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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commonwealth, State, and Territorial Coastal Program Managers

THROUGH: Chris Cartwright 
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FROM: Joelle Gore 
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2013 Funding Guidance And Allocations for Coastal Zone Management Act Sections 306/306A and 309 Weighted Formula.

Pending approval of NOAA's FY2013 spend plan by Congress, this funding guidance is based on the funding levels contained in FY 2013 Consolidated and Continuing Appropriations Act (H.R. 933). This Act contains funding for Sections 306/306A and 309 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA). This memorandum provides guidance on the allocation and uses of these funds. If you have any questions about this guidance, please contact me at (301) 563-1177, or joelle.gore@noaa.gov.

Funding Facts

<u>FY2013 CZMA Funding</u>	
Section 306/306A/309 appropriation	\$66,146,000
Additional deobligated Funds	\$2,328
CNPCP Implementation	\$0
Reductions (itemized below)*	\$4,905,852
Total	\$61,242,476

* Total reflects the amount from the FY 2013 Consolidated and Continuing Appropriations Act, (H.R. 933), less reductions including, a reduction of \$4,539,000 due to the budget sequester and a rescission from all NOAA operations programs per the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA, P.L. 112-25); a reduction of \$305,551 per a Congressionally directed deobligation, and a \$61,301 assessment for the Hollings Scholarship program.



Overview

The FY 2013 funding is derived from the FY 2013 Consolidated and Continuing Appropriations Act, H.R. 933, less \$4,539,000 due to the budget sequester and a rescission from all NOAA operations programs per the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA, P.L. 112-25); less \$305,551 per a Congressionally directed deobligation, and less \$61,301 per an assessment for the Hollings Scholarship program. An additional \$2,328 in deobligated program funds was available in FY13.

The total amount available for Section 306/306A and 309 funding is 6.8% less than in FY12. To alleviate impacts, the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) applied an equal percentage reduction in funding for all states and territories for both Section 306/306A and 309 weighted formula. The smaller reduction for Section 306/306A was possible because OCRM allocated approximately \$810,000 to Section 309 Projects of Special Merit, compared to \$1.48M in FY12. Thus, we have maintained our commitment to competitive funds under Section 309 Projects of Special Merit, but at a lower level than last year to reflect overall reductions.

Section 306/306A and Section 309 Allotments

For FY 2013, there is \$61,242,476 in appropriated and deobligated funds available for Sections 306/306A and 309. The CZMA requires that between ten and twenty percent of the Section 306/309 appropriation be directed toward Section 309, up to a maximum of \$10,000,000. We directed a total of \$8,771,476 of the appropriation toward Section 309, leaving a total of \$52,471,000 for Section 306/306A funding. The Section 306/306A funds require a 1 to 1 match and are available to states and territories with federally approved coastal zone management programs. State and territorial allotments are provided in the attached table (Attachment 1).

Those states and territories that have successfully completed Section 309 assessments and strategies are eligible for Section 309 funding. These funds require no match. \$7,953,000 of the Section 309 funds will be awarded through the weighted formula. The primary focus of these Section 309 funds is to implement the 3rd year of the approved 2011-2015 strategies. In addition, \$818,476 of the Section 309 funds will be awarded as Projects of Special Merit (PSMs). These projects will be selected through a competitive process and awarded through separate awards.

Implementation of Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs (CNPs)

No funding was appropriated for implementing CNPs in FY 2012, so there is no funding currently available for CNPs in the FY13 Continuing Resolution. We understand that this presents difficulties for some states and territories, and we will provide flexibility in funding CNP implementation projects with Section 306 funds.

Support of NOAA Strategic Priorities

These CZMA Section 306 and 309 funds support NOAA's strategic priorities as described in its Next Generation Strategic Plan (NGSP), which can be found at <http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/ngsp.html>. These funds will be used in part by state and territorial coastal management programs to support comprehensive land and water use planning and management activities that:

- lead to resilient coastal communities that can adapt to the impacts of hazards and climate change;
- incorporate a greater understanding of the risks of sea level rise, changes in Great Lakes hydrology and water levels, and other climate impacts to reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities and ecosystem resources; and assist marine resource managers to prepare for and respond to the impacts of a changing climate, ocean acidification, and other climate impacts;
- support sound ocean management; or
- maintain and improved coastal water quality.

As in FY 2012, we want to highlight the objective in the NGSP that envisions “*resilient coastal communities that can adapt to the impacts of hazards and climate change.*” A key element of resilient coastal communities is sound floodplain management, which is recognized in the CZMA regulations through the requirement that state CMPs adhere to Executive Order 11988 on floodplain management. OCRM encourages states and territories to continue to use these funds to undertake activities to further enhance floodplain management in the context of their coastal management program goals and objectives.

