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PRELIMINARY FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INAUGURAL MEASURE Q GRANT PROGRAM RELEASED

The County of Santa Cruz Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience (OR3) and the Department of Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Services released preliminary grant funding recommendations for the inaugural Measure Q Grant Program cycle (FY 2025-26).

Measure Q dedicates 40 percent of annual funding to a competitive grant program supporting community projects that advance water quality, wildfire resilience, habitat protection, and equitable parks access across Santa Cruz County. With \$2.7 million in funding available in its first year, the program received strong community interest, with over 50 applications submitted totaling \$8.9 million in combined requests.

Preliminary funding recommendations and complete scoring results are now available on the Measure Q Grants webpage at the [Measure Q Grants page](#). Final recommendations will be developed over two Citizens Oversight Advisory Board (COAB) meetings scheduled for May 6th and May 27th, with final Board of Supervisors approval anticipated at the June 9th meeting.

Community members are encouraged to review the materials and share feedback with their COAB representative (through the Measure Q website) or Board of Supervisors representative as soon as possible.

COAB meetings are typically held at Simpkins Family Swim Center, 979 17th Ave., Live Oak at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. [Check the website](#) for the latest details.

