

# Competitive Chart

## Outdoor Equity Grants Program (OEP) - Round 2

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**If the answer to any of these questions is “No” the proposed OEP program may need to be adjusted to meet the competitive priorities.**

- Detailed guidance is found in the May 1, 2023, Grant Application Guide. This Competitive Chart is an outline and planning tool for applicants that only summarizes, but does not replace, the Grant Application Guide.
- Page citations for the Grant Application Guide are listed in this table.
- The Grant Application Guide and staff contacts are available at [parks.ca.gov/oep](https://parks.ca.gov/oep)
- Technical Assistance for this program is available through the Office of Grants and Local Services. Page 48 of the Grant Application Guide describes available assistance.

#	Competitive Chart Questions	Application Guide Page(s)	Yes/No
1	<b>Applicant Eligibility:</b> Is the applicant a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, federal or state recognized tribe, or a local, state, or federal agency/district?	6	
2	<b>Maximum Grant Amount, Program Overview:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the applicant understand the grant request for up to \$700,000 per application is competitive; not guaranteed?</li> <li>• Does the applicant understand that the OEP program can operate for approximately three years from the date of grant award. The Department is working on budget clarification for the end date and should know more in 2024. Grantees are not to start the OEP program until after the funds are awarded (estimated Summer 2024). The OEP website, <a href="https://www.parks.ca.gov/oep">www.parks.ca.gov/oep</a> will explain the updated Grant Performance Period in 2024.</li> </ul>	6	
3	<b>Competitive Community Home Base:</b> Grant Selection Criteria #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the Community Home Base in an underserved community affected by poverty?</li> <li>• Is the Community FactFinder Report at <a href="https://www.parksforcalifornia.org/outdoorequity">www.parksforcalifornia.org/outdoorequity</a> generated from a point on or within the Community Home Base for Grant Selection Criteria #1A?</li> <li>• Is the applicant aware that Criteria #1B is the applicant’s place to explain the need for the proposed Outdoor Program in the selected community?</li> </ul>	8, 17-18, 49	

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4	<p><b>Community Planning with Residents:</b> Grant Selection Criteria #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During two or more in-person meetings before the application deadline, will 20 multi-generational residents, including at least 10 youth help plan the program's goals and logistics?</li> <li>• Will ideas about goals and logistics from the residents be included for Activities in the Community and Natural Area Trips?</li> </ul>	19-20, 50-51	
5	<p><b>Activities in the Community:</b> Grant Selection Criteria #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the applicant aware that the Activities in the Community must take place within a 5-mile radius of the Community Home Base?</li> <li>• Will the Activities in the Community (defined on page 59) involve education (defined on page 60) and nature discovery?</li> <li>• Will the Activities in the Community teach youth and multi-generational participants about the community's environment and preparing participants for Natural Area Trips?</li> </ul>	21-22, 52	
6	<p><b>Natural Area Trips:</b> Grant Selection Criteria #4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the applicant aware that the Natural Area Trips must take place further than a 5-mile radius of the Community Home Base?</li> <li>• Will the Natural Area Trips (defined on page 62) involve at least one visit to a destination of the State Park system?</li> <li>• Will the Natural Area Trips involve a plan for youth and multi-generational participants to experience both educational and self-discovery goals (defined on page 63)?</li> </ul>	23-24, 53-54	
7	<p><b>Participant Recruitment Plan:</b> Grant Selection Criteria #5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there a plan that describes how the majority of participants served by the Outdoor Program will be youth that live within a half-mile of the Community Home Base?</li> <li>• Does the plan include strategies from at least three of the ten methods listed on page 55?</li> <li>• Is the applicant aware that Criteria #5B includes the reasons why the methods will likely be effective?</li> </ul>	25, 55	

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8	<b>Internships through Service Learning, Career Pathway and Leadership Opportunities:</b> Grant Selection Criteria #6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the Outdoor Program establish internships of 200-hours for at least 3 residents that are transferable to employment resumes or college admissions?</li> </ul>	26, 56	
9	<b>Partnerships and Capacity Building:</b> Grant Selection Criteria #7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will three or more partnerships assist the applicant in achieving a goal(s) of Grant Selection Criteria #3,4, or 6?</li> </ul>	27, 57	
10	<b>Mentoring Youth Leaders after the Grant Performance Period:</b> Grant Selection Criteria #8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a plan to mentor youth after the Grant Performance Period towards natural resource professions, or civic decision-making processes to have a healthy environment?</li> </ul> <b>Or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there an explanation why this cannot be achieved after the Grant Performance Period?</li> </ul>	28, 58	
11	<b>Authorizing Resolution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the applicant's governing body approve the filing of the application?</li> <li>Has the applicant reviewed the Grant Administration Guide?</li> </ul>	31-32	
12	<b>Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the cost estimate planned using items 1-4 on the Form?</li> <li>Is the applicant aware of the eligible costs on pages 41-45?</li> <li>Is the applicant aware of the ineligible costs on pages 46-47?</li> </ul>	33-34, 41-45, 46-47	
13	<b>Funding Sources</b> Will the grant by itself pay for all the Outdoor Program's costs? Or, if other funds are needed, are the other funds committed/secured (fundraising is not needed)?	36-37	
14	<b>Applicant Capacity</b> Does the applicant have the capacity to ensure the Outdoor Program is achieved within the Grant Performance Period?	38	

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15	<b>Reporting Certification</b> Does the applicant agree to the five reporting requirements about achievements should the grant be awarded?	39	
16	<b>Non-profit Requirements (if applicable; only for Non-profit applicants)</b> Is the applicant aware of the documents listed on page 40 that will be required for non-profit organizations?	40	
17	<b>Ready to Organize the Application using the Checklist</b> Use the Checklist on page 13 to prepare the application.	13	