

BIG BASIN COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Help State Parks Design an Inclusive Renewed Big Basin Redwoods State Park

Represent Your Community

Grant funding is available for your community group! Parks California is seeking community representatives to participate as stakeholders to inform the development of the Facilities Management Plan for Big Basin State Park. Grants can support contribution of ideas for increasing equity in access to the park and priorities for the design of future campgrounds, cabins, day-use areas, group recreation sites, visitor center, and transportation to the park to be inclusive to future Californians. Since all recreational facilities were lost in the 2020 CZU Fire, State Parks has been working collaboratively to reimagine and create a renewed park that is focused on equitable access and the resiliency of the old growth redwood forest to future climate conditions.



Opportunities to Participate

Grant funding is available to support participation by groups representing focus communities in a variety of ways:

1. Community Engagement - Groups can propose ideas and activities to involve their community such as special events, coordinating group trips to the park, or other engagement strategies designed specifically to hear from communities about priorities in park design.
2. Focus Groups – Organize and host a meeting facilitated by State Parks staff to contribute ideas to planning an inclusive park.
3. Publicity – Help promote Big Basin engagement events to increase the participation of focus communities through social media & communications collaboration.
4. Stakeholder Representatives - Community group representatives will also have the opportunity to serve as stakeholder representatives in the planning process alongside community engagement work.

Program Overview

The goal of this community grant program is to include a diverse range of perspectives, experiences, backgrounds, and expertise in the public planning process for Big Basin's redevelopment by prioritizing focus communities that are historically underrepresented, have been less frequent visitors of the park, and/or have been less involved in park planning.

Particularly, Parks California is prioritizing grants to lower income communities and communities of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. Funds will be awarded to individuals and/or community groups, with the selection being based on maximizing the participation of focus communities that could best help determine strategies to increase equity in access to the park. By bringing a diverse range of voices into the project as stakeholders, we hope to help identify ways to plan a more equitable and inclusive park.



Application

Awards will be granted on a sliding scale from \$1k to \$8k depending on a group's identified needs. Compensation is intended to support development of organized community engagement opportunities that focus on ideas related to park design and programming that can increase equity in access to the park.

To apply, community organizations will be asked to submit an application through the Parks California grant portal indicating their proposal and funding request. To learn more and to discuss a project idea, please first send an email expressing interest to reimaginingbigbasin@parks.ca.gov. First round of application review will occur on March 1st, 2023 and another round will occur on May 1st, 2023. Grants will be evaluated and prioritized based on how proposals meet the grant program goals and based on available funding.

