Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee

Overview of Metropolitan's Grants Processes & Procedures

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Grants Processes & Procedures

Subject

- Overview of Metropolitan's Grants Processes and Procedures

Purpose

- Provide an overview of Metropolitan's coordinated pursuit of external funding opportunities and the administration of external funding awards and agreements.

What guides Metropolitan's pursuit of grants?

- Mission Statement
- Administrative Code
- Board-approved Policies & Projects
  - Biennial Budget
  - Capital Investment Plan
  - Additional Priorities & Principles
    - Legislative Priorities & Principles
    - Other Board Policies

The mission of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

How does Metropolitan evaluate potential grant opportunities?

- Pre-screen Programs/Projects that align with Strategic Priorities
- Evaluate Fit of Proposed Project with Funding Opportunity
- Ensure Compatibility of Project & Funding Award Timelines
- Assess Cost-Share Requirements & Proposed Budget
- Confirm Executive Manager Support & Staffing Capacity
- Conduct Legal Review & Risk Assessment

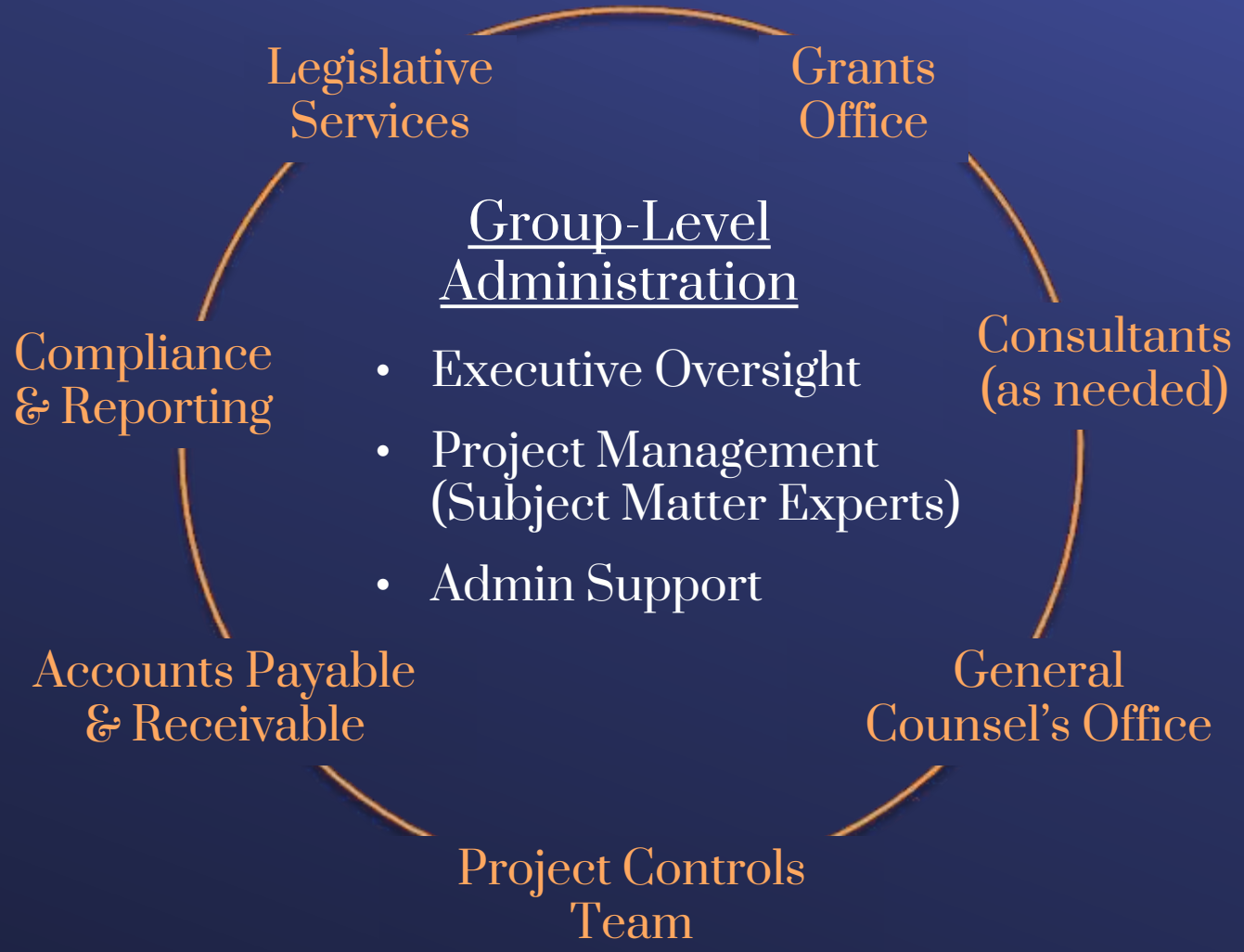
Who authorizes grant applications & award agreements?

