

# BIG BASIN, SEACLIFF, & NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Funding available now - Help State Parks plan renewed and resilient parks

## Connect Your Community

Grant funding is available for your community group! In response to natural disasters including 2023 storm damage at Seacliff and New Brighton State Beaches and the 2020 CZU fire that burned all of Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Parks California is seeking representatives to coordinate community engagement events to inform ongoing planning efforts.

Last year over a dozen events were hosted at Big Basin through this community grant program where we collected feedback directly informing the planning process. We are excited to expand this program in 2024 and need your help to do so.



Latino Outdoors hosted 4 events at Big Basin in 2023 funded by the Parks CA Grant Program

## Opportunities to Participate

Implementation of grant funds must take place between May - July 2024.

1. Onsite Experiences - Groups will have the opportunity to involve their community by participating in special events, coordinating group trips to the parks, or other creative engagement strategies.
2. June 12 - 16 Parks Week - Parks staff will host events at Seacliff on Friday the 14th to Support Climate Resiliency Day and at Big Basin on Saturday the 15th to celebrate Community and Culture Day of California State Parks Week. We encourage all grantees to join us at these public events and to invite their participants and community at large.
3. Focus Groups – Host a meeting facilitated by State Parks staff to inform your group about the parks revisioning, collect feedback, and brainstorm how the parks can be designed to best serve your community.
4. Publicity – Help promote engagement events and educate the public about planning efforts through social media & communications collaboration.



# 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 by prioritizing historically underrepresented groups and communities that have been less frequent visitors of the parks and have been less involved in park planning.

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



Celebrating Latino Conservation Week at Big Basin July 22nd, 2023



Richard Tejada Executive Director of Saved by Nature leads a group through the redwood loop

## Application

Awards will be granted on a sliding scale up to \$6,000 depending on group's identified needs. Compensation is intended to support stakeholders in consulting and organization of community engagement opportunities.

Apply at [parksca.org/park-projects/grants-for-parks/](https://parksca.org/park-projects/grants-for-parks/). We encourage all applicants to reach out with questions via contact information in the grant application portal. You can also contact the planning team at either [reimagining.bigbasin@parks.ca.gov](mailto:reimagining.bigbasin@parks.ca.gov) or [seacliff.resilience@parks.ca.gov](mailto:seacliff.resilience@parks.ca.gov). The first round of application review will occur by March 1st, 2024.

