



## NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE



The Community-based Restoration Program invests funding and technical expertise in high-priority habitat restoration projects that instill strong conservation values and engage citizens in hands-on activities.

## National Funding Opportunity

### *Now Accepting New Habitat Restoration Partnerships*

The NOAA Restoration Center is currently soliciting applications for new three-year national and regional Partnerships to invest funding in the restoration of coastal and marine habitat nationwide, from 2010-2012. Applications are due before midnight on September 30, 2009.

#### Funding Opportunity

Through this solicitation, the NOAA Restoration Center seeks to openly compete funding available for multi-year national and regional habitat restoration Partnerships that will result in implementation of a wide-range of habitat restoration projects -- from locally-driven, hands-on projects that emphasize stewardship, to mid-scale, watershed-scale projects that yield significant ecological and socio-economic benefits.

NOAA envisions working jointly on such Partnerships through its Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) to identify, evaluate, fund, and administer projects that offer a broad range of ecological, socio-economic and stewardship benefits to coastal communities. Partnership applications selected through this announcement will be implemented through multi-year cooperative agreements, and will ultimately involve joint selection of community-based habitat restoration projects funded as sub-awards made through the partner organization. Funding of approximately \$10 million is expected to be available for cooperative restoration Partnerships in 2010, with annual funding anticipated to maintain these for up to three years. Typical Partnership awards will range from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per year.

#### About the NOAA Restoration Center

The NOAA Restoration Center is devoted to restoring the nation's coastal ecosystems and preserving diverse and abundant marine life. Through its strong commitment to restoration, and by promoting partnerships and local stewardship, the Restoration Center's programs inform and inspire people to act on behalf of a healthier coastal environment.

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### Eligible Applicants

To be eligible, applicants must be institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. Territories, or state, local and Indian tribal governments. Applications from Federal agencies or employees of Federal agencies will not be considered. The Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) is strongly committed to broadening the participation of historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and institutions that work in under-served areas.



### To Apply

The full text of the funding announcement and complete application package, including required Federal forms and instructions, can be found on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by searching on the FFO number below. If you have difficulty downloading the application forms from Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov at 800-518-4726 or send an email to [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

### Official Federal Agency Name

National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.



### Opportunity Title

NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration National and Regional Partnership Grants.

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### Questions?

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