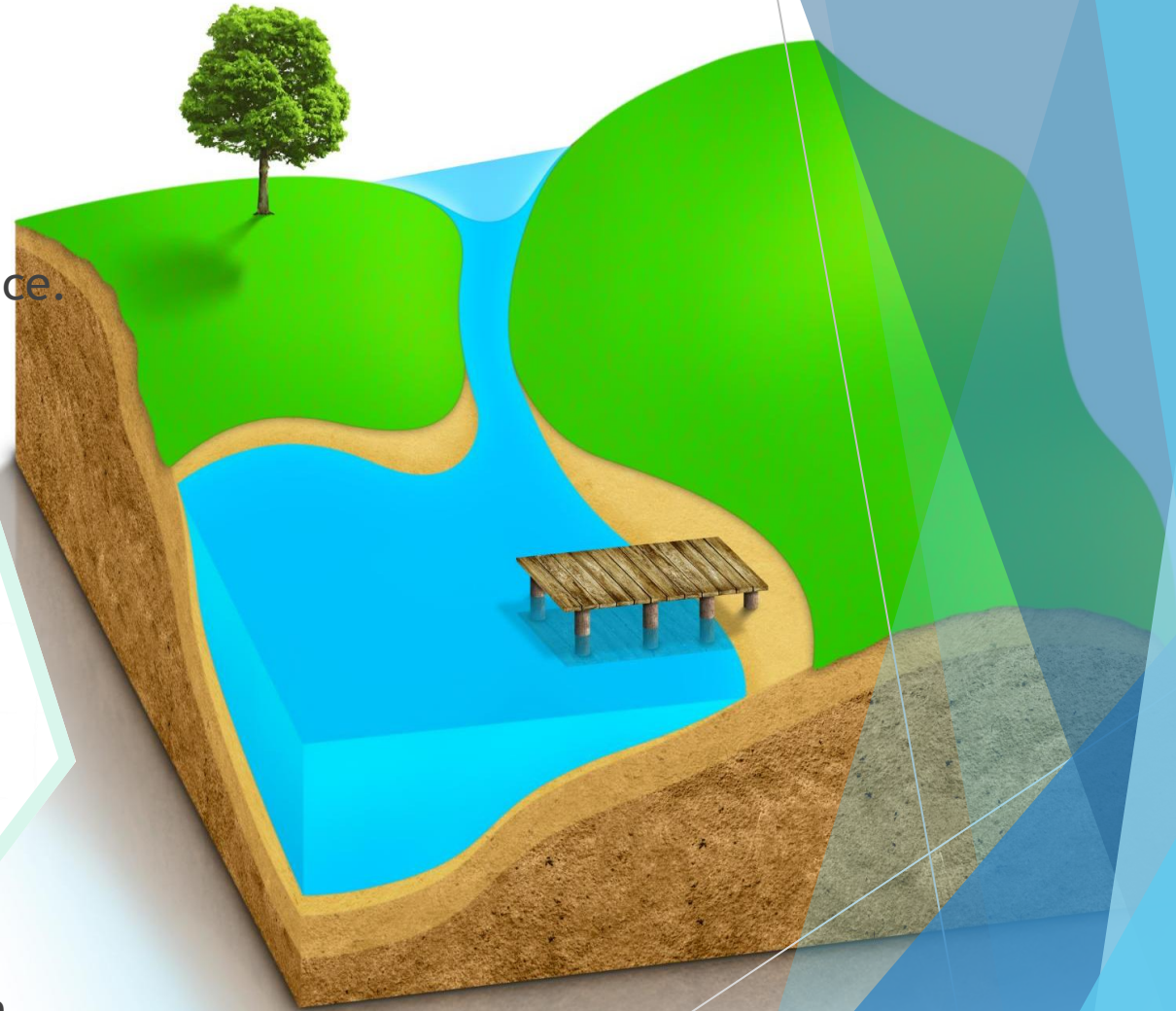
Funding and Cost-Share Requirements

Minimum 50% local cost-share.

Application Requirements

Applications need technical scope, resolutions, environmental documents, and budget justification.

Anticipated September 2026 Application Open Date



Wildfire Resiliency Programs

Key Wildfire Funding Opportunities



CA Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

Offers up to \$2M for fuel reduction, wildfire planning, and education.

Wildfire & Forest Resilience Grants (Prop 4)

\$15.9M focused on high-impact forest-health projects with direct benefits to critical infrastructure.

WaterSMART Funding

Provides \$60M federal funds for watershed restoration, forest management, and invasive species removal.

Wildlife Conservation Board Program

Continuous \$10M funding for restoration and forest thinning.

