

DLCD + NOAA Funding Opportunities

Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection &
Restoration BIL Funding Competitions

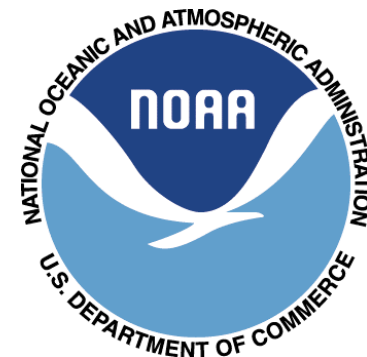
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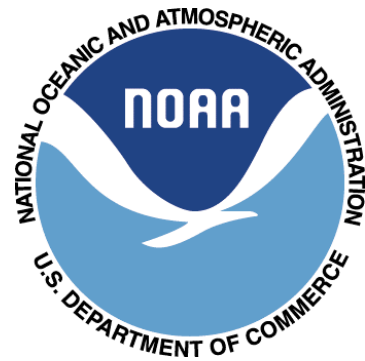
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Funding Coastal
Resiliency Projects



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
 - NOAA anticipates awarding approx. \$59.6M in 2nd Year

Eligible Project Types

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- Habitat Restoration
- Habitat Restoration Planning, Engineering, and Design
- Land Conservation (Acquisition of Land (fee or Conservation Easement)

ALL eligible projects MUST

Be implemented on publicly-owned lands.

- Restoration/Restoration Planning- takes place on land owned or controlled by public entity. NGO's can receive \$ to implement projects.
- Land Conservation-Only **non-federal public entity** is a qualified entity to hold title to land (fee simple or Conservation Easement interest). NGO not eligible to directly receive \$ for land conservation projects.

Eligibility Criteria

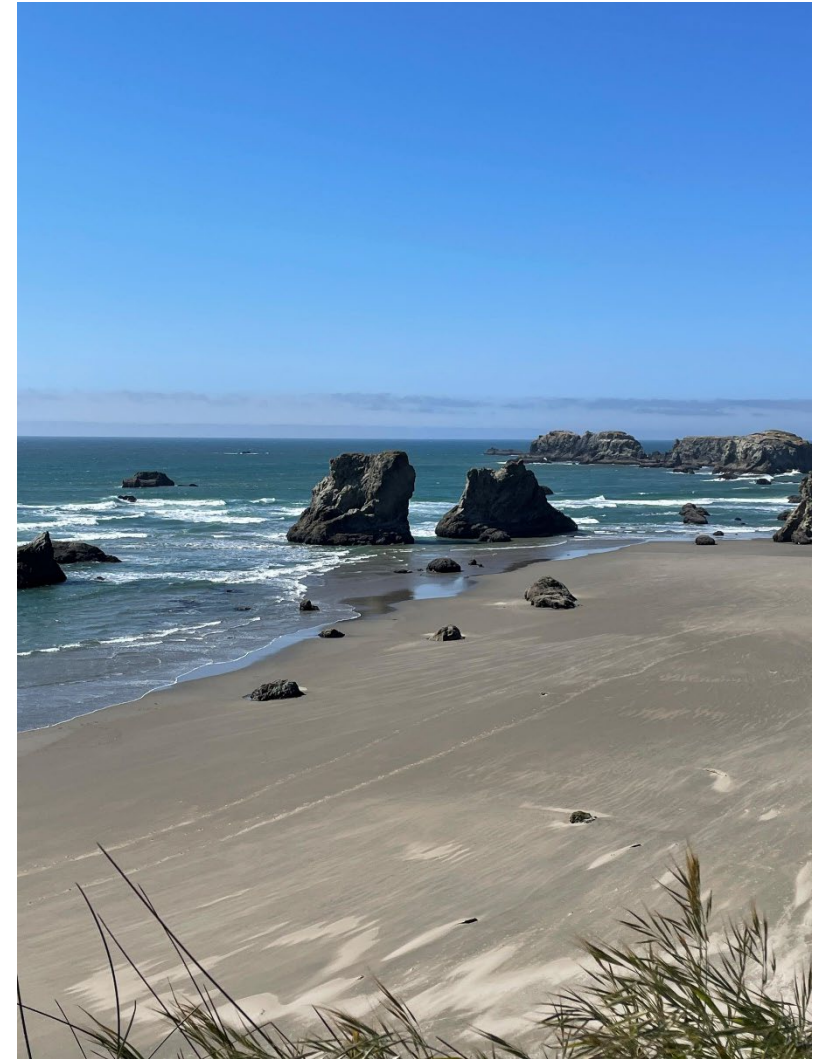
- Coastal zone
- Project goals highlighted in state or regional conservation plans
 - Oregon Conservation Strategy
 - Estuary Plan
 - ESA Recovery Plan
 - OCMP-Statewide Planning Goals
 - County conservation plans
 - OWEB priorities
 - Oregon Territorial Sea Plan
- Eligible applicants- DLCD/OCMP (submit 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

