

# 2025 SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN COASTAL RESILIENCE PLANNING

**Is your community ready to make a difference?** Grant funding is available for your community group! In response to natural disasters including 2023 storm damage at Seacliff & New Brighton State Beaches and the 2020 CZU fire, Parks California is seeking representatives to coordinate community engagement events to inform ongoing planning efforts for California State Parks.

Parks California's **Community Grant Program** is designed to **amplify diverse voices**, ensuring that historically underrepresented communities and those who've had limited engagement with our parks are at the heart of the planning process. This is your chance to help bring new perspectives, experiences, and ideas to the table!

Last year, we hosted over a dozen vibrant events at Big Basin through this program, collecting invaluable feedback that directly informed park planning. With your help, we're excited to grow this initiative in 2025, creating even more impactful opportunities for community-driven collaboration.

### TIMELINE

- Application Period : January 29 - March 5, 2025
- Info Webinar: Early February 2025
- Grant Applicants Notified: mid May 2025
- Grant Project Period: June 1 - September 30, 2025**
- Final Grant Reports Due: October 31, 2025



Let's work together to envision a more inclusive & resilient future for our parks!



Learn more at [ParksCalifornia.org](https://ParksCalifornia.org).

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Organizations rooted in and connected to communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities** are encouraged to apply for funds to bring groups to State Beaches in the Santa Cruz District. These groups will share their ideas and views on how to create future coastal recreational facilities that increase equity in access and create inclusive park experiences; as well as facilities that are resilient with future coastal processes.

Areas include **New Brighton, Seacliff, Manresa and Sunset State Beaches, and the Rancho Del Oso unit at Big Basin Redwoods State Park.**

Park visits can be **single or multiple day use visits and/or an overnight experience**.

Please check State Park websites for park activities & facilities as you plan your programming.

### We are seeking proposals that address the following criteria:

- Gather participants to engage in inclusive park planning conversations with Park staff
- Offer a valuable recreational, environmental, cultural or historical learning experience at Seacliff State Beach, New Brighton State Beach, Manresa State Beach and/or the Rancho Del Oso unit at Big Basin Redwoods State Park
- Reach underrepresented communities who may face challenges getting to or enjoying parks, and/or lack opportunities to create meaningful connections to nature

### OPTIONAL

**Park Resource:** Check out **FamCamp**, a free program that supports group camping at State Parks! (in-person training required)

## APPLICATION

Awards will be granted up to \$8,000 depending on group's identified needs. Funding is intended to support stakeholders in consulting and organization of community engagement opportunities.

Apply at [parksocalifornia.org/park-projects/grants-for-parks/](https://parksocalifornia.org/park-projects/grants-for-parks/)  
All applicants will be required to coordinate with staff in advance via contact information in the grant application portal.



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