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FY25 NOAA Marine Debris Removal under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

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Funding Opportunity Number:	NOAA-NOS-ORR-2025-25974	Posted Date:	Jul 24, 2024
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY25 NOAA Marine Debris Removal under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	Last Updated Date:	Jul 24, 2024
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jan 31, 2025
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jan 31, 2025
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement	Archive Date:	Mar 02, 2025
Category of Funding Activity:	Environment Natural Resources Science and Technology and	Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$ 47,000,000
		Award Ceiling:	\$10,000,000
		Award Floor:	\$1,000,000



other Research and
Development

Category

Explanation:

**Expected
Number of
Awards:** 10

Assistance 11.999 -- Marine

Listings: Debris Program

**Cost Sharing or
Matching
Requirement:** No

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility: As outlined in the Marine Debris Act, eligible applicants from the United States, its territories, or Freely Associated States include:

- State, local, Tribal, and territory governments whose activities affect research or regulation of marine debris
- Federally and non-federally recognized Tribes and Native or Indigenous organizations
- Institutes of higher education
- Nonprofit organizations
- Commercial (for-profit) organizations with expertise in marine debris removals

Applications from federal agencies or employees of federal agencies will NOT be considered. Interested federal agencies may collaborate with eligible applicants but may not receive funds through this competition. Foreign organizations and foreign public entities (see 2 CFR 200.1) from outside of the freely associated states are not eligible to apply. NOAA is strongly committed to broadening the participation of veterans, minority-serving institutions, Tribes, and entities that work in communities facing environmental/climate and socioeconomic burdens. The NOAA MDP encourages applicants of all backgrounds, circumstances, perspectives, and ways of thinking to apply. To be eligible to apply or receive an award, applicant organizations must complete and maintain three registrations; SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and eRA Commons. All registrations must be completed prior to the application being submitted. The complete registration process for all three systems

can take 4 to 6 weeks, so applicants must begin this activity as soon as possible and well before the proposal due date. Prior to registering with eRA Commons, applicant organizations must first obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) from SAM.gov, if needed (refer to Section IV. Applications and Submission Information, Section C). Organizations can register with eRA Commons in tandem with completing their full SAM and Grants.gov registrations; however, all registrations must be in place by time of application submission. eRA Commons requires organizations to identify at least one Signing Official (SO) and at least one Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) account in order to submit an application. For more information on how to meet these registration and application submission requirements without errors, we advise all to carefully review relevant Applicant and Grantee Training modules: <https://www.commerce.gov/ocio/programs/gems/applicant-and-grantee-training>. Additionally, we advise that all carefully read the 'Full Proposal Requirements' section below. Other criteria that may affect eligibility include:

- Applicants proposing applications to renew or supplement previously-awarded NOAA projects are allowed; however such proposals will be subject to the competitive process and will not receive preferential treatment.
- This funding opportunity is not intended for removal efforts in non-coastal states or inland areas outside the Great Lakes watershed.
- Project activities must benefit NOAA trust resources and take place within the United States, its territories, or Freely Associated States. Projects proposing removals in international waters, including the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, are not eligible.
- Applications that target large debris removals that will simultaneously collect smaller scale debris are eligible, but the focus of the proposed work and benefits should be on the large scale marine debris removals.
- Applications addressing microplastics or microfibers are not priorities for this solicitation and will be withdrawn from the review, as will research and development proposals.
- Funding for the development of new marine debris databases will not be awarded through this competition.
- Activities that are eligible for removal and reimbursement under a Federal Disaster Declaration will not be considered for use of federal dollars under project awards in this competition.

Additional Information

Name:

Description: This funding opportunity requires a Letter of Intent (LOI) to be submitted to grants.marinedebris@noaa.gov for competitive review before a full proposal can be submitted. LOIs must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, September 27, 2024. If invited, full proposals must then be submitted in Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) and validated by eRA on or before 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, January 31, 2025.

The NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) is a division of the NOAA Office of Response and Restoration. Authorized in the Marine Debris Act, codified at 33 U.S.C. § 1951 et seq., the NOAA MDP supports the development and implementation of marine debris assessment, removal, and prevention projects that benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and marine and Great Lake resources. Marine debris is defined as "any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes" (15 C.F.R. § 909.1). The mission of the NOAA MDP is to investigate and prevent the adverse impacts of marine debris. Through this solicitation, NOAA seeks to support large marine debris removal projects with funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (PL 117-58). The overall objective of this funding opportunity is to support impactful, large marine debris removal projects that will improve the resilience of the coastal and marine environment. This competition considers impactful projects to be those that will have long-lasting, transformational benefits to marine and coastal NOAA Trust Resources, coastal communities, and/or local economies.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) describes the types of projects that are eligible for funding, as well as the proposal requirements and how applications will be evaluated. NOAA anticipates up to \$47,000,000 will be available for this grant solicitation. The minimum federal request for this solicitation is \$1,000,000. The maximum federal request is \$10,000,000. The typical funding request will range from \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000. Proposals requesting over \$6,000,000 are expected to be proposals including a subaward competition for other organizations to identify and apply for funding for localized removal activities. Proposals requesting over \$6,000,000 solely identifying marine debris targets for direct removal organized by the applicant should provide a detailed justification for why this amount of funding is needed. The exact amount of funds to be awarded and the number

of awards made will be at the discretion of NOAA following pre-award negotiations with highly meritorious applicants.

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**Grantor
Contact
Information:** If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:
Amanda Dwyer (amanda.dwyer@noaa.gov; 240-533-0402) or the NOAA MDP Grants Team (grants.marinedebris@noaa.gov).

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