Project Budgets

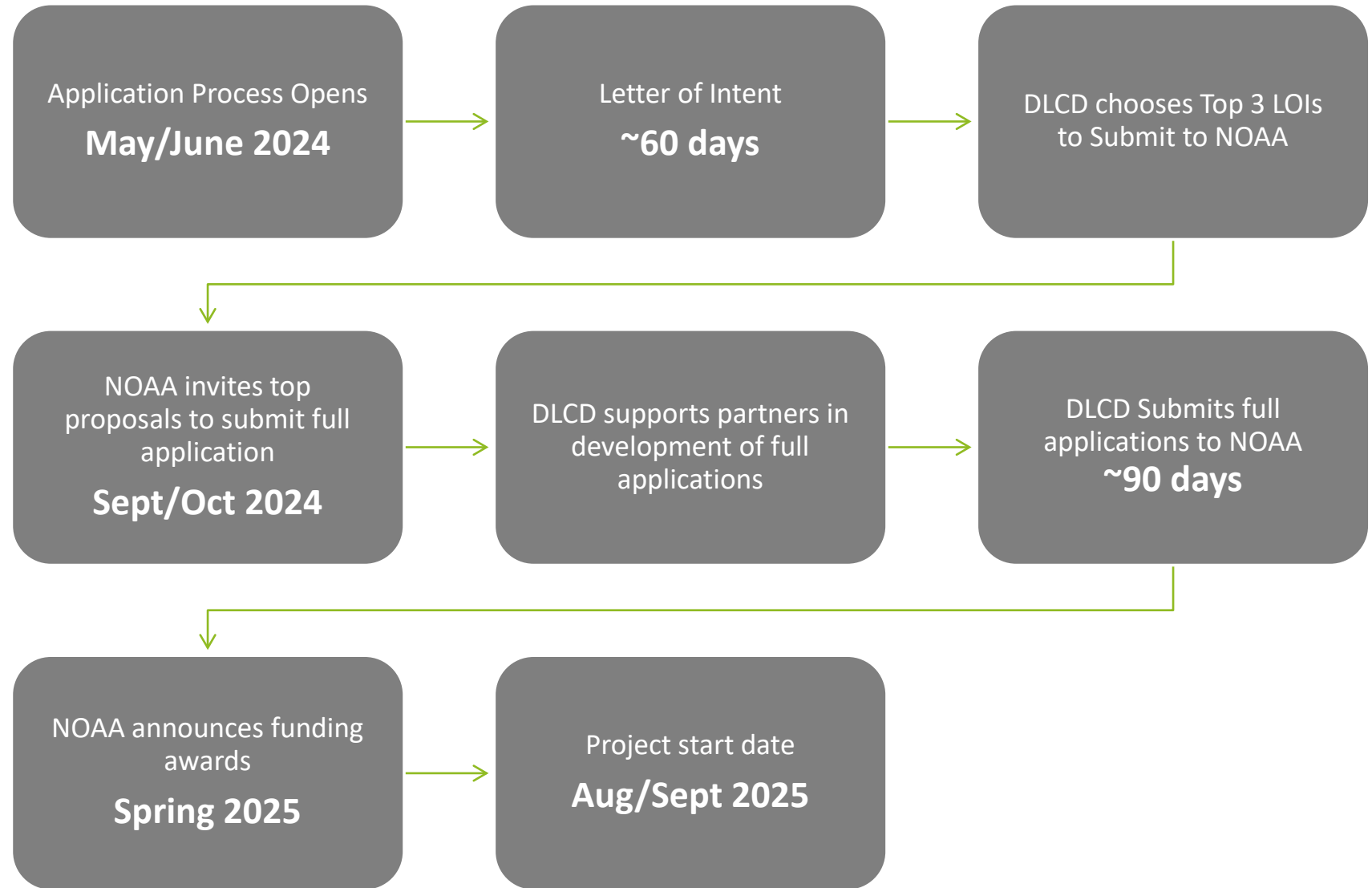
- Funding range per project: up to \$6 million max
 - Restoration Planning - \$200,000-500,000/project
 - Restoration - \$2-6M/project
 - Acquisition - \$1-4M/project
- Consider BABA requirements in budget development
- No match required- but cost sharing is an important element considered in the evaluation 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

