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| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary | Original Closing Date for Applications: | Jan 09, 2025 |
| Opportunity Explanation: | | Current Closing Date for Applications: | Jan 13, 2025 |
| Funding Instrument Type: | Cooperative AgreementGrant | Archive Date: | Feb 08, 2025 |
| | | Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$ 13,500,000 |
| | | Award Ceiling: | \$4,000,000 |
| | | Award Floor: | \$200,000 |



Category of Funding: Environment
Funding: Natural Resources
Activity: Science and Technology and other Research and Development

Category Explanation:

Expected Number of Awards: 25

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Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Eligibility

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

Additional Information on Eligibility: Any NERRS lead state agencies or universities designated to receive NERRS operations funding through a Memorandum of Understanding with NOAA in coastal states and territories are eligible for funds under this competition. For elected projects, NOAA may make financial assistance awards to the Reserve lead state agency or university, which will be responsible for ensuring that allocated funds are used for the purposes of and in a manner consistent with this program. NOAA may also, with concurrence from the Reserve lead agency or university, make a grant directly to an identified eligible Reserve partner in order to expedite completion of an approved project. For these projects, the Reserve lead agency or university would submit a Letter of Intent and include an identification and brief description of the Reserve partner that would be the final grant recipient. If the Reserve is invited to submit a final application for the proposal, then the Reserve partner would submit the final application through grants.gov. In such cases, the Reserve partner (as the grant award recipient) will be responsible for ensuring that allocated funds are

used for the approved purposes of, and in a manner consistent with, this program. Eligible Reserve partners may include regional authorities, non-governmental organizations, institutions of higher education, and state, territorial, tribal, and county/local governments. Non-governmental organizations may serve as the lead applicant for habitat restoration projects or for habitat restoration engineering, design and planning projects. As noted in section III C.3. Public Benefit, all projects must be located on publicly-owned land, or land where a public entity holds a lease or easement that provides for adequate public control of the property. For these projects, the project application should also include a letter of support from the public entity who holds title or a legal interest on the project site.

Additional Information

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Description: The purpose of this notice is to solicit grant proposals from eligible National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs or Reserves) for coastal habitat restoration; coastal habitat restoration planning, engineering, and design; and coastal land conservation projects that support the goals and intent of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP), and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) (BIL, Public Law 117-58, 135 STAT. 1356 (Nov. 15, 2021)).

NOAA anticipates that approximately \$13.5 million will be competitively awarded to approved Reserves or eligible Program partners. For habitat restoration engineering, design and planning projects, it is anticipated that awards will range from approximately \$200,000-\$350,000. For habitat restoration projects, it is anticipated that awards will range from approximately \$2 million to \$4 million. For land conservation projects, it is anticipated that awards will range from approximately \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. Applicants may propose projects with a Federal funding request less than or more than these amounts, up to \$4 million.

The NOAA Office for Coastal Management (OCM) encourages applicants and awardees to support the principles of equity and inclusion when writing their proposals and performing their work. Promoting equity and inclusion through community engagement,

co-development, and partnership improves creativity, productivity, and the vitality of the coastal management community that OCM supports. NOAA also encourages applicants to propose projects with benefits to tribal, indigenous, and/or underserved communities, and projects that appropriately consider and elevate local or indigenous knowledge in project design, implementation, and evaluation. Applicants should identify if the project is located within tribal, indigenous, and/or underserved communities, and/or whether a portion of the resilience benefits from the proposed work will flow to tribal, indigenous, and/or underserved communities.

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For administrative or technical questions regarding this announcement, contact the Office for Coastal Management via email at ocm.nerrs.infrastructure@noaa.gov.

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