	Board of Directors	General Manager	Group Managers
Grant Applications	• Whenever a resolution is required to apply	• Whenever required cost match is not budgeted in the biennium/CIP	• Whenever required match is budgeted in the biennium/CIP
Award Agreements	• When MWD's cost-share commitment exceeds $250K § 8121(a)	• When MWD's cost-share commitment is $250K or less § 8122(a)	

Only the Board has the authority to appropriate funds.

Pursuit & Administration of Grants

Coordinated Staff Effort



Grants Support Resources for Staff

- Evaluate Funding Opportunities
- Navigate Internal Review & Approval Process
- Training & Support for PMs & Grant Administrators
- Internal Controls & Audit Support
- Ensure Compliance & Risk Management

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Summary of Metropolitan's External Funding Awards* as of June 30, 2026

	Board Approved	Funding Agency	Award (in $ M)	Cost Share (in $ M)	Grant Type	Grant Period Start	Grant Period End
Drought Mitigation Projects							
Federal							
Inland Feeder-Foothill Pumpstation Intertie	✓	USBR	5.0	27.9	Planning, Design, & Construction	4/14/2025	12/31/2027
State							
Wadsworth Pumping Plant Bypass Pipeline	✓	DWR	14.8	6.3	Construction	9/27/2022	3/31/2026
Inland Feeder-Rialto Pipeline Intertie	✓	DWR	15.7	5.0	Construction	9/27/2022	3/31/2026
Badlands Tunnel Surge Protection Facility	✓	DWR	17.0	5.8	Construction	9/27/2022	3/31/2026
Pure Water Southern California							
Federal							
Large Scale Recycled Water Program Grant	✓	USBR	125.5	379.3	Planning & Design	1/10/2025	12/31/2027
Title XVI Planning Grant - PWSC	✓	USBR	5.0	15.0	Planning & Design	5/20/2024	9/30/2026
State							
$80M State Appropriation to Advance PWSC	✓	State Gov.	80.0	0.0	Planning & Design	N/A	N/A
Bay-Delta Initiatives							
Federal							
Interoperable Flow & Temperature Data for Salmonid Restoration Scenarios	✓	USBR	0.4	0.1	Implementation	8/7/2024	6/30/2027
State							
Webb Tract Multi-benefit Land Adaptation	✓	Delta Cons.	20.9	4.5	Planning, Design, & Construction	3/5/2024	3/5/2044
		Subtotal (1 of 2):	284.3	443.9			

* This table does not include IRA Bucket 1 funding for various fallowing and forbearance programs, nor does it include FEMA funding.

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Summary of Metropolitan's External Funding Awards* as of June 30, 2026

	Board Approved	Funding Agency	Award (in $ M)	Cost Share (in $ M)	Grant Type	Grant Period Start	Grant Period End
AVEK High Desert Water Bank							
AVEK Treatment Facilities Construction Financing (IRA Bucket 2)	✓	USBR	82.0	0.0	Planning, Design, & Construction	6/24/2024	9/30/2031
Conservation + Water Efficiency							
Federal (including IRA Bucket 2)							
WaterSMART-Regional Public Agency Turf Replacement Program	✓	USBR	2.0	2.0	Implementation	9/7/2022	12/31/2026
USBR Turf Replacement Incentive - Residential and Commercial	✓	USBR	5.0	10.0	Implementation	9/18/2023	12/31/2026
WaterSMART - Direct Install Turf Replacement Program for Disadvantaged	✓	USBR	0.3	0.3	Implementation	12/16/2024	12/31/2027
WaterSMART - Residential Direct Install Program for Disadvantaged Communities	✓	USBR	1.8	1.8	Implementation	12/6/2024	12/31/2027
Turf Replacement (IRA Bucket 2)	✓	USBR	95.9	30.0	Implementation	6/24/2024	9/30/2031
DAC Leak Detection and Repair (IRA Bucket 2)	✓	USBR	8.0	0.0	Implementation	1/15/2025	9/30/2031
State							
CA3813 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program - FY 2021	✓	DWR	4.5	0.0	Implementation	3/19/2022	12/31/2025
CA4042 Urban Community Drought Relief - FY 2022	✓	DWR	38.0	19.4	Implementation	3/19/2022	12/31/2026
		Subtotal (2 of 2):	237.4	63.4			
		Total:	521.6	507.3			

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- Metropolitan has more than **$521M** in actively managed external funding awards as of June 30, 2026
- All of these active awards have been brought to the board for approval and, as required, appropriation

Periodic Reporting of Grants Activities

- Staff recommends preparing a written grant activities report, to be distributed to the Board following the end of each fiscal year, starting in FY 2026/27
  - ➢ This will enhance board transparency, demonstrate progress toward grant objectives, and give the Board an additional opportunity to address grant-related policy matters

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