

The following message is from the CALFED Lead Scientist...

Dear CALFED Science Program Grantees:

The CALFED Science Program is making a small amount of supplemental funds available on a competitive basis to provide an opportunity for some of the 20+ existing Science Program Grantees to enhance their funded research while we work on issuing a full PSP in 2008.

Due to funding uncertainties the Science Program will not be able to release a new Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) until spring 2008 at the earliest. With this timing, successful applicants will not be under signed agreements until January, 2009 at the earliest. We realize this delayed execution date may result in missed opportunities for important research for the 2008 season and have therefore decided to make a small amount of funds available to enhance already funded research beginning in early 2008. Below are the details.

Best Regards,

Mike Healey
CALFED Lead Scientist

Award Information

- Anticipated Type of Award: Grant Supplement
- Maximum Funding per Grant: \$300,000
- Length of Funding: Up to 2 years

Eligibility Information

Principle Investigators whose proposals were selected for funding from either the 2004 or 2006 CALFED Science Program PSPs are eligible to receive funds to supplement their existing proposals. The Primary applicant for funds must be the existing PI and institution on the grant that is being supplemented (Co PI's and subcontractors may not be the primary applicant for this supplemental funding).

Deadline

Proposals will be accepted from December 1, 2007 – January 17, 2008.

Priorities of this Grant Supplement

All previously selected proposals from the 2004 and 2006 PSPs address topics of potential priority for this Grant Supplement. Proposal supplements that clearly illustrate a need for immediate funding, before the next PSP cycle, and exhibit high value added

for the funds requested in relation to objectives of the proposal funded in 2004 or 2006 will be viewed more favorably than others.

Proposal Supplement Content and Format

Your proposal supplement should follow roughly the same format as your original proposal. However, applicants should focus on the new material: what has changed since the original proposal, how will the supplemental funding significantly enhance the value of the project, and why is it critical for CALFED to get this information now rather than wait for the next PSP cycle? The proposal supplement should reference the original proposal frequently. Following is a suggested format:

Project Purpose

Background and Conceptual Models (what's new?)

Summary of progress to date (what have you learned?)

Approach and Scope of New Work

Relevance to the CALFED Science Program

New Project Staff and Qualifications (if applicable)

Budget and Justification – Applicants may use whatever format for their budget they desire. They should make it abundantly clear to reviewers what project costs are commensurate with what efforts and benefits or the proposal may receive a poor review and denied funding. Supplements can be multiyear efforts but may not exceed two years.

Literature Cited

Details of the original proposal format instructions, including most of the above categories, can be found in Section III of the 2006 PSP at http://www.science.calwater.ca.gov/psp/psp_toc_2006.html

Submittal Requirements

All proposal supplements should be submitted electronically as a PDF (preferred) or in MS Word to Shem Ayalew (contact information below) by 5 pm (PST) January 17th, 2008.

Page limits: The proposal text should be no more than 7 pages, single space, excluding literature cited, maps, photographs, figures, tables, budget, and project staff and qualifications. Attachments may be included but there is no guarantee they will be used in the selection process; therefore, it is essential that all critical information be presented in the body of the grant supplement.

File Size: Please keep the file size below 2 MB. Large files are difficult to e-mail and sometimes cannot be viewed.

Format: Body text must be 12 point in a readable typeface; text in tables and figures must be no smaller than 10 point in a readable typeface. Headings must be at least 14 point, but no larger than 18 point, bold typeface, flush left. Page margins are to be one

inch on all sides. All proposal pages, including diagrams, must be readable when printed on 8.5 x 11-inch paper.

Maps, Photographs, Figures, and Tables: Each map, photograph, figure, or table needs to be individually numbered and clearly titled.

Page Numbering: Each page of the grant supplement needs to be numbered sequentially.

Review and Selection

All grant supplements will be reviewed by a panel composed of Science Program staff and independent scientists. Supplements will be compared to each other and selected for funding based on their technical merit and relevancy to the CALFED program.

Supplemental proposals will be ranked for funding in relation to their value added benefits and their cost. There is no guarantee that any grant supplements will be funded.

For details on technical criteria please see Section IV of the 2006 PSP at

http://www.science.calwater.ca.gov/psp/psp_toc_2006.html. For information on

current CALFED priorities please visit the CALFED web pages at

<http://www.science.calwater.ca.gov> with a particular focus on the 2004 and 2006 PSPs

(http://www.science.calwater.ca.gov/psp/psp_index.html).

Review and Funding Timeline

The Grant Supplement Review Panel will be held in early February and award notifications sent out shortly thereafter. Successful applicants can expect to be under executed agreement in late February to early March, 2008 at the *earliest*. The timing of execution depends upon many factors including the nature of the proposed supplement, the CALFED supplement funding mechanism, and the responsiveness of the applicant to follow up CALFED questions, to name a few.

Terms and Conditions

All terms and conditions from the 2006 Science Program PSP apply to this grant supplement and can be found at

http://www.science.calwater.ca.gov/psp/psp_toc_2006.html.

Contact:

Shem Ayalew will be available to answer inquiries during normal CALFED business hours:

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