



NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program

Overview

The NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program provides matching grants of financial assistance for broad-based coral reef conservation activities, consistent with the purposes of the Coral Reef Conservation Act and the “National Coral Reef Action Strategy”.

Funds are awarded under the following six program categories:

1. State and Territory Coral Reef Management
2. State and Territory Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring
3. Coral Reef Ecosystem Research*
4. General Coral Reef Conservation
5. Projects to Improve or Amend Coral Reef Fishery Management Plans
6. International Coral Reef Conservation

Program Priorities and Eligibility

A separate Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement is published for each of the Program categories listed above, which describes the following specific requirements and criteria:

Program priorities	Applicant and project eligibility
Funding availability	Application content and submission
Application review and selection	Award administration

Applicants should refer to the individual FFOs for specific application information for each grant program category.

FY 2006 Funding Announcement

Grant funding availability for the CRCGP is announced as part of NOAA’s annual omnibus notice. The most recent omnibus notice, which provides synopses for all NOAA grant funding opportunities for fiscal year 2006, was published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2005 (vol. 70, No. 20) (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>).

Full Funding Announcements

Individual Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcements for each of the grant program categories were made available along with the FY2006 omnibus notice. FFOs for all of the individual funding categories can be found on the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program website at: <http://www.coralreef.noaa.gov/grants.html>

Due Date for Applications

- Pre-applications must be received by NOAA by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on November 15, 2006.
- Final applications must be received by NOAA by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, on March 3, 2006.

*Note: The coral reef ecosystem research grant category is administered separately from the other five Program categories and is on a different funding cycle. Refer to the NOAA National Undersea Research Program website for annual funding announcements and application requirements (<http://www.nurp.noaa.gov/Funding.htm>).

Funding Availability

In 2002 - 2005 NOAA awarded** a total of over \$21 million in matching grants under the six funding categories (approximately \$5.5 million per fiscal year). Approximately \$7.3 million is recommended for the fiscal year 2006 awards (pending appropriations). Funds available and match requirements for each of the program categories are specified in the individual FFOs. **2005 awards are currently in process

How to Apply

Grant applications should be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov grant application portal (<http://www.Grants.gov>). Use the Funding Opportunity Number listed below to access the application package for each specific grant program funding category.

Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program	Funding Opportunity Number
State and Territory Coral Reef Management	NOS-OCRM-2006-2000369
State and Territory Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring	NOS-NCCOS-2006-2000366
General Coral Reef Conservation	NMFS-HCPO-2006-2000348
Projects to Improve or Amend Coral Reef Fishery Management Plans	NMFS-HCPO-2006-2000350
State and Territory Coral Reef Management	NOS-OCRM-2006-2000369
International Coral Reef Conservation	NOS-IPO-2006-2000331

Agency Point of Contact

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Additional Information

For additional information on the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program and additional grant opportunities for coral reef conservation activities visit the Program website at: <http://www.coralreef.noaa.gov>

