

**2016 GUIDELINES**  
**ROBERT S. BEGOLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM**  
administered by the  
**Anza-Borrego Foundation**  
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***The purpose of the Begole Archaeological Research Grant Program is to support scientific research in Colorado Desert District parks and the immediately surrounding area.***

With the above purpose in mind, the following guidelines are proposed:

1. Only the *proceeds* of the Begole Archaeological Research Grant endowment may be used for grant purposes. So that the corpus of the endowment can grow, a portion of the proceeds accumulated during each fiscal year (FY) will be available for granting purposes and this amount may vary yearly. The decision as to the amount of funds available will be made in June of each year for that grant cycle. The Begole Archaeological Research Grant Committee will make the determination of the portion of the proceeds that will be used for grants each grant cycle. There is no obligation to award a grant each year. In the event that financial circumstances (such as inflation) render the value of the corpus insufficient to support the grant program, the corpus may be liquidated. In this event, the proceeds will be used to support the Begole Archaeological Research Center located at Colorado Desert District Headquarters in Borrego Springs, California.
2. The Begole Archaeological Research Grant Committee will act as the entity that will provide oversight of the grant program. The Committee will be composed of a *minimum* of five members: a Colorado Desert District (CDD) archaeologist, a member of the Anza Borrego Foundation (ABF) Board of Directors or an appointee by the Board, the Chair of the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society (CDAS), a representative from the archaeological private sector (a Cultural Resource Management firm), and a representative from the archaeological academic sector. The committee may call on other knowledgeable persons or experts to sit on the committee *ex officio*. All committee members will serve without compensation.
3. Each voting Committee member will sign a Conflict-of-Interest Statement as well as a Statement of Nondisclosure and Confidentiality.
4. The Begole Archaeological Research Grant(s) funds will be set aside in June of each year and the amount of the grant(s) will be determined by the accumulated proceeds of the endowment for the preceding FY.
5. Proposals will be submitted to the BARG Committee by researchers who are interested in pursuing research in some phase of prehistory or history within the CDD parks, in areas bordering the parks, in the immediately surrounding area (see attached map for research area limitations), or elsewhere in the Colorado or Mojave Deserts. All proposed research should have application to the archaeology of the Colorado Desert District parks; this application should be explained in the research proposal. The proposal will consist of a summary of the goal(s) of the research or the need for specific research-oriented equipment; a statement of why this research or equipment is important to scientific archaeology; and an explanation of how the research, equipment, or product will meet the needs of the CDD Cultural Resources program. A detailed budget explaining how the funds will be used will be an integral part of the proposal. The grant applicants will present a timeline for project execution and completion and a description of the final product. Each proposal should specifically address a current need for the project or the product of the grant.
6. The formal application and proposal forms will be developed by the BARG Committee. All proposals and applications for support must be in the format provided. The Committee will also develop proposal evaluation criteria as well as determine the protocol for grantees filing Progress Reports periodically during the course of the funded project.
7. The ABF, CDD, and CDAS may publicize the grant program.
8. There are no restrictions on the topics of the research proposals, as long as they are cultural in scope and/or focus. However, priority will be given to original research dealing with the earliest periods of prehistory.

9. Applicants may be staff of California State Parks, registered undergraduate or graduate students, faculty and/or titled researchers at academic institutions, staff of private-sector or government-sector cultural resource management entities, or independent scholars.
10. In the development of the research proposal, all applicants should keep the CDAS and California State Parks Mission Statements and policies in mind. Of particular interest to the BARG program is that the 2007 California State Parks Operations Notice 2007-05 be followed concerning Native American Consultation Policy & Implementation Procedures in all cases where it is applicable.
11. Grant applicants must present, with the proposal, a full Curriculum Vitae and at least three references who will be able to provide to the Committee an evaluation of the applicant's standing in the scientific community, the ability of the applicant to complete projects in a timely manner, and other matters which may be of concern to the Committee, dependent on the particular research proposal.
12. The proposal should be appropriately scoped for the amount of funding requested. The applicant should *state specifically the research questions* to be addressed in the proposal. The applicant should *mention* the theoretical framework under which the research will be conducted. A short, but pertinent bibliography should be included so that the Committee is aware that the applicant has a grasp of the problem(s) to be addressed. The research should not repeat what has been done before.
13. The deadline for proposal submissions will be the final week in May of each year. The Committee (see above) will make all decisions regarding the selection of the research proposal(s) to be supported.
14. The Committee will meet in June of each year to review grant proposals and determine the grant(s) to be awarded. The CDD Superintendent will review the decision(s) of the Begole Research Grant Committee before awards are made.
15. The applicants will be notified immediately after the Committee has made its decisions.
16. Applicants will present evidence that the request for funding is for basic research and that sufficient background information has been obtained so that the Committee is convinced that important research questions or issues will be addressed and a relevant product will be produced.
17. The award of the grant(s) will be contingent upon a letter of agreement from the landowner where the project will be conducted, be it private or government land(s). If a grant is awarded, the grantee will be responsible for securing the necessary permits for work from the appropriate entity, be it federal, state, county, city, or private. No funds will be awarded until proof of permitting has been submitted to the appropriate entity.
18. Each investigator will pledge to share the information obtained from the supported research with the archaeological community and the public through publication, lecture, or other media, including at an educational event sponsored by ABDSP Begole Archaeological Research Center, if feasible.
19. In no case will a grant be awarded for work, supplies, or equipment that would fall under the usual scope of California State Parks management or fiscal responsibilities.