

# Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection & Restoration BIL/ IIJA Funding Competitions

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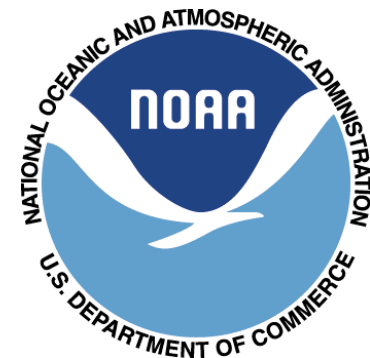
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An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The top half shows a rocky beach with white waves crashing against the shore. The middle section features a large, dark rock formation in the water. The bottom half shows a steep, green cliffside overlooking the ocean. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

# Agenda

Overview of funding opportunity

What's new in 2023

Program Priorities

Eligibility

Application Process/timelines

Specific Priorities for project types

Next Steps





Funding Coastal Resiliency Projects



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)



## CZM Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding (BIL)

### **Purpose of Funding:**

Increase resilience through landscape-scale habitat restoration and conservation in coastal ecosystems and promote coastal resilience in underserved coastal communities as well as those most vulnerable to climate impacts.

### **Total Funding and Timeline:**

- CZM – \$207 million over 5 years
  - Awarded \$50 million in FY2022 (announcement in Feb. 2023)
  - NOAA anticipates awarding approx. \$59.6M in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

## What's New in 2023?

- NOFO clear and organized
- Priorities the same
- Biggest funding year with influx of IRA \$
- NOAA's application process similar-with additional time to submit
- DLCD's application process more defined
- DLCD's website current with up-to-date information
- Cape Foulweather project funded!

# BIL Project Competition – Program Priorities

- Shovel ready or reasonably advanced
- Include on-the-ground implementation
- Factor in anticipated climate change effects
- Ecosystem/habitat focused
- Diversity in geographic distribution of projects (nationally)
- Variety of project types (restoration/acquisition/engineering and design)
- Leverage additional funding sources
- Advance equity and inclusion
  - at least 10% of the competition funding will be allocated towards projects that target engagement and partnership with underserved communities



