

FLORIDA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Florida Coastal Management Program Coastal Partnerships Initiative (CPI) provides financial support to communities to implement local projects that promote the protection and effective management of coastal resources. Areas for which CPI support and assistance are available include remarkable coastal places, community stewardship, access to coastal resources and working waterfronts. Project selection through a competitive process will be based on criteria such as demonstrated need, evidence of widespread community support and assurance of coastal resource protection or enhancement.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Local governments in coastal counties, that are required to include a coastal element in the local comprehensive plan, national estuarine research reserves (NERR) and national estuary programs (NEP); educational institutions, non-for-profit groups and regional planning councils may be eligible, providing that a local government, NERR or NEP agree to participate as a partner.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance (grants).

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Financial awards are limited to no more than \$50,000 and no less than \$15,000 and may be used for planning activities, land acquisition, small construction or capital-improvement projects.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

The Notice of Availability of Funds is announced on or before September 15; applications are due 60 days after the official posting of the Notice of Availability of Funds. Refer to Chapter 62S-4, Florida Administrative Code, for application guidelines and criteria.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A 100-percent match is required; funding is provided for 12 months only (from July 1 to June 30).

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