

John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program

Pacific Islands Regional Marine Mammal Response Network Meeting

July 2006







A Brief History

- Authority:
 - MMPA § 408, "The Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Act of 2000"
- Purpose:
 - To help defray the high costs of response, recovery and rehabilitation of living and dead stranded marine mammals and improve the collection of scientific data during such activities.



Grants For:

- 1. Recovery or treatment of marine mammals;
- Collection of data from living or dead stranded marine mammals for scientific research regarding marine mammal health; and
- 3. Facility operations directly related to 1 and 2. Priorities (2006):
 - A. Basic needs of stranding organizations
 - B. Scientific research objectives
 - C. Facility operations renovate, upgrade, etc.



Eligibility:

Preference to stranding network members with established records of participation

Authorization:

NMFS: up to \$4 Mil; 6% for admin costs

USFWS: up to \$1 Mil

Appropriation:

NMFS \$4 Mil annually since 2001



Program Administration

- NMFS' Office of Protected Resources, Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program (MMHSRP) serves as Program Office
 - Accept and review proposals
 - Conduct technical and merit reviews
 - Recommend grants for award
 - 2 staff: Sarah Wilkin and Michelle Ordono
- Grants awarded by NOAA's Grants Management Division (GMD)



- 2002: \$8 Million Available (FY01 + FY02)
 - 84 Proposals Received
 - 68 Proposals Funded (~80%); \$5,781,494 Awarded
- 2003/2004: Combined Competition; \$8 Mil
 - 88 Proposals Received: 53 2003, 35 2004
 - 79 proposals Funded (~90%); \$4,465,343 in 2003; \$2,669,983 in 2004
- 2005: \$4 Million Available
 - 97 Proposals Received
 - 40 Proposals Funded (40%); \$3,586,630 Awarded



The Present: FY2006

FY2006

- RFP June 30, 2005
- Proposals due Aug 15, 2005
- 78 proposals submitted
 - 4 submitted late (after midnight on Aug 15)
 - 6 submitted with insufficient matching funds (25%)
 - 68 passed initial screening and passed to review
- Panel Reviews Complete
- Final Budget Numbers Received
- Selection Completed
- 3/4 Awarded the Rest Expected by August 2006



The Future: FY2007

- RFP June 13, 2006
- Proposals due September 27, 2006
- Expect to be awarded in May or June 2007 – start dates no earlier than June 1, 2006



The Future of Prescott: FY07 and Beyond

- Increased flexibility for different regional needs
- Building capacity for organizations: decrease reliance on Prescott funds
- Changing needs of stranding network members
 - First grants: building capabilities (equipment)
 - Recent proposals: moving beyond Level A data



The New England Aquarium

- Advanced field diagnostics and postrelease monitoring
- Equipment:
 - Blood analyzers
 - Portable Electrocardiograph monitor
 - Satellite tags
- Staff training to learn to use equipment





Prescott Funds: Ideas Cape Cod Stranding Network



- Mass stranding response: stabilization, transport, necropsy and prevention
- Development and presentation of Human

Interaction training to all NFMS Regional Stranding Network (with NMFS and Virginia Aquarium)



Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network



Necessary equipment purchases:

- Tomcar ATV: travels across sand, through 2' of water, and over rocks for recovery of animals from "inaccessible" beaches
- Aboveground soft-sided pool and food storage for cetacean rehabilitation



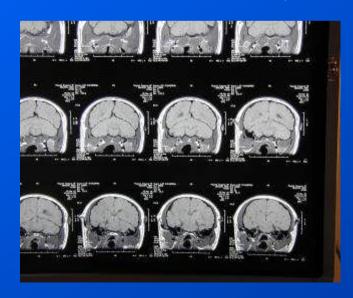
University of Alaska and Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network

- Stress in cetaceans: adrenal glands
- 100% of stranded cetaceans had pathological changes to the adrenal gland due to catecholamine (stress response) injury
- Long term (chronically stressed) vs. short term (acutely stressed): differences in level of catecholamine production
- Differences in approaches for rehabilitation



The Marine Mammal Center (CA)

- Identification of 8 new clinical conditions in pinnipeds
- Retrospective review of 3,720 sea lion strandings looking at trends, including the relation between cancers and the degree of inbreeding
- Extensive monitoring of potential domoic acid sea lions while in rehab, including MRI and CT scans







Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (CA)

- Collecting samples from all strandings for research (ex., body burden of mercury)
- Working in conjunction with TMMC to evaluate the rehabilitation success of domoic acid positive animals through satellite tagging
- Although animals show no clinical signs of toxin, behavior does not return to "normal"





Aerial/Shore surveys

- Audubon Aquarium of the Americas (Louisiana)
- Marterra, Inc. (Alabama)
- Institute for Marine Mammal Studies (Mississippi)
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Outreach/Training Materials

- Sea Lion Necropsy CD-ROM: University of California
- Atlas of Mysticete Anatomy: Mt. Sinai Medical School
- Volunteer Training materials
- Informational brochures (What to do if you see a stranded animal)

Diagnostic and Analytical Services

- Microbiology: Purdue University
- Pathology: University of California

etc....



- #1 comment: read and follow instructions!
- 4. Project summary (1-page limit): In 6 sentences or less, briefly summarize: project goals and objectives as they relate to the Prescott Grant Program Categories (i.e., Category A, Category B, or Category C), Program goals and/or Regional funding priorities; proposed activities; geographic area where activities would occur; and expected outcomes and benefits from the activities (e.g., increased number of responses to live stranded cetaceans, greater and higher quality data collected from pinniped strandings, renovation and upgrade of a marine mammal rehabilitation facility, etc.) of the project. This summary may be posted on our website if the project is funded.
- Project description (10-page limit): The narrative description of the proposed project
 must not exceed 10 pages (not including curriculum vitae and supplemental documentation) and
 must be typed in 10-point font, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins. Each project or component
 - 10 point font, double-spaced, 1 inch margins
 - Page limits: 1 page summary, 10 page description, etc.
 - Points may be subtracted in Technical Review!



