



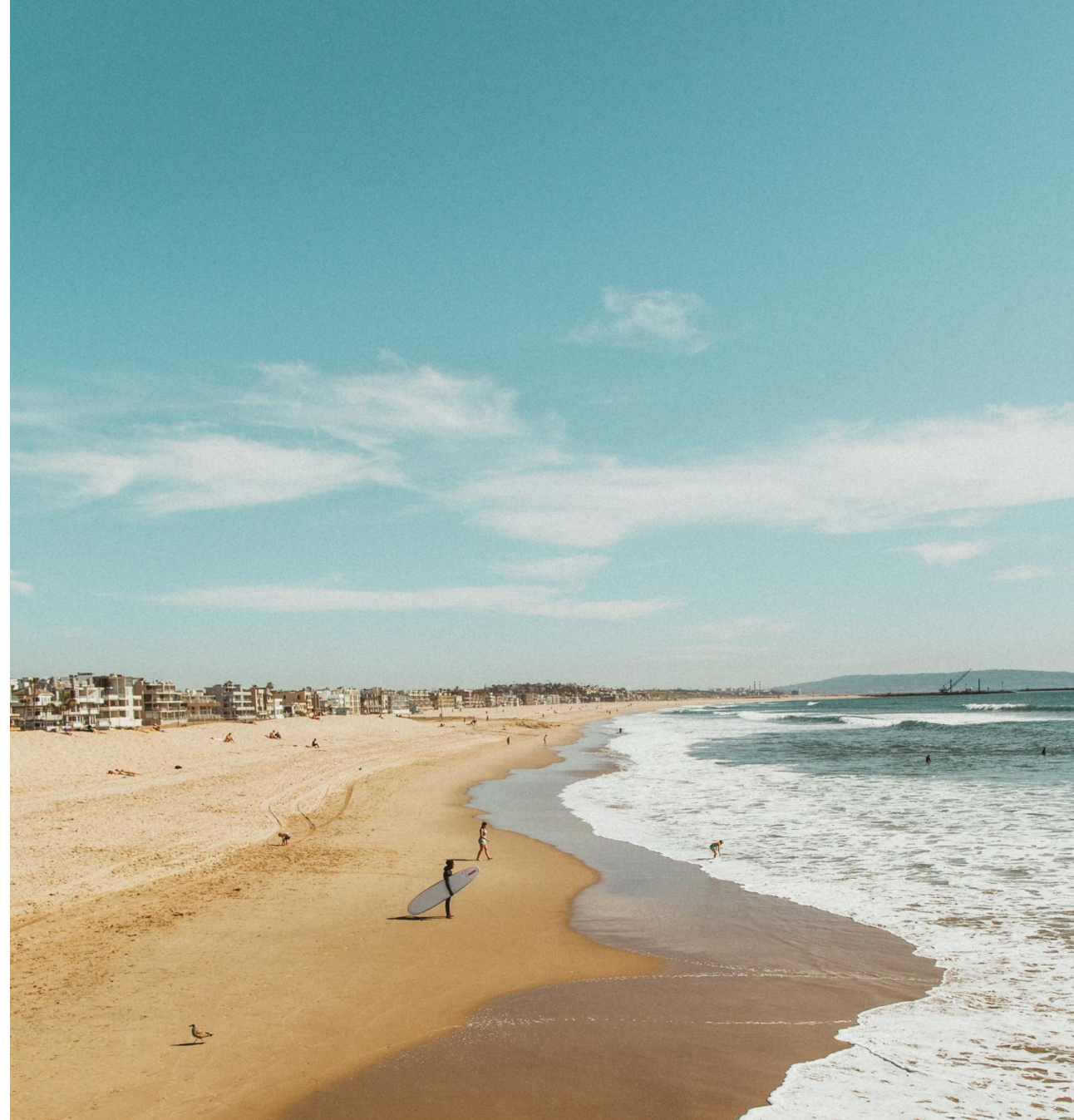
LA28 Resilience Champions Fund

Round 2 Webinar

September 16th 2026

The LA28 Resilience Champions Fund

- A grant program created by LA28 to **invest in a more resilient Los Angeles**
- The Fund supports local projects that focus on three key areas - **Wildfire Resilience and Nature Restoration, Ocean Protection, and Cooling Solutions**
- Projects should create **lasting benefits for neighborhoods and communities** before, during, and beyond the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Grants are **administered by Community Partners**
- The Fund will make **multiple rounds of grants** leading up to the Games
- Round 2 applications opened **September 9, 2026**, and are due **October 30, 2026**
- Round 2 is expected to fund approx. 8–12 projects
- Grants are available for:
 - **Implementation:** Up to \$100,000
 - **Education & Engagement:** Up to \$50,000

