

**PROJECT LETTER OF INTEREST
LAKE TAHOE SCIENCE AND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT**

The California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) annually receives funding from the Lake Tahoe Science and Lake Improvement Account for nearshore environmental improvement program activities and projects in California that include, but are not limited to, aquatic invasive species (AIS) projects and projects to improve public access to Lake Tahoe. It is anticipated that up to \$485,000 will be available between now and June 30, 2018.

In order to determine the best use of these funds, the Conservancy is looking to develop a list of priority projects. While the Conservancy believes that the implementation of priorities established in the Aquatic Invasive Species Implementation Plan are currently the highest need, all projects that meet the funding requirements are eligible to be submitted.

Please submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to place projects on the list. At this stage, we are most interested in learning the basic details of the project, the benefit to the nearshore, and the project's anticipated schedule and budget. Please review project criteria prior to preparing your LOI as these will be used to establish the priorities.

All LOIs will be reviewed and prioritized by the Conservancy and the stakeholder group. LOIs may not exceed 3 pages (size 12 font). Project proponents may be asked to provide further details, if their project is considered for funding.

Please provide the following information:

- a) Name of Project
- b) Lead Project Proponent
- c) Contact Name and Number
- d) EIP Number and consistency with program level priorities in the EIP Update
- e) Location of Project
- f) Project Description and Direct Benefits to Nearshore (200 words max)
- g) Anticipated Schedule, including CEQA Approvals, Permits & Construction Start/Completion
- h) Estimated Total Project Budget
- i) Unfunded Need
- j) Secured Funds and from Whom
- k) Project Partners
- l) Describe the role of the EIP workgroup, if any, and support of stakeholders (ex. project on AIS Action List or discussed in AIS committee meeting)

Project Criteria

1st Level of criteria

- Demonstrates environmental benefit to the nearshore or provides public access to the Lake
- On the EIP List
- Has a valid approach to its implementation
- High priority for the Lake Tahoe Basin, ex. AIS projects should be identified as high priorities in the AIS Implementation Plan and Action List
- Includes effectiveness monitoring that ties to nearshore monitoring efforts, if possible
- Cost benefit to the entity, the public and the environment
- Leverages funds from other sources, including private sources

- Due to funding requirements, projects should ultimately result in a capital improvement (acquisition of land or other real property, major construction, improvements, designs, working plans, specifications, repairs, and equipment necessary in connection with a construction or improvement project)
- Meets Conservancy's eligible grantee and contracting/grant requirements

2nd level of criteria

- Shovel readiness
- Provides a lake-wide benefit
- Status of planning effort, if looking for planning money

Submittals are due by August 7, 2017. Please submit your LOI electronically to whitney.brennan@tahoe.ca.gov.