

## Funding Opportunities

### NOAA Coastal Services Center: Funding Opportunities

Each year the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center provides funding for special projects undertaken by the coastal management community. Funds are available in the form of competitive grants and cooperative agreements.

#### How Does NOAA Provide Competitive Funding?

The Center, along with many other NOAA agencies, issues an annual omnibus notice that describes grant funding availability. The most recent notice was published in the *Federal Register* on June 30, 2005 (volume 70, number 125) and describes NOAA grant-funding availability for fiscal year 2006. By viewing the Center's Funding Announcements below, the coastal management community can get a clear overview of all competitive grants and cooperative agreements available this year.

#### What Is the Time Frame for Submitting a Proposal?

**The application deadlines (time and date) for submitting proposals are listed in the following table.** A proposal received after the closing date and time will be late and will not be considered. When this occurs, the applicant will be notified promptly.

Table 1: Grant and Cooperative Agreement Due Dates by Program at NOAA Coastal Services Center

NOAA Coastal Services Center Programs Offering Grants	Omnibus Notice	Dates of Interest	
	Full Text of the Center's Funding Announcements	Proposal Deadline	Earliest Start Date
Coastal Learning Services	<a href="#">Leadership Training for Coastal Managers and Scientists</a> (PDF)	October 3, 2005	March 1, 2006
	<a href="#">Performance Measurement Technical Assistance</a> (PDF)	October 3, 2005	March 1, 2006
<a href="#">GIS Integration &amp; Development</a>	<a href="#">Spatial Technology for Coastal Management</a> (PDF)	October 3, 2005	April 1, 2006
<a href="#">Landscape Characterization &amp; Restoration</a>	<a href="#">Environmental Characterization of a U.S. Coastal Region</a> (PDF)	October 3, 2005	March 1, 2006
Pacific Services Center	<a href="#">Bay Watershed Education and Training Program, Hawaii</a> (PDF)	October 14, 2005 5:00 PM Hawaii Standard Time	April 1, 2006

## How Do I Apply For Funding?

Grant application should be submitted electronically using [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Applicants without Internet access may submit hard copy application packages—which are also **due by the deadlines stated above**. For applicants without Internet access, send applications to the federal program officer listed in the funding announcement.

## What Forms Are Required to Apply for Funding?

All proposals submitted to the Center under NOAA's Omnibus Notice must include completed forms. **These forms will be provided in the downloadable “grants application package” found on grants.gov.** The following list of forms is provided as a reference:

- [SF-424](#) – Application for Federal Assistance (PDF)
- [SF-424A](#) – Budget Information (PDF)
- [SF-424B](#) – Assurances (PDF)
- [CD-511](#) – Certifications required by the Department of Commerce (PDF)
- [SF-LLL](#) – Disclosure of Lobbying Activity (PDF) – Please remember to submit this form with your proposal **ONLY IF** your organization is engaged in lobbying activities.

## How Do I Fill Out These Forms?

The following helpful Guidance is available on the CSC Funding website at:

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/funding>

- To help you complete the grants and cooperative agreement application package, we have provided a [forms checklist](#) (PDF) that you can refer to as you work on grants.gov.
- Grant forms can be confusing. This [guidance](#) (PDF) will help answer frequently asked questions, address common mistakes made on certain forms, and explain terminology used for budget preparation.
- It is important that the budget information you provide on the SF-424 and SF-424A be consistent with the detailed budget information provided in the project narrative. The detailed budget information should, **at a minimum**, include the information presented SF-424A.

Instructions are provided to help you complete forms SF-424 and SF-424A below. The specific instructions are updated annually before the omnibus notice is released.

Form SF-424

- [General Instructions applicable to all NOAA Grants](#) (PDF)
- [Instructions Specific to the Coastal Services Center](#)

Form SF-424A

- [General Instructions applicable to all NOAA Grants](#) (PDF)
- [Instructions Specific to the Coastal Services Center](#)