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

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SUBJECT: FY 2014 Final Funding Guidance and Allocations
 Coastal Zone Management Act Sections 306/306A and 309

This funding guidance is based on the funding levels contained in the FY 2014 Omnibus Budget Act. 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, I can be reached at (301) 713-3155 extension 177, or via e-mail at joelle.gore@noaa.gov.

Funding Facts

<u>2014 CZMA Funding *</u>	
Section 306/306A/309*	\$ 65,629,186
CNCP Implementation	\$0
Deobligated Funds	\$0
Totals	\$ 65,629,186

* Figures reflect the Appropriation, less a 0.2241% across the board reduction for the DOC Working Capital Fund Assessment, a 0.46% withhold to meet Congress de-obligation target, and a 0.1% assessment for the Hollings Scholarship program.

Overview

The FY 2014 funding is derived from the FY14 Omnibus Budget Act, less a 0.2241% across the board reduction in Department of Commerce Working Capital Fund Assessment, a 0.46% withhold for deobligations from all operational programs to contribute to the Congressional de-obligation target, and a 0.1% assessment for the Hollings Scholarship program. There are no deobligated funds available from prior years that are added into the allocation.



The 2014 allocation reflects the use of updated coastal population numbers taken from the 2010 U.S. Census for “coastal counties” or their equivalent jurisdictions, which was updated and vetted with the state and territorial Coastal Management Programs (CMPs).

Section 306/306A and Section 309 Allotments

After the above described adjustments, there is \$65,629,186 in appropriated funds available in FY 2014 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 will direct the statutory maximum of \$10,000,000 (15.2%) of the appropriation toward Section 309, leaving \$55,629,186 for Section 306/306A. 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 allocations 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. \$9,000,000 of the Section 309 funds will be awarded through the weighted formula. The primary focus of these Section 309 funds will be to implement the 4th year of the approved 2011-2015 strategies. In addition, \$1,000,000 of the Section 309 funds will be awarded as Projects of Special Merit (PSMs). These projects have been selected through a competitive process and will be awarded through separate awards.

Implementation of Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs (CNPs)

No funding was appropriated for implementing Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Programs in FY 2014. We understand that this presents difficulties for some states and territories, and we will provide flexibility in funding relevant implementation projects with Section 306 funds.

Section 312 Evaluations and Evaluation Metrics

Applications should include language in a new or existing task that indicates that the CMP will collect data for their three evaluation metrics and report annually on the data and their open evaluation recommendations. The FY 2014 performance report guidance and “Reporting Guidance for Recommendations and Evaluation Metrics published June 2013” includes additional information. Programs selected for evaluation in FY15 should include language in their application in a new or existing task describing the CMP’s participation in the evaluation.

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 CMPs 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 2013, 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. The Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource 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 CMP 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 CZM 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 continue to encourage you to work with your coastal management specialists early on 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 application schedule (attachment 2). We are happy to provide you with an updated Coastal and Marine Management Program (CAMMP) system which can be accessed at (<https://csc.noaa.gov/cammp/>) 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.

Notice Information

According to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA), 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 FY2014 Allocations for CZMA Sections 306/306A and 309

	Section 306	Section 309 WF	Nonpoint
<i>Total Funding</i>	55,629,186	9,000,000	0
<i>Base Funding</i>	670,000	72,000	
<i>Maximum Funding</i>	1,992,000	520,000	

STATE	Section 306	Section 309 WF	Total
<i>Alabama</i>	1,322,000	93,000	1,415,000
<i>Alaska</i>	0	0	0
<i>American Samoa</i>	788,000	75,000	863,000
<i>California</i>	1,992,000	520,000	2,512,000
<i>Connecticut</i>	1,798,186	152,000	1,950,186
<i>Delaware</i>	1,215,000	88,000	1,303,000
<i>Florida</i>	1,992,000	520,000	2,512,000
<i>Georgia</i>	1,992,000	293,000	2,285,000
<i>Guam</i>	802,000	76,000	878,000
<i>Hawaii</i>	1,992,000	171,000	2,163,000
<i>Illinois</i>	1,992,000	0	1,992,000
<i>Indiana</i>	906,000	80,000	986,000
<i>Louisiana</i>	1,992,000	520,000	2,512,000
<i>Maine</i>	1,992,000	438,000	2,430,000
<i>Maryland</i>	1,992,000	508,000	2,500,000
<i>Massachusetts</i>	1,992,000	353,000	2,345,000
<i>Michigan</i>	1,992,000	520,000	2,512,000
<i>Minnesota</i>	890,000	79,000	969,000
<i>Mississippi</i>	1,061,000	84,000	1,145,000
<i>New Hampshire</i>	886,000	79,000	965,000
<i>New Jersey</i>	1,992,000	494,000	2,486,000
<i>New York</i>	1,992,000	520,000	2,512,000
<i>North Carolina</i>	1,992,000	423,000	2,415,000
<i>Northern Mariana Islands</i>	852,000	77,000	929,000
<i>Ohio</i>	1,614,000	132,000	1,746,000
<i>Oregon</i>	1,992,000	219,000	2,211,000
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	1,557,000	125,000	1,682,000
<i>Puerto Rico</i>	1,992,000	172,000	2,164,000
<i>Rhode Island</i>	1,257,000	89,000	1,346,000
<i>South Carolina</i>	1,992,000	375,000	2,367,000
<i>Texas</i>	1,992,000	520,000	2,512,000
<i>U.S. Virgin Islands</i>	841,000	0	841,000
<i>Virginia</i>	1,992,000	520,000	2,512,000
<i>Washington</i>	1,992,000	517,000	2,509,000
<i>Wisconsin</i>	1,992,000	168,000	2,160,000
TOTALS	55,629,186	9,000,000	64,629,186

