

Developing a Competitive Grants Program

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Background

- “Results Not Demonstrated” for the Coastal Zone Management Program (OMB PART)
- Need to be more responsive to coastal priorities
- FY2007 Budget Request

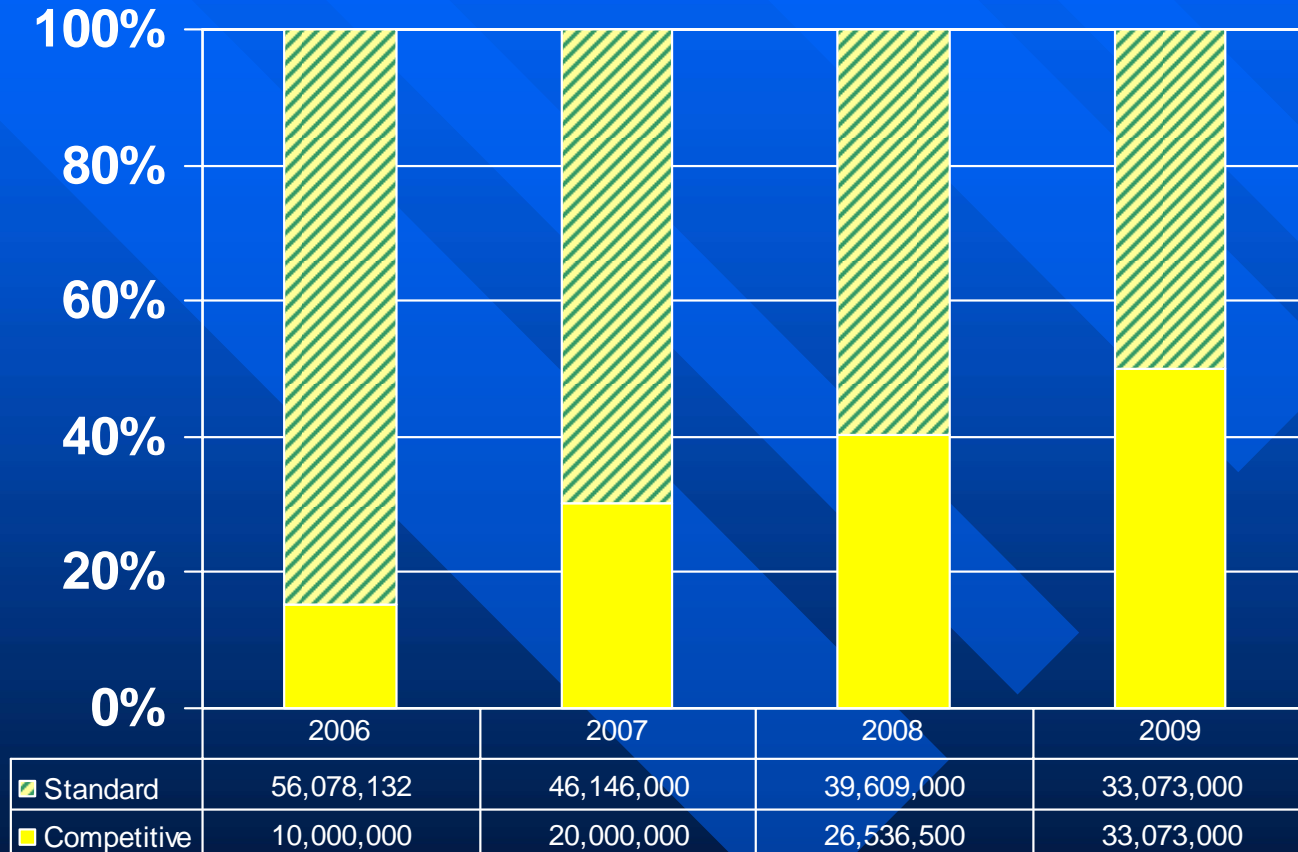


President's FY2007 Budget Request

In FY 2007, the Administration proposes to increase the amount of CZM grant funding that is awarded competitively under Sections 306A and 309. Increased competition and funding flexibility will enable the coastal management program to better focus available resources on significant national issues. During the current year, emphasis will be placed on developing resilient coastal communities and supporting regional coastal and ocean management initiatives. The administration plans to **double** the amount of competitively awarded funding this year (compared to FY 2005), and will work towards having 50% of CZMA funding awarded through a competitive process by FY 2009. **NOAA plans to collaborate with its state partners to develop a process by which this goal can be met.**



Funding Projections



Potential Mechanisms

- §309 Projects of Special Merit
 - Existing Rules
- §306A
 - Existing Stand Alone Funding Authorization
 - No Allocation Rules
- S 360?
 - Includes a new, stand alone, Coastal Community Grants Program



Key Activities for FY05/06

- Program Managers' Meeting
- Form State/Federal Work Group
- Develop Draft and Final Program
 - Rules v. Guidance
 - Timeframes
 - Criteria
 - Process



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