

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS – BEACH EROSION CONTROL

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Authority for this action is provided under Section 103 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962, as amended. This authority may be used for protecting multiple public or private properties and facilities, and for the protection of single non-federal public properties against damages caused by storm-driven waves and currents. This authority allows federal participation in the cost of protecting the shores from hurricane and storm damage.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

A non-federal interest must be a public agency able to enter into an agreement in accordance with the requirements of Section 221 of the Flood Control Act of 1970. Section 221 specifies that the non-federal sponsor be a legally constituted public body with full authority and capability to perform the terms of its agreement and to pay damages, if necessary, in the event of failure to perform.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Assistance includes studying, designing and constructing projects of limited scope and complexity.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

There is a total of \$30 million available nationwide per fiscal year under this authority. The federal funding limit per project is \$3 million.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The source is continuing authority given by Congress to the Corps of Engineers.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

Local interest identifies problems and requests assistance. The problem is evaluated by the corps to determine if the program is appropriate. To initiate a Section 103 project, the local sponsor submits a letter of intent indicating understanding of obligations and responsibilities under the program and willingness and ability to participate as a non-federal sponsor. The Corps of Engineers then requests funds to conduct an initial appraisal to determine eligibility.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The non-federal sponsor must provide all lands, easements, rights of way, relocations and dredged material disposal sites (LERRD) necessary for the project. Costs assigned to protection of federally owned property are 100-percent federal. Costs assigned to protection of privately owned undeveloped lands and shores, which are not open to the public, are 100-percent non-federal. Costs assigned to areas where criteria for public uses are met are 35-percent non-federal. Visit www.saj.usace.army.mil/pd/pdpm.htm for more information.

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