

NOAA's Tribal Engagement in Regional Ocean Partnership Priorities

Notice of Funding Opportunity

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Funding Opportunity Overview



Funding Opportunity

Overview

- Visit [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov) for information, application
- Use this number in your search:
NOAA-NOS-OCM-2024-27598



Funding Opportunity

Overview

- **Goal:** Enhance tribal participation with regional ocean partnerships.
- **Proposals must**
 - support tribal activities that align with regional ocean partnership priorities;
 - provide for intertribal ocean and coastal opportunities that align with regional ocean partnership priorities;
 - enhance and support tribal ability to engage;
 - support partnership development between tribes and regional ocean partnerships; and/or
 - increase inclusion of tribal information and knowledge in regional data portals.



Funding Opportunity

Summary

- NOAA anticipates \$1.5 million for this year's competition.
- Eligible applicants: federally recognized tribes or tribal-serving organizations.
- Funding range: \$50,000 to \$200,000 per year.
- Can request up to two years of funding.
- Apply via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, October 31, 2024.



Section-by-Section Explanation



Program Objective and Priorities

Section I.A and I.B

- **Objectives**

- Encourage or enhance tribal involvement or engagement with regional ocean partnerships.
- Support tribal activities related to regional ocean partnership priorities.

- **Priorities**

- Capacity for tribal engagement.
- Ocean and coastal data sharing and accessibility.
- Intertribal ocean and coastal coordination.
- Specific activities related to regional ocean partnership priorities.



Funding Levels and Award Periods

Section II.A and II.B

- Funding request: between \$50,000 and \$200,000/year.
- Can request one or two years of funding.
- Earliest anticipated start date: May 1, 2025.
- For one year of funding: award period 18 to 24 months.
- For two years of funding: up to 36 months.
- Availability of second year of funding is dependent on award performance and other factors (*see II.B*).



Eligible Applicants

Section III

- Federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations as defined at 25 U.S.C. Section 5304.
- Tribal-serving organization applicants must include support letter confirming tribal leadership support and involvement.
- Each tribe may be involved in up to two applications.



Ineligible Activities

Section III.C

The following activities are not eligible:

- Construction
- Large-scale restoration
- Land acquisition
- Capacity, staffing, or activities not related to regional ocean partnership priorities
- Data collection or monitoring not integrated with regional ocean partnership data-sharing activities



Submission Information

Section IV

Grants.gov: application package, federal forms, instructions

- Must complete application in online “Workspace”
- Proposals should include
 - federal forms
 - title page, project summary, project description
 - budget narrative and justification
 - appendices
 - data-sharing plan and other supplemental info
- Application process: register in *era.nih.gov*, *Grants.gov*, and *SAM.gov*



Content of Application

Section IV.B

- Section IV.B provides specific content and form requirements.
- Pay careful attention here—ensure all required information is included.
- Section aligns with evaluation criteria used to score applications.



Evaluation of Application

Section V

- Section V describes proposal evaluation.
- Understanding criteria will help write a successful application.

Evaluation Criteria	Points/Weight
1. Importance and Applicability	35
2. Technical and Scientific Merit	25
3. Qualifications of Applicant	15
4. Project Costs	10
5. Outreach and Education	15



Application Review

Section V.B and C

- Describes technical and merit review process.
- NOAA may negotiate with applicants on scope and budget items.
- Final award amounts depend on pre-award negotiations between applicant and NOAA.



Reminders and Tips



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Application Process

- Read entire funding announcement, complete all requirements.
- Must be registered with era.nih.gov, SAM.gov, and Grants.gov
 - Registration process can take six weeks, so start at least six weeks before deadline.
- Specific instructions can be found in these two resources:
 - coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/_pdf/grants-guidance.pdf
 - fisheries.noaa.gov/s3/2024-05/NOAA-Fisheries-New-Application-Processes-508.pdf



Reminders and Tips

Application Process

- Application must be completed in *Grants.gov* “Workspace.”
 - Federal forms cannot be uploaded separately.
- Submit early! If there are submission errors, you want to have time to correct and re-submit before deadline.
- Read “Submission Checks” and “Common Errors” in document below to ensure a successful application.

fisheries.noaa.gov/s3/2024-05/NOAA-Fisheries-New-Application-Process-508.pdf *note: applicable to all NOAA funding, not just NOAA Fisheries



Reminders and Tips

- Budget:

- Whole dollar amounts only.
- Break out budget year-by-year in SF424-A and budget narrative.
- Budget narrative guidance available:

coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/_pdf/forms/budget-narrative-guidance-for-NOAA-grants.pdf



Reminders and Tips

- Person listed as “Authorized Representative” on SF424 form and assigned “Signing Official” role in eRA Commons is directly involved in all questions, revisions.
 - Therefore, tribal chairperson or president may not want that role.
- Use May 1, 2025 as award start date.



Additional Resources



Resources

- Registration and submission questions:
 - Support@grants.gov
 - (800) 518-4726
- Guidance for first time users of *Grants.gov*:
coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/_pdf/grants-guidance.pdf
- Additional application resources: coast.noaa.gov/funding under “Resources and Tips” section on right side of page.
- Frequently asked questions:
coast.noaa.gov/funding/bil/rop/applicant-information.html



Questions?

Contact Kris Wall, competition manager,
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Visit these sites:

- *coast.noaa.gov/funding/bil/rop/overview.html*
- *coast.noaa.gov/funding/bil/rop/applicant-information.html*