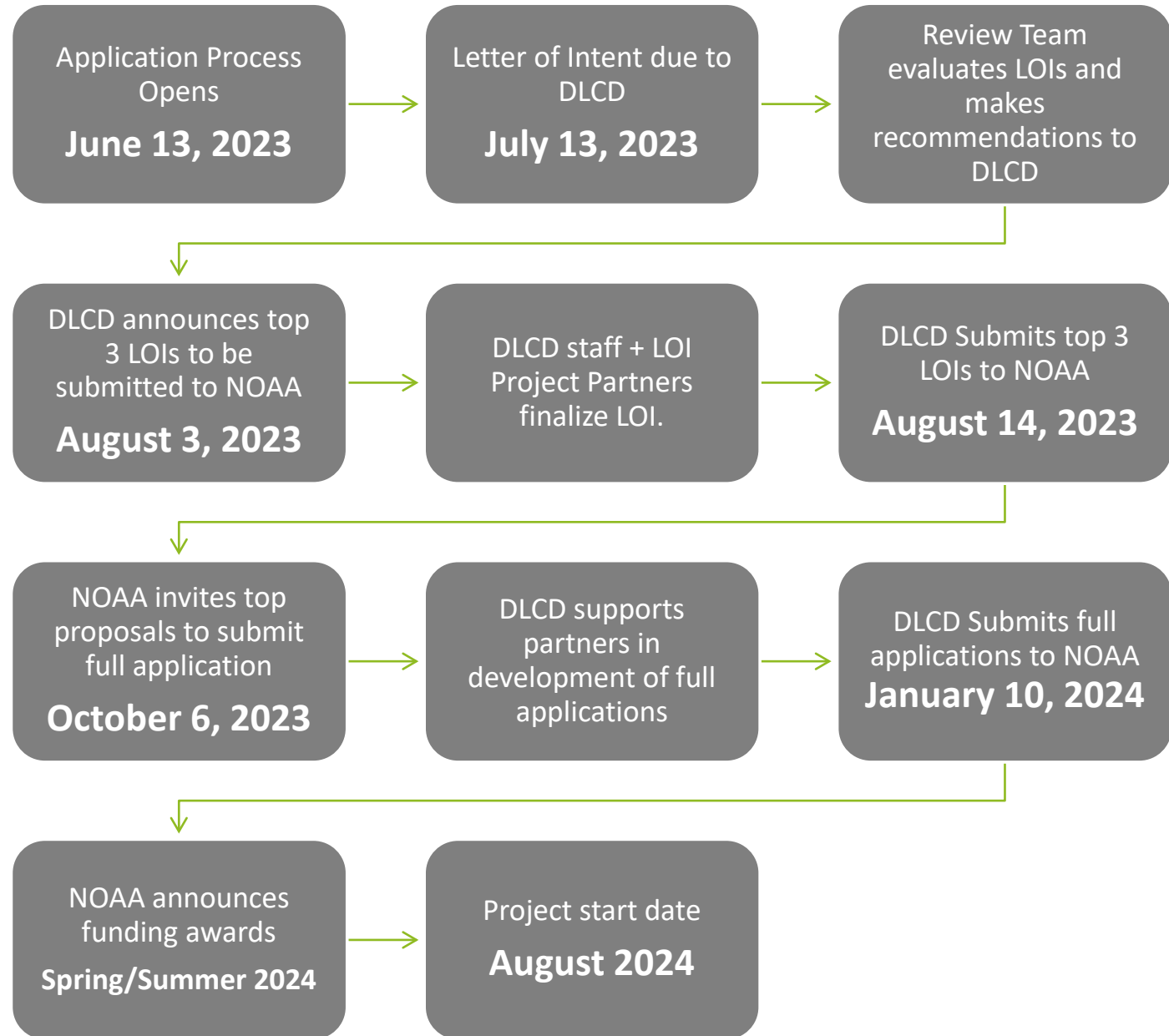
# Eligible Project Types

# Additional Eligibility Criteria

- Coastal zone
- Project goals highlighted in state or regional conservation plans
  - Oregon Conservation Strategy
  - Estuary Plan
  - ESA Recovery Plan
  - OCMP-Statewide Planning Goals
  - County conservation plans
  - OWEB priorities
  - Oregon Territorial Sea Plan
- Eligible applicants- DLCD/OCMP (submit up to 3 LOI's)
  - Sub applicants –non-federal public entities + NGO's
    - Non-federal = State agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, local Governments & local/regional entities
- Public Benefit-passive public access



# APPLICATION PROCESS





# Letter of Intent Requirements

- Schedule Pre-Application Consultation prior to submitting LOI on July 13, 2023
- Use LOI template/instructions
- Use DLCDC's Budget Template as a tool
- For Acquisition Projects:
  - Signed agreement from the willing seller
  - Signed acknowledgement document from proposed non-federal public entity that will be purchasing and holding the property/CE
- For Restoration or Restoration Planning Projects:
  - Signed acknowledgement document/letter from an authorized representative of the public entity that owns/controls the land, to grant permission for the restoration project to occur on land under that public entity's ownership/control. Only necessary if the restoration project is proposed by an entity that does not own or control the land.

# Project Budgets

- Funding range per project: up to \$6 million max
  - Restoration Planning - \$200,000-500,000/project
  - Restoration - \$2-6M/project
  - Acquisition - \$1-4M/project
- Consider BABA requirements in budget development
- No match required- but cost sharing is an important element considered in the evaluation criteria.
- CZM programs (DLCD) must serve as primary applicant.
- Generally, can be up to a 3-year project time period- plus additional year for restoration monitoring



# Habitat Restoration Projects

## Priority will be given to projects that:

- Reflect coastal habitat restoration priority areas identified in state, tribal or regional plans
- Restore important habitats and connected ecosystem functions/species
- Restore hydrologic connections between habitats that improve ecosystem function;
- Enhance or restore important ecosystem services that support coastal communities, vulnerable populations or cultural resources (i.e., coastal flood protection, extreme weather resilience, water quality and quantity, food safety security, and chronic coastal erosion, etc.)
- Include a long-term plan for monitoring specific criteria relevant to achieve project objectives
- Provide for engineering and design needs, if not already completed.

# Habitat Restoration Planning, Engineering, & Design Projects

- Habitat restoration planning, engineering, and design projects will be evaluated using the same criteria as noted for habitat restoration projects—with the exception that monitoring plans are not required.
- Habitat restoration planning activities should demonstrate how these efforts will support or catalyze subsequent on-the-ground restoration.

# Land Conservation Projects

Priority will be given to projects that:

- have significant ecological value, and
- have a demonstrated need for protection, and
- can be effectively managed and protected.
- are designed to protect properties under an imminent threat of conversion to a use that will degrade or diminish their natural, undeveloped, or recreational state
- serve to mitigate the adverse impacts caused by coastal population growth in the coastal environment
- reflect that the land conservation project goals are identified in national CZMA goals, CELCP and/or other regional, tribal or statewide conservation plans
- has a high level of project readiness



## Next Steps

- Reach out with questions
- Schedule your pre-application consultation prior to submitting your LOI
- Read the NOFO
- Visit DLCD's Coastal Grants webpage for additional resources
- Restoration/on-the-ground activities must clear federal environment compliance – schedule consultation with NOAA prior to submitting LOI
- Additional climate resilience BIL funding opportunities





**Thank you!**

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