

APPENDIX A-5
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: *must meet all criteria below to be considered eligible for*

Qualifications	Yes/No
1. Eligible Applicant: Public agency or 501(c)3 nonprofit.	
A. If nonprofit: submittal of :	
1) Evidence of qualification under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code,	
2) Articles of Incorporation	
2. Eligible Project Category: Acquisition and/or Improvement	
Acquisition project applicants provides information on the status of the following:	
A. Negotiations with seller (purchase and sales agreement or letter of intent)	
B. Appraisal status (complete = most competitive, or letter of valuation)	
C. Required approvals, permits, CEQA, ADA, etc. Please list and status.	
D. Visual Design. Can be Conceptual Visual Design	
Improvement project applicants provides information on the status of the following:	
A. Site Ownership or Control	
B. Visual design (e.g.conceptual restoration plans, construction plans, design)	
C. Public outreach/comment on design	
D. Required approvals, permits, CEQA, ADA, etc.	
3. Project Match: Statement of 50 % Match Commitment	
Variances will be considered if match presents a significant organizational hardship	
4. Authorization: letter/resolution from governing body	
Applicant acknowledges and states ability to carry out project as presented, project is consistent with pertinent general plan and zoning, and applicant will be compliant with all stated MGP Guideline and agreement conditions.	
5. Location: Within 0.5 miles of established Urban Growth Boundary or Urban Service Area. (If not, provides information to describe what community the project will serve and how.)	
6. Long-term management, maintenance, and compliance (30 + years)	
7. Fiscal Solvency (see fiscal screen)	
8. Completed Pre-application	
ELIGIBLE APPLICATION? Y/N	

APPENDIX A-5 EVALUATION MATRIX

1. MGP PROGRAM INTENT

Extent to which project aligns with **Ag + Open Space Expenditure Plan** and ***Vital Lands Initiative*** .

a. INTENT - Creation and Improvement of Community Open Space: 20 points possible.

	Meets Criterion?	Points
Acquisition and Improvement of land for public open space for agriculture, recreation, and/or natural resource restoration. 20 points		
Acquisition of land for public open space for agriculture, recreation, and/or natural resource restoration. 15 points		
Improvement of land for public open space for agriculture, recreation, and/or natural resource restoration. 10 points		
SUBTOTAL		0

b. INTENT - Additional Authorizing Language Priority alignment.

20 points possible, 2 points each.

	Meets Criterion?	Points
Links communities to open space via trails or other open space adjacency connections. Preference is given to projects that include regional trail connections.		
Implements restoration techniques to restore or enhance natural and native habitats.		
Constructs outdoor public community gathering space in a natural setting. Preference is given to projects where no community gathering space currently exists.		
Develops new, outdoor, nature-based, recreational opportunities. Preference is given to projects that are located where no such recreation opportunities currently exist.		
Constructs amenities to provide opportunities for public education about the natural world and agriculture.		

Protects and/or improves open space in fire- and/or flood-impacted community		
Protects and/or improves climate resilience Project conserves an area vulnerable to climate change; or builds resilience to the impacts of climate change (e.g., mitigates urban heat island effect, helps reduce flood or fire risk, increases water storage capacity, promotes local food security, protects or increases native biodiversity)		
Protects, creates, or enhances public access to the Russian River, Pacific Ocean or other waterways.		
Protects native plant and/or animal species.		
Protects farmland that provides urban greenspace and access to locally grown ag and provides opportunities to experience food and/or fiber production.		

SUBTOTAL 0

PROGRAM INTENT TOTAL 0

2. NEED:

Extent to which project fulfills well-identified and high-priority community needs within project geographic area.

10 points possible, 2.5 points each.

