

The Sacramento Area Sewer District's (SacSewer) Confluence Regional Partnership Program (Confluence Program) is a grant program that funds projects that help the community and advance SacSewer's mission, vision, and values, including those that go above and beyond our sewage and resource recovery programs. The Confluence Program exemplifies SacSewer's values of Responsibility (accountable and committed) by being good financial stewards and accountable to customers and for Environmental Stewardship (protect and sustain) by contributing to a sustainable future for generations to come while uplifting our neighborhoods in some of the region's economically and environmentally-disadvantaged communities.

Established in 2017 when the SacSewer Board of Directors adopted a policy directing staff on using non-rate and non-fee revenue, the Confluence Program exemplifies the district's resolve of being an outstanding government agency while being mindful of our customer's needs, opportunities for stakeholder partnerships, and ways to make our communities healthier, vibrant, and thriving. Every year, the grant program is funded from interest on reserves, sale of assets, biogas, recycled water, among other things, and SacSewer staff reviews applications that expand the region's environmental, educational, and economic vitality. The Confluence Program is made up of eight categories:

- Sewer Lifeline Rate Assistance Program
- American River Parkway and River Cleanup
- Watershed Management
- Septic Conversion
- Public Education
- Economic Development
- Sewer Impact Fee Waiver
- Other projects not covered by other categories

SacSewer allocates \$7M annually of non-rate and non-fee revenue to fund the Confluence Program. Although eligibility criteria and requirements are specific to each category, grants are prioritized using the following general criteria:

1. Relevance to mission/vision/values
2. Support the progress of the Strategic Plan
3. Provision of regional benefits
4. Ability to leverage other funding

In addition, SacSewer also funds programs designed to educate students and customers about the Sacramento region's water and wastewater systems and the Sacramento watershed; enhance understanding of SacSewer's mission to large audiences; reinforce behavior change through education on environmental stewardship; and increase awareness about career paths available in the wastewater industry.

# SACRAMENTO AREA SEWER DISTRICT CONFLUENCE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This distinctive grant program uses non-rate, non-fee revenues to fund community programs that expand the Sacramento region's environmental, educational, and economic vitality. Grants are available to our customers, non-profit organizations, public agencies, and developers.

**SacSewer provided over \$26M in grants since 2017.**