Wildfire Resiliency (Prop 4)

\$10M for wildfire resilience practices that support reforestation and regeneration.

Pipeline & Infrastructure Programs

Pipeline & Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

WaterSMART Applied Science Program Funding

A total of \$6M provides up to \$400,000 for projects improving water yield and drought resilience.

WaterSMART Drought Response Program

A total of \$13.5M provides up to \$1.5 million for infrastructure improvements and water source diversification projects.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Ongoing low-interest loans totaling \$280M for public water systems infrastructure projects.

Prop 1 Watershed Restoration Program

Estimated \$19.4M for reliable water supplies and a more resilient, water resources system.



Other Funding Opportunities

Philanthropic Partnerships

Water Foundation Initiative

The Water Foundation advances water and climate resilience through strategic grantmaking focused on agriculture and irrigation stakeholders.

Forest Resilience Bond

Blue Forest's Forest Resilience Bond pools private capital to fund forest health and wildfire prevention projects, easing cash flow constraints.

Collaborative Funding Benefits

Philanthropic partnerships supplement traditional grants, enabling larger scale projects and bridging reimbursement delays through collaboration.



Conclusions



Summary and Strategic Considerations

Grant Opportunities Overview

Multiple grant programs offer one-time or multi-year funding opportunities for infrastructure, forest resiliency, and infrastructure projects in 2026.

Application and Compliance Requirements

Detailed applications, early federal registration, and environmental compliance are critical for success.

Strategic Funding Considerations

Match requirements and community collaborations are key to bridging funding gaps and effective support.

Competitive Project Criteria

Projects with public safety benefits, measurable outcomes, readiness, and partnerships are most competitive.

NID Grants Summary - As of 6/30/2026					
Fund	Grant /Project Name	Granting Agency	Grant Award	Total Billed	Term
Private, Local, State					
10	Auburn Ravine-Hemphill Diversion Assessment Phase 2	CA Wildlife Conservation Board	177,042.00	177,042.00	9/1/2017-3/30/2020
10	Combie Reservoir Sediment Removal Project	CA Dept of Water Resources	5,500,000.00	5,204,059.71	5/01/2018-3/30/2020
10	English Meadows Timber Harvest Plan	Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)	50,000.00	50,000.00	6/5/2018-5/1/2022
10	Forestry/Fire Protection	Cal Fire (CFIP)	144,618.00	144,618.00	6/25/2018-2/27/2020
10/70	Scotts Flat Phase 4 Forest Restoration	Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)	981,000.00	962,169.61	6/4/2019-1/1/2025
10/50	PSPS Community Power Resiliency Allocation	CAL OES	296,974.00	296,974.00	7/1/2020-10/31/2021
10	Long Ravine & Orchard Springs Forestry and Fire Protection	Cal Fire (CFIP)	145,218.75	131,906.25	7/29/2020-12/30/2021
10	English Meadows Wildlife Conservation (A)	Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)	1,251,000.00	1,224,631.28	10/13/2021-3/31/2027
70	Parker Ranch Fire Fuels Reduction	Cal Fire (CFIP)	210,371.25	175,237.24	10/27/2021-12/30/2024
10	Hemphill Diversion Fish Passage	CA Wildlife Conservation Board	1,500,000.00	1,428,198.22	4/1/2022-12/31/2023
70	Bear River Wildfire	Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)	570,000.00	498,920.01	6/2/2022-1/1/2028
30	Scotts Flat Parking Lot	County of Nevada (ARPA)	18,000.00	18,000.00	8/16/2022-12/31/2024
70	Middle Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration (A)	Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)	1,274,000.00	501,743.38	8/3/2023-1/1/2028
50	Deer Creek Quagga Zebra Mussel Monitoring Program	CA Dept of Parks & Rec	10,605.05	8,072.87	10/2/2023-10/1/2025
50	Scotts Flat/Rollins Quagga Zebra Mussel Monitoring Program	CA Dept of Parks & Rec	27,541.96	22,666.16	10/2/2023-10/1/2025
70	Middle Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration - NEPA (A)	Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)	386,100.00	-	5/2/2024-5/1/2028
70	SYC Wildfire Defense Project (A)	Cal Fire (CFIP)	615,000.00	-	1/30/2026-2/15/2029
Subtotal			13,157,471.01	10,844,238.73	
Federal					
10/70	COVID-19	CAL OES (FEMA)	168,381.36	161,165.02	9/21/2020-3/23/2021
30	Invasive (Golden) Mussel Prevention	CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife	70,829.00	70,829.00	9/30/2025-3/31/2026
Subtotal			239,210.36	231,994.02	
Grand Total			13,396,681.37	11,076,232.75	