	Meets Criterion?	Points Applied
Project has documented community-based support (e.g. including: letters of support, design charette, public workshop, rallies, events)		
Identified public sector support in or furthers policies of at least <u>one</u> adopted plan or document.		
Community (census tract level) where MGP funding has not been awarded in the last three MGP cycles		
Parks Gap Analysis - Project is in area lacking publicly-accessible open space, as identified by the Sonoma County <i>Parks Gap Analysis</i> .		

NEED: TOTAL 10.0

3. COUNTY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Extent to which project is aligned with County strategic equity and climate justice priorities.

20 points max, 5 points each.

	Meets Criterion?	Points Applied
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Environmentally Vulnerable Community. Projects is in SB535 Disadvantaged Communities - <i>CalEPA CalEnviro Screen 4.0</i> top 25% census tracts in Sonoma County with high rates of pollution and low income populations, including tribal communities.		
Portrait of Sonoma County - Priority Community - Project is in identified community census tract that ranks below the county average Human Development Index score (6.19).		
Economically Disadvantaged Community - Project is in community census area where median household income is equal or less than 80% of Sonoma County Median Income.		
Climate Resiliency Target Area Project is in identified climate resilience target area.		
COUNTY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: TOTAL		0

4. PLANNING & DESIGN

Extent to which project is aligned with MGP design goals

10 points max, 2 points each.

	Meets Criterion?	Points Applied
Demonstrated understanding of process for implementation including permitting requirements (state, federal, and local agency), CEQA, ADA.		
Design shows no more than 25% of project is covered by structures, impervious surfaces, and/or hardscape.		
Demonstrated understanding of potential impediments to project completion and explanation/s of how they will be addressed.		
Accessible to the City and/or community where it is located via public transport, public roads, bike and/or pedestrian routes.		
Design includes incorporation of natural elements in design (e.g. grassy areas, trees, vegetation).		
PLANNING & DESIGN : TOTAL		0

5. READINESS application shows ability to successfully launch, complete and sustain the project

20 Points possible.

a. Project Tasks/Schedule/Budget

5 points each, 15 points possible.

Meets Criterion?	Points Applied
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Tasks align with eligible activities, and reflect needed workflow to complete project		
Schedule is timely and informed by necessary project development steps		
Budget is reasonable to complete the proposed project, expenses and match are eligible costs, and match is stated clearly		
SUBTOTAL		0

b. Project Sustainability

5 points possible

Meets Criterion?	Points Applied

Applicant clearly demonstrates how they will successfully manage and fund long-term operations and maintenance.

SUBTOTAL		0
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c. Project Funding

0 points possible

Meets Criterion?	Points Applied
NA	

Is partial funding an option?
(No points, just y/n for evaluation).

READINESS: TOTAL		0
TOTAL SCORE		10

APPENDIX A-5
Fiscal Test for Solvency/Liquidity

APPLICANT NAME

Test to apply to Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Period:

Auditor:

Using the Statement of Net Position for June 30, 2023

Solvency Measures

Pass/Fail

Current Ratio $\frac{\text{Current Assets}}{\text{Current Liabilities}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \text{\#DIV/0!}$

2:1 Considered Safe
For MGP Proposals 1.2:1 or higher

Quick Ratio $\frac{\text{Current Monetary Assets (cash, A/R, marketable securities)}}{\text{Current Liabilities}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \text{\#DIV/0!}$

1:1 Considered Safe
For MGP Proposals 1:1 or higher

Liquidity Measures

Debt Ratio $\frac{\text{Total Liabilities}}{\text{Total Equities (Net Assets)}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \text{\#DIV/0!}$

The lower the ratio the more liquid the entity.
For MGP Proposals 1.2 or less

Asset Ratio $\frac{\text{Total Current Assets}}{\text{Total Assets}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} - = \text{\#DIV/0!}$

The higher the ratio, the more liquid the entity.
For MGP Proposals 0.4 or higher

Qualify as a Low-risk Auditee?

Yes, is the preferred answer

Qualify as a Going-Concern?

Yes, is the preferred answer

Fiscal Review = Pass/Fail