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National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

Since this Program was established by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act of 1990, \$167 million has been awarded to 26 coastal states and 1 U.S. territory and more than 200,000 acres of coastal wetlands have, or will be acquired, protected and/or restored.

WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS CAN BE FUNDED?

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program provides matching grants for acquisition, restoration, or enhancement of coastal wetlands.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS?

States which border the Atlantic, the Gulf of Mexico, the Pacific and the Great Lakes are eligible. The exception is the State of Louisiana, which has its own coastal wetlands program under the Act (see box below). Also eligible are the Trust Territories and Commonwealths of the United States.

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Between \$12-17 million in grants are awarded annually through a competitive process. Funding for the program comes from excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat and small engine fuels.



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LOUISIANA'S COASTAL WETLAND PROGRAM

Louisiana's unique wetland resources have been seriously depleted and degraded even before last year's hurricane season. Recognizing this, the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act of 1990 has special provisions for the State of Louisiana. It called for the development of Restoration and Conservation Plans specifically for Louisiana's wetlands. The Army Corps of Engineers has the lead responsibility for this conservation and restoration partnership effort, with participation by U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the State of Louisiana and other Federal agencies.

For more information about the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Fisheries and Habitat Conservation at 703/358-2201 or visit us on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants/>.

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