- Assume the reviewers aren't familiar with your program or area
- Provide a description of your organization and facility – 3 page Organizational Overview
 - Response area (map)
 - Relationship with Neighboring Groups (panel is seeing multiple applications)
 - Stranding Statistics (# animals/year)
 - Organizational overview
 - Size (number of staff, number of volunteers)
 - Roles (President, Executive Director, Board, Head Veterinarian, etc.)
 - Facility (Size, Capacity, Resources)
 - Resources (Vehicles, Equipment, etc.)



- Demonstrate why you need Prescott funds (vs. everybody else)
- Financial overview of facility; some ideas:
 - Operating budget
 - Donations
 - Need for funding a specific project
- "Need for Federal Assistance" section
- Include summaries of activities conducted under previous Prescott grants or in your previous work with the stranding network



- Documentation
 - i.e., letters of support from collaborating organizations
 (not generic template letters or ones that are 3+ years old)
 - Matching funds: provide documentation that proposed match is legitimate (GMD will do this review, but it should be in your proposal)
 - Use past performance to demonstrate ability to complete activities as proposed



- Choose your Category and Priority(ies) carefully
- You must pick 1 (one) Category
 - Proposals are reviewed in groups by Category and will be scored according to the standards of that category
- No "Bonus Points" for meeting multiple priorities
 - Better to pick a few and have a targeted proposal that completely meets those priorities



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- FR Notice: Basic information
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Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Search for Reports by Award Number and Project Start Date

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Grants Online

- Current capabilities for electronic recipients:
 - Submit progress and financial reports online
 - Check the status of your awards
- Future capabilities:
 - E-mail reminders when reports are due
- Evolving system
- Applicants/Recipients are being rolled on to the system in a staggered manner; all recipients should be on by the end of 2006; new applicants will automatically be added



Grants Online: User Roles

Recipient Administrator

 Administrator for the purposes of Grants Online: sets up accounts for the people within their organization on the system; provides appropriate permissions and access

Recipient Authorized Official

- Authorized Representative: have signature authority for official grants documents (SF-424); can have multiple per organization, but each award will have one primary
- Actions initiated by another user (ex/ PI) will be forwarded to the RAO for approval before being sent to GMD

Recipient Business/Financial Rep

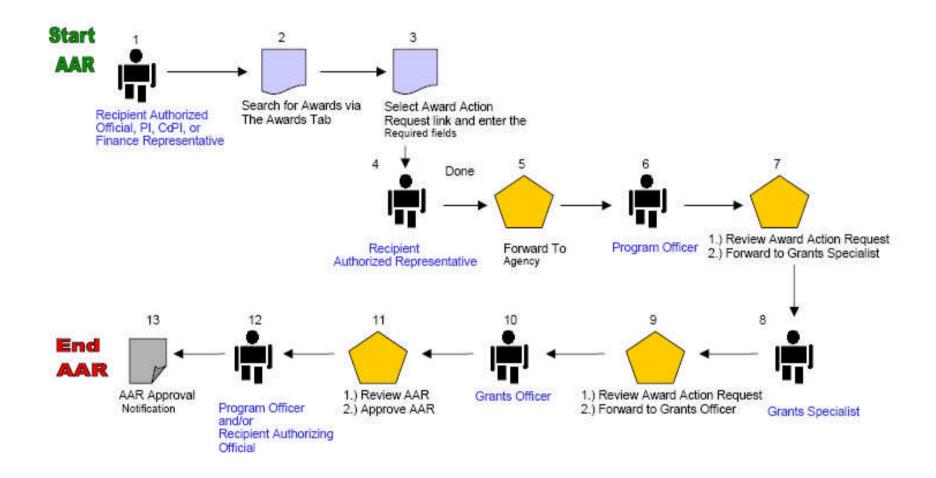
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Grants Online: User Roles

- Recipient Administrator
- Recipient Authorized Official
- Recipient Business/Financial Rep
- Recipient Investigator
 - PI/Co-PI
 - Can initiate award action requests (no-cost extension, reprogramming, etc.) but they will be forwarded to the Authorized Official for approval
 - Can have multiple per award, but will have one "lead"
- Recipient User
 - Additional key personnel
 - Can view award information but not make changes or initiate tasks

Workflow Overview - Award Action Requests





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Reports Due Every 6 Months

First report due 6
months after start
date on SF424; 2nd
report due 12 months

Doesn't matter when money was received

(this is why progress reports can be overdue when you haven't yet received funds)



Progress & Financial Reports

Progress reports to Program Office (MMHSRP)

- Text description of what was accomplished
- Budget information of what was spent
- Comparison to timelines/objectives from proposal; if you're off schedule tell why and what you'll do to fix it in the next 6 months
- Cover the 6 months of the progress report only (not cumulative)

Financial reports submitted to Grants Management Division: Forms available on NOAA's grants website



Progress & Financial Reports

Responsibility:

On-time submittal (including knowledge of due dates) is the responsibility of the recipient

Consequences:

Delinquent reports mean that no changes may be made to <u>any</u> federal grants held by your organization, including awarding new funds (FY05 grants) or modifications to other awards (no cost extensions, reprogramming, etc.)



More Information

- Grants Online Website: Training and Walk-throughs
 - User Roles of Grantees
 - Progress and Financial Reports in general and in Grants
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 - Grants Online "Process Maps"
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