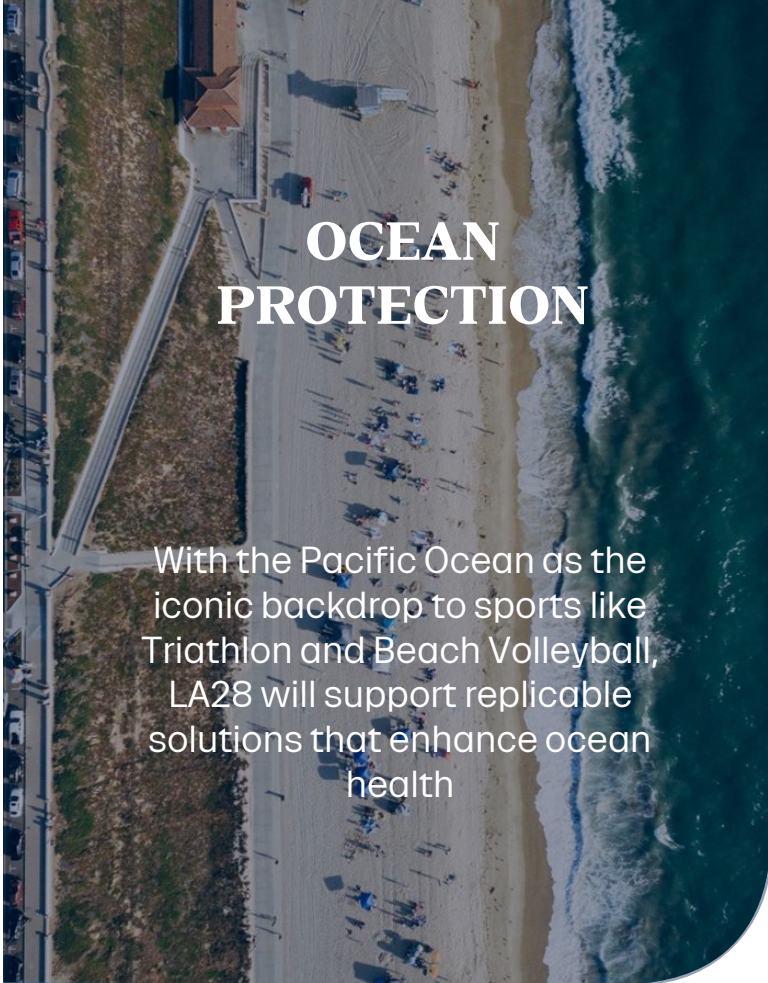


Resilience Champions Fund Focus Areas



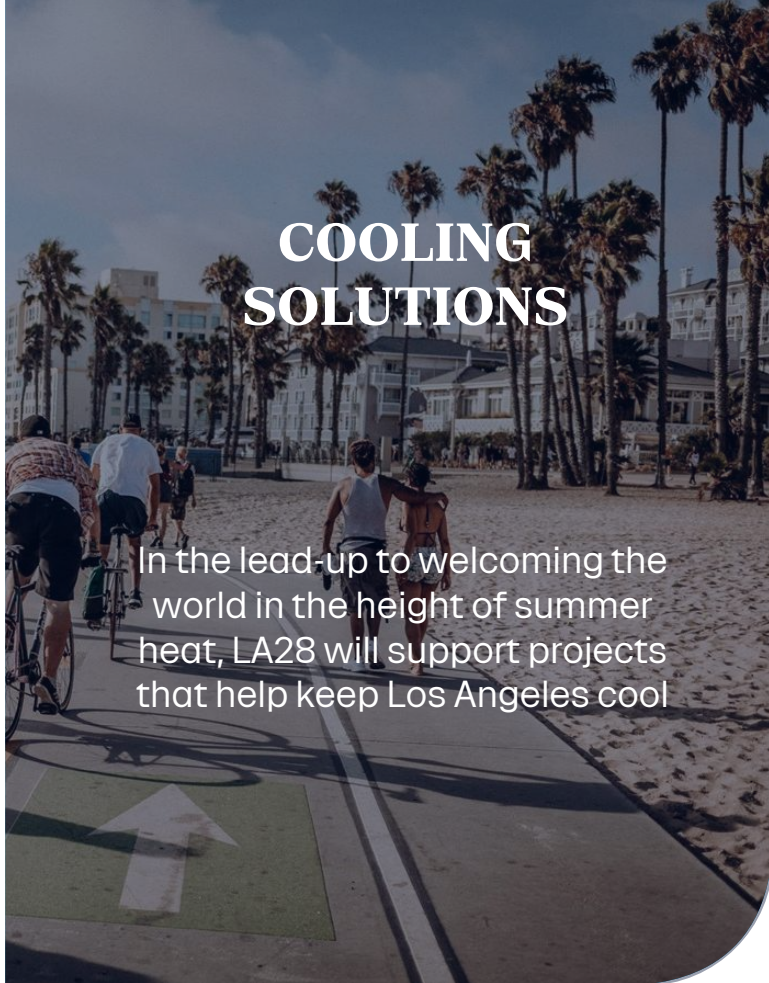
WILDFIRE RESILIENCE AND NATURE RESTORATION

Coming out of the devastating 2025 wildfires, LA28 will support projects that help build greater wildfire resilience and restore nature



