



California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways  
**Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program**

**SOLICITATION NOTICE**

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED March 9, 2026, to April 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM**

This Solicitation Notice is intended for those applicants that meet the eligibility requirements for the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program (QZ Grant Program), as stated in Harbors and Navigation Code, Section 675 et seq. and Fish and Game Code Section 2302:

1. The applicant must own or manage a reservoir or manage any aspect of the water in a reservoir, including but not limited to the recreational aspects of the water, where recreational activities are permitted.
2. The reservoir must be uninfested with quagga and zebra mussels; early-detection mussel monitoring data is required that is no older than March 2025.
3. The reservoir must be open to the public for recreational activities.

The California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is accepting applications to support activities that prevent the introduction of quagga and zebra mussels into uninfested reservoirs. Applications will be developed and submitted through the On-Line Grant Application (OLGA) system.

**KEY DATES**

Activities	Dates
Application Process Begins	March 9, 2026
Presentation/Webinar	March 13, 2026
Application Period Closes	April 17, 2026
Notification of Award Decision	July 2026
Grant Approved/Encumbered	October 2026
Grant Expiration/Project Completion	October 2028

**FUNDING**

Due to limited funding from low mussel fee sticker sales, applicants can no longer apply for overlapping grant cycles for the same reservoir; they will need to reapply every other year. This means that if a reservoir is currently covered by a two-year 2025 QZ Grant, that reservoir will not be considered for a QZ Grant until the 2027 solicitation.

Pending available funding, grants will be awarded for Tier 1- Planning/Assessment Projects and Tier 2 - Implementation Projects in reservoirs identified as at risk for introduction due to, but not limited to, recreational activities, water inflows from connected water bodies, and proximity to



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currently infested water bodies. Table 1 below specifies the type of project and funding amounts.

**Table 1**

Project Type	Funding Amount	Timing
<b>Tier 1 - Planning/Assessment Projects</b> The development of or improvement to an existing Prevention Plan for the reservoir(s) that assesses and identifies risk of a quagga and zebra mussel introduction per Harbors and Navigation Code, Section 675 et. Seq, Fish and Game Code Section 2302 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 672.1(b).	Maximum: \$200,000	Maximum grant period is two (2) years
<b>Tier 2 - Implementation Projects</b> Must implement activities that are identified in an existing California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) accepted Prevention Plan to protect the reservoir against quagga and zebra mussel introduction. These activities may consist of, but are not limited to watercraft inspection stations and inspectors, launch monitors, watercraft decontamination processes and decontamination equipment, educational signage and outreach, banding programs, mussel monitoring, installation of mechanical ramp arms, etc.	Maximum: \$400,000	Maximum grant period is two (2) years

**SOLICITATION PROCESS**

QZ Grant Guidelines for the grant cycle were developed by DBW for the solicitation of applicants, evaluating proposals, and awarding grants, and will be available on DBW’s website prior to the grant application opening date.

**ON-LINE GRANT APPLICATION (OLGA) SYSTEM**

Applications must be submitted online into the OLGA system by the deadline. An OLGA Step-by-Step document as well as a recorded presentation on the use of OLGA is available at <https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/QZGrant>.



## APPLICATION PARTS

### Part I – Preliminary Step to Work in OLGA

The applicant will register their agency; create a user profile and a user login.

### Part II – Developing and Submitting a “Statement of Eligibility”

The applicant must develop and submit a “Statement of Eligibility” and all supportive documentation demonstrating that the agency has met all three (3) eligibility requirements outlined on page 1 of this “Solicitation Notice.” If an applicant cannot meet the eligibility requirements, they will not be able to proceed through the application process.

### Part III – Developing, Completing and Submitting an Application

If an applicant is able to proceed with the application process, they must complete all information required in the OLGA data fields. Additionally, in OLGA, the applicant will be instructed to complete and upload: 1) a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 Project Description Narrative; and 2) a Scope of Work (SOW) that includes a Table of Deliverables. Templates are available at <https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/QZGrant>. The applicant will develop these documents outside of OLGA and upload them (in PDF form) upon completion. The applicant will be directed to complete two budgets for the total cost of the Project: 1) a Task Budget; and 2) a Line-Item Budget. These budgets should align with each other and with the SOW. A Task Budget and Line-Item Budget worksheet will be completed by the applicant in the budget tabs in OLGA.

In addition to uploading the Project Description Narrative and the Scope of Work/Table of Deliverables, the applicant will also need to upload the following documents in PDF format:

1. Statement of Eligibility
  - a. Owner/ Management Authority
  - b. Early-detection mussel monitoring Data to demonstrate that the reservoir is not infested with quagga or zebra mussels
  - c. The reservoir is open to the public
2. Prevention Plan and letter from CDFW notifying acceptance of Prevention Plan (if applying for a Tier 2, Implementation Grant)
3. Permits/CEQA/NEPA Documents, as applicable
4. Maps
5. Ordinances
6. Agreements
7. Resolution or Letter of Approval
8. Optional Documents
  - a. Letters of Support
  - b. Agency Organizational Chart

For more Information on the QZ Grant Program, please visit our website:

<https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/QZGrant> or contact: [MusselGrant@parks.ca.gov](mailto:MusselGrant@parks.ca.gov)