BIL Project Competition – Program Priorities

- Climate Resilience-factor in climate change effects
- Strengthening protection of key land and water areas and support the habitat protection goals and priorities of the National Coastal Zone Management Act
- Protecting or restoring high quality coastal ecosystems
- Increasing connectivity to improve habitat condition
- Preventing fragmentation, maintaining species or habitat diversity
- Diversity in geographic distribution of projects (nationally)
- Variety of project types (restoration/acquisition/engineering and design)
- Leverage additional funding sources
- Advance equity and inclusion



APPLICATION PROCESS



Transformational Habitat Restoration & Coastal Resilience Funding

Administering Agency: NOAA Fisheries (NMFS)

Total Amount: ~\$200 million in 2023

Multi-Year Funding Opportunity: Yes

Funding Range: \$1- \$15 million

Match: None required, leveraged funding encouraged

Deadline: **Announcement expected summer 2024**

Contact: resilience.grants@noaa.gov

Website:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/transformational-habitat-restoration-and-coastal-resilience-grants>

Eligible Activities:

This funding will prioritize habitat restoration actions that rebuild productive and sustainable fisheries, contribute to the recovery and conservation of threatened and endangered species, use natural infrastructure to reduce damage from flooding and storms, promote resilient ecosystems and communities, and yield socioeconomic benefits. This funding opportunity will invest in projects that have the greatest potential to provide holistic benefits, through habitat-based approaches that strengthen both ecosystem and community resilience.

Eligible Applicants:

Institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, state, local, and Native American tribal governments

Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

Administering Agency: NOAA Fisheries (NMFS)

Total Amount: ~\$15 million in 2023

Multi-Year Funding Opportunity: Yes

Funding Range: \$75,000- \$1 million

Match: None required, leveraged funding encouraged

Deadline: Announcement expected summer 2024

Contact: underserved.community.grants@noaa.gov

Website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/coastal-habitat-restoration-and-resilience-grants-underserved-communities>

Eligible Activities:

Through this funding, NOAA will engage underserved communities in habitat restoration activities that promote resilient ecosystems and communities. It will provide capacity for these communities to more fully participate in developing future transformational habitat projects. This engagement is intended to ensure that communities are integral to the visioning and decision-making for coastal habitat restoration projects affecting their communities, and that the benefits of such projects flow back to underserved communities.

Eligible Applicants:

Institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, state, local, and Native American tribal governments that can demonstrate status as an underserved community or that partner with underserved communities, tribes, or tribal entities in coastal areas.

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund

Administering Agency: NFWF

Total Amount: ~\$140 million in 2023

Multi-Year Funding Opportunity: Yes

Funding Range: \$100,000- \$10+ million

Match: None required, leveraged funding encouraged

Deadline: **Announcement expected Feb 2024**

Contact: Arielle.Mion@NFWF.ORG

Website: <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/national-coastal-resilience-fund?activeTab=tab-3>

Eligible Activities:

Partnership between National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and NOAA (and other funders) to enhance fish and wildlife habitat and protect coastal communities. Restore, increase and strengthen natural infrastructure to protect communities while also enhancing habitats for fish and wildlife. Funds activities in 4 categories 1) community capacity building & planning, 2) site assessment and preliminary design, 3) final design and permitting, and 4) restoration implementation.

Eligible Applicants:

Non-profits, state and territorial government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Tribal governments and organizations, educational institutions, or commercial (for-profit) organizations.

Tips for Applying for Federal Funding



- Read through NOFO's/RFP's
- Reach out to funders with questions
- Small, individual projects tend to not compete nationally as well as projects that have strong partnerships, community support, provide transformational results and serve/lead by underserved communities
- Make your LOI's and applications persuasive, logical and emphasize how the project meets the program goals (climate resilience)
- LOI's and applications should be concise and engaging-avoid jargon and statements not supported by facts
- Review the evaluation criteria provide in NOFO's/RFP's and make sure your proposal addresses all the criteria
- Review list of previously funded projects
- Get and update your SAM.gov number
- Familiarize yourself with Build America, Buy America Act requirements



Thank you!

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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