We encourage you to continue to consider these priorities in the development of your annual work programs as an opportunity to better demonstrate the linkages between the National Coastal Management Program and NOAA strategic priorities, and for developing opportunities to access a broader array of NOAA and other resources to leverage CZMA funds to their fullest extent.

Application Procedures

We understand that this has been a difficult year for planning and development of your applications and we continue to encourage you to work with your coastal management specialists to develop your award so that applications for July 1 start date awards and October 1 start date awards can be submitted to OCRM by the appropriate dates included in the attached revised application schedule (Attachment 2). As with previous years, you will need to use the Coastal and Marine Management Program (CAMMP) system to develop your application, the Grants.gov system (www.Grants.gov) to submit your formal application, and use Grants Online system (<https://grantsonline.rdc.noaa.gov/>) for the rest of the processing. As soon as we have issued the two Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcements for the July 1 and October 1 start dates, we will provide you with those FFO numbers so you can download the appropriate application materials from Grants.gov.

Finally, as a reminder, we provided additional guidance on the FY13 cooperative agreements policy and process in a January 4, 2013 email to you.

Notice Information

According to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the Secretary of Commerce may make grants to eligible coastal states. Coastal states are defined as states that are in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or

one or more of the Great Lakes. For the purposes of the CZMA, the term also includes Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. This notice is being distributed to all eligible parties, and substitutes for the Federal Register notice required for Federal grant programs.

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Attachment 1
Final FY2013 Allocations for CZMA Section 306/306A and 309 Funding

306/309 Approp	\$66,146,000	309 Weighted Formula:	7,953,000
Sequestration and NOAA rescissions	\$4,539,000	309 PSM:	818,476
Subtotal	\$61,607,000	306/306A:	52,471,000
Congressional deobs	\$305,551		
Hollings Scholarship Assessment	\$61,301	FY13 TOTAL 306/309:	61,242,476
Deobs (+)	\$2,328		
total FY13 306/309	\$61,242,476		

STATE	\$306	\$309 Weighted Formula	\$309 PSM	Total CZMA funding
Alabama	1,253,000	82,000		1,335,000
American Samoa	743,500	62,000		805,500
California	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
Connecticut	1,702,500	138,000		1,840,500
Delaware	1,149,500	76,000		1,225,500
Florida	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
Georgia	1,876,500	267,000		2,143,500
Guam	756,500	63,000		819,500
Hawaii	1,876,500	155,000		2,031,500
Illinois	1,876,500			1,876,500
Indiana	856,500	66,000		922,500
Louisiana	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
Maine	1,876,500	398,000		2,274,500
Maryland	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
Massachusetts	1,876,500	321,000		2,197,500
Michigan	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
Minnesota	841,000	65,000		906,000
Mississippi	1,004,000	71,000		1,075,000
New Hampshire	837,500	65,000		902,500
New Jersey	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
New York	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
North Carolina	1,876,500	387,000		2,263,500
Northern Mariana Islands	805,500	64,000		869,500
Ohio	1,529,000	121,000		1,650,000
Oregon	1,876,500	199,000		2,075,500
Pennsylvania	1,477,000	114,000		1,591,000
Puerto Rico	1,876,500	156,000		2,032,500
Rhode Island	1,190,500	78,000		1,268,500
South Carolina	1,876,500	342,000		2,218,500
Texas	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
U.S. Virgin Islands	795,000			795,000
Virginia	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
Washington	1,876,500	451,000		2,327,500
Wisconsin	1,876,500	153,000		2,029,500
TOTAL	52,471,000	7,953,000	818,476	61,242,476

Final selections have not been made

Attachment 2

2013 Coastal Zone Management Act Cooperative Agreement Application Schedule

Activity	Schedule for States with July 1, 2013 Start Dates	Schedule for States with October 1, 2013 Start Dates
1. Initial Discussions between State and OCRM	December – January	February - March
2. State submits draft application package (via CAMMP)	Mid to late March	April 26 th
3. OCRM provides comments to state on draft Application	April 2 nd	May 10 th
4. State provides final application to OCRM via Grants.Gov / Grants Online	May 13 th	May 24 th
5. CPD Specialists complete review and circulates application package with OCRM	May 20 th	June 7 th
6. OCRM submits cooperative agreement package to NOAA Grants Management Division via GOL	May 27 th	June 14 th