OCEAN PROTECTION

With the Pacific Ocean as the iconic backdrop to sports like Triathlon and Beach Volleyball, LA28 will support replicable solutions that enhance ocean health



COOLING SOLUTIONS

In the lead-up to welcoming the world in the height of summer heat, LA28 will support projects that help keep Los Angeles cool

Meet the Round 1 Grantees

These 8 Round 1 grantees represent a diverse portfolio of projects that strengthen resilience in the region

- **Active SGV**: Transforming **unused school space** into a vibrant, cooling community asset by installing **native shade trees, natural seating** and **recreational play features**, expanding access to green space in El Monte.
- **Amigos de los Rios**: Expanding **urban tree canopy** and installing **green infrastructure** adjacent to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, within the Whittier Narrows Zone, to improve visitor access, reduce heat, and enhance resilience.
- **Chrysalis**: Reducing wildfire risk in the Sepulveda Basin in the Valley Zone by deploying a trained **resilience workforce** to **remove hazardous fuels** while creating pathways to stable environmental jobs.
- **Climate Resolve**: Transforming a Boyle Heights **basketball court** near the DTLA Zone into a climate-ready sports hub with a **cool basketball court** and **shaded seating** that reduce heat risk and engaging local youth through **training programs** that build leadership and career pathways in resilience.
- **Conservation Corps of Long Beach**: **Training** young adults in **coastal conservation** by restoring wetlands, coastal habitats, and coastal public trails across the shoreline near the Long Beach Zone.
- **LA Community Garden Council**: Converting **community gardens** into permanent, resident-run cooling hubs in heat vulnerable neighborhoods. The gardens span from Sunland-Tujunga to East Hollywood to South Los Angeles.
- **The Los Angeles Urban League**: **Training** youth from fire-affected areas in Pasadena/Altadena within the Pasadena Zone in **wildfire resilience and green construction** while supporting communities impacted by the 2025 wildfires.
- **Santa Monica Mountains Fund**: Installing a **dense native micro-forest** in Westwood, adjacent to the Olympic and Paralympic Village, to deliver cooling and restore habitat.

Who can apply to the Fund?

- **Eligible applicants include:**
 - Nonprofit organizations
 - Community-based organizations
 - Fiscally sponsored projects
 - Partnerships or coalitions with an eligible nonprofit lead
- **Important rules:**
 - Only one application per lead organization
 - Organizations can be partners on other applications
 - Government agencies cannot apply as the lead
 - For-profit companies cannot apply as the lead
 - Organizations currently contracting with LA28 cannot apply as the lead. This includes projects, professors or departments from universities such as UCLA and USC



Where can projects take place?

- **Projects must:**
 - Be in the Los Angeles region
 - Have a clear connection to the LA28 Games footprint
- **Applicants should explain:**
 - Where the project will happen
 - Which community the project will serve



Which grant is right for you?

Projects can combine implementation and education, but only one application can be submitted and the maximum award is \$100,000

- **Implementation Grants (up to \$100k):**

- For projects that create
 - Permanent physical improvements
 - Permanent place-based improvements
 - Other ready-to-implement solutions
- Applicants should have
 - Experience doing similar work
 - Access to the project site
 - A realistic permitting/CEQA plan, if needed
 - A plan to maintain the project
 - A clear path to finish by January 31, 2028

- **Education & Engagement Grants (up to \$50k):**

- For projects focused on
 - Community education
 - Outreach
 - Engagement
- Projects should have
 - Experience doing similar work
 - Clear, measurable results

What can and can't be funded?

- **Funds can support:**

- Staff
- Supplies and materials
- Equipment
- Consultants and contractors
- Community workshops
- Engagement activities
- Reasonable administrative costs

- **Funds cannot primarily support:**

- Lobbying or political activity
- Government-led projects
- Volunteer-only projects
- Research-only projects
- Projects outside the three funding areas
- Planning-only projects



What makes a strong applicant?

- **Good fit** - Does the project clearly match a Fund priority?
- **Community need** - Does the project respond to a real local need?
- **Experience** - Can the organization show it has done similar work successfully?
- **Readiness** - Can the project actually be completed during the grant period?
- **Lasting impact** - Will the community benefit after the Games?
- **Community engagement** - Did the community help shape the project?
- **Clear budget** - Does the budget match the work and timeline?



