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# **Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grants Program**

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# Mission

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The Sierra Nevada Conservancy initiates, encourages and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the citizens of California.



# Six Sierra Subregions

## North Sierra

Lassen, Modoc, Shasta

## North Central Sierra

Butte, Plumas, Sierra, Tehama

## Central Sierra

El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Yuba

## South Central Sierra

Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne

## East Sierra

Alpine, Inyo, Mono

## South Sierra

Fresno, Kern, Madera, Tulare



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# The Application Process

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**SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY  
Proposition 84 Grants Guidelines**

FY 08-09

**Competitive Grants**

- \$7 million for entire SNC Region
- Application deadline September 15, 2008
- For grants between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000
- Eligible project types include acquisition and site improvement/restoration
- Authorized by SNC Board in March 2009

**Strategic Opportunity Grants (SOGs)**

- \$1 million per Subregion (\$6 million total)
- \$1 million for projects of Region-wide significance
- Application deadlines September 2, 2008 and February 27, 2009
- Authorized by SNC Board in December 2008 and June 2009

**SOG Category 1 (SOG 1)**

- For grants \$5,000 to \$250,000
- For acquisition and site improvement/restoration projects only
- Authorized by the SNC Board

**SOG Category 2 (SOG 2)**

- For grants up to \$500,000
- For projects that do not include acquisition or site improvement/restoration
- Authorized by the SNC Board (or by Executive Officer for time-sensitive grants up to \$50,000)



# SNC Grant Program Tools

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- Proposition 84 Grants Guidelines
- Proposition 84 Grants Application Packet(s) GAPs



# Grant Application Deadlines

## FY 08-09

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- Competitive
  - Application Deadline - September 15
- Round 2: SOG 1 and SOG 2
  - Application Deadline - February 27



# How to Apply

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- Review Grants Guidelines
- Contact SNC staff for Pre-App Assistance
- Use the Appropriate GAP
- Choose Performance Measures
- Refer to Sample Grant Agreements
- Submit Complete Application
- Submit on Time



# The “SNC Touch”

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- ✓ **Project/application development:** SNC staff ready to work with you to develop project ideas/application (Pre-App process)
- ✓ **Deferral Process:** automatic deferral to Round #2 if not recommended in Round #1



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# **SNC Proposition 84 Grants Program and CEQA Compliance**

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CEQA is unique for every situation. Please contact SNC staff for any CEQA questions related to your project application.

The SNC has prepared a guide containing additional information and hyperlinks to useful reference sites. It is available on the SNC Web site:

[http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/CEQA\\_SNCgrants.pdf](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/docs/CEQA_SNCgrants.pdf)



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# Performance Measures

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# Why Performance Measures?

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- Gauging project results
- Promoting learning and improvement
- Comparing results across projects
- Measuring SNC program results
- Making the case for future investment



# PMs for All Projects

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- People Reached
- Resources Leveraged
- Jobs Created
- New, Improved, or Preserved Economic Activities



# Selecting Additional PMs

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- Refer back to project category
- Look at the list of recommended PMs in Appendix C of the GAP
- Find further detail in PM data sheets on the SNC Website



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# Managing a Grant

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# The “SNC Touch” cont’d

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- ✓ **Advances:** advances to help smaller organizations with cash flow
- ✓ **Admin/reporting:** user-friendly administration and reporting, including forms, templates and sample docs
- ✓ **Other funding:** connections to other potential resources



# SNC Grants Contact Info

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- Web site:

<http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/grants.html>

- Email Address: (regarding grants)

[grants@sierranevada.ca.gov](mailto:grants@sierranevada.ca.gov)

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Toll Free Number: (877) 257-1212

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