Application Process & Key Dates

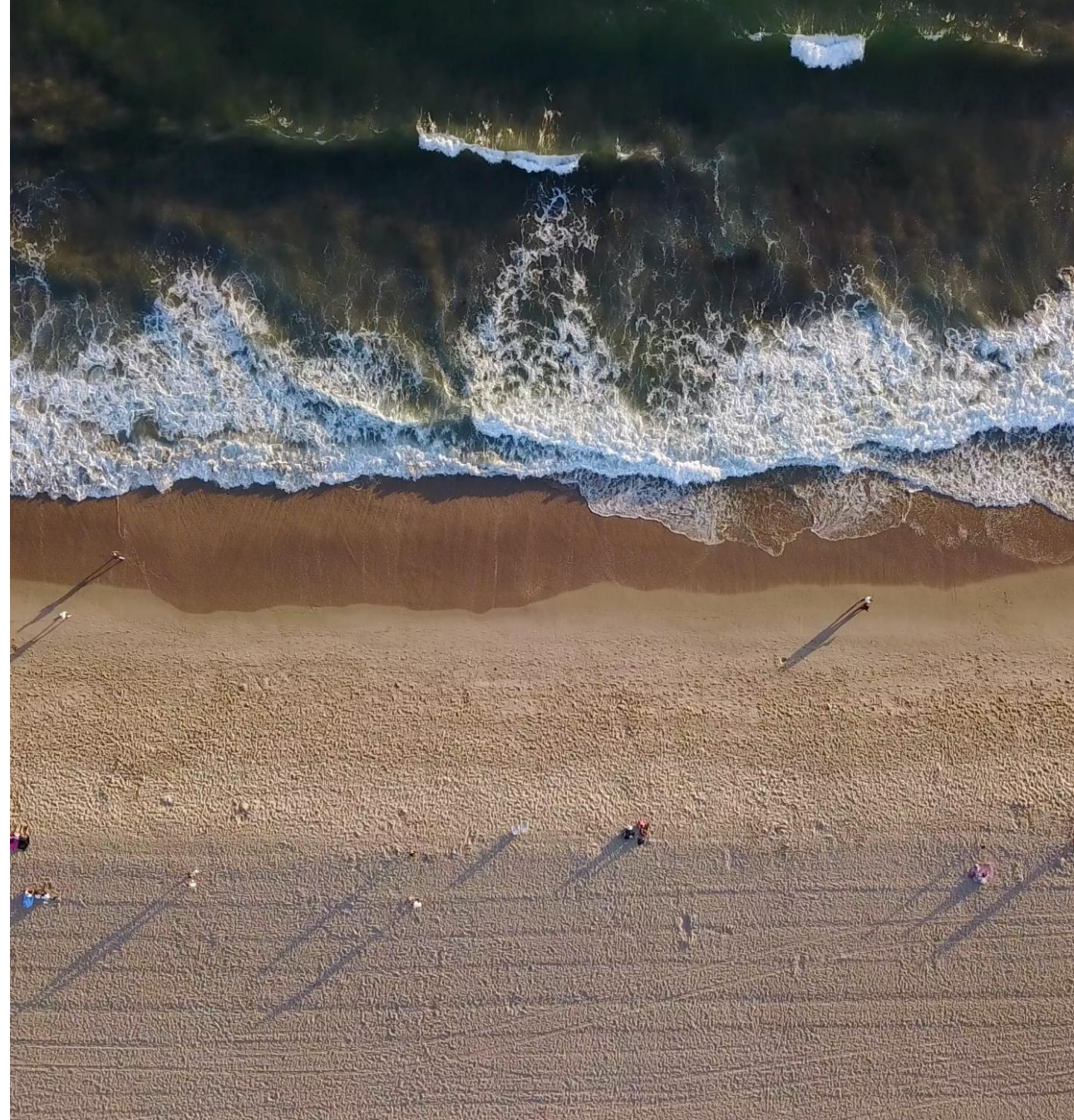
- **Application:** Submit online through Submittable
- **Applicants will need**
 - Application form
 - Project budget (Community Partners provides a template for this)
 - Audited financial statements or two recent IRS Forms 990
 - Additional financial documents for fiscally sponsored projects
- **Timeline:**
 - Sept. 9, 2026 - Applications open
 - Oct. 30, 2026 - Applications due
 - Oct. 2026–Jan. 2027 – Review
 - Jan./Feb. 2027 - Awards announced
 - Feb. 2027 - Grant period begins
 - Jan. 2028 - Grant period ends



What happens if you are awarded a grant?

- **Grantees will:**

- Sign a grant agreement
- Submit required W9, ACH info, and insurance documents
- Receive funds by electronic transfer
- Attend an in-person grantee orientation
- Submit a final report and financial report at the end of the grant period
- Provide photos and stories about the project





Thank you!

Any questions about the Fund can be sent to:
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