Total 309 PSM Funds \$1,000,000
 Total 306/309 Appropriation \$65,629,186

Attachment #2

**2014 Coastal Zone Management Act
Cooperative Agreement Application Schedule**

ACTIVITY	Schedule for States with July 1, 2014 Start dates	Schedule for States with October 1, 2014 Start dates
1. Initial Discussions between State and OCRM	January 2014	February - March
2. State submits draft application package (via CAMMP)	February 28, 2014	April 4, 2014
3. OCRM provides comments to state on Draft application	March 25, 2014	April 16, 2014
4. State provides Final Application to OCRM via Grants.gov/Grants On-Line	April 11, 2014	April 30, 2014
5. Program Officers complete review and circulates application package with OCRM	April 22, 2014	May 9, 2014
6. OCRM submits cooperative agreement application package to NOAA Grants Management Division via GOL	April 29, 2014	May 16, 2014

Attachment #3 Addition Guidance and Reminders

To improve management of the cooperative agreements and be consistent with Federal and NOAA-specific financial requirements, we would like to provide the following reminders and guidance on:

Application Submission

CAMMP has been fixed and is working well. Your program should have received account information by now. Please contact your specialist orcammphelp@noaa.gov if you do run into any problems with CAMMP. The new link for CAMMP is <https://csc.noaa.gov/cammp/>

With regard to Grants.gov, to find the CZMA Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement and obtain the application materials, you need to do the following:

- (1) Go to www.grants.gov;
- (2) Under FOR APPLICANTS tab on Left select "Apply for grants;"
- (3) Select "Download a Grant Application package" next to STEP 1 button;
- (4) Enter Funding Opportunity Number: NOAA-NOS-OCRM-2014-2004045 for July 1 start dates and NOAA-NOS-OCRM-2014-2004047 for October start dates and you should get the files. (OCRM will provide you with the FFO numbers as soon as the FFOs have been published).

Also you will need to make sure that your Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is up-to date. All recipients needed to renew their registration after August 9, 2011. If you need to update your CCR go to www.grants.gov and click on “*Get Registered*” on the left hand side bar, then click on “*Organization Registration*,” and then click on “*Step 2 Register with CCR*” and follow the directions.

Signage at 306A Construction Projects

We would like to remind recipients that for any CZMA Section 306A construction or acquisition project, that NOAA Special Award Conditions require that temporary (during construction) and permanent signage be placed at the site that identify the project and indicate that the project is being funded under the Coastal Zone Management Act, by NOAA’s Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, in conjunction with the State Coastal Management Program.

These signs need to feature the name and/or logo of NOAA, as well as the name of the National Coastal Zone Management Program, and acknowledgement of the State/Territorial CZM program as appropriate given the sign’s overall design. See Coastal Zone Management Act Section 306A Guidance (<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/backmatter/media/guide306a.pdf>) at page 16.

Americans with Disabilities Act Requirements

For those undertaking Section 306A construction projects, as of March 15th 2014, all new construction and alteration projects must comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act standards (see http://www.ada.gov/2010ADAstandards_index.htm). In past years these new standards were only recommended – now they are required.

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006 Requirements

Since 2011, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) requires “Prime Grant Recipients” of Federal awards, including CZMA recipients, that provide sub-awards greater than, or equal to \$25,000, to adhere to FFATA sub-award reporting requirements as outlined in the OMB guidance issued August 27, 2010. The prime awardee (i.e., the CZMA program) is required to file a FFATA sub-award report, through the FFATA Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS), “by the end of the month following the month in which the prime recipient awards any sub-grant greater than or equal to \$25,000.” The reporting requirements are located in Appendix A of 2 C.F.R. Part 170 and are available on www.fsr.gov and GPO’s FDsys website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title2-vol1/pdf/CFR-2011-title2-vol1-part170-appA.pdf>.

The sub-awardee is not required to report information to FSRS. Reporting of information regarding executive compensation data for sub-awardees, or any other information associated with sub-awards is the responsibility of the prime recipient. The sub-awardee, however, does have an obligation to provide to the prime grant awardee all information required for such reporting.

“Subawards” are defined as either subcontracts, or grants-specific sub-awards. A “subcontract,” means “a subcontract awarded directly by a contractor to furnish supplies or services (including construction) for performance of a prime contract, but excludes supplier agreements with vendors, such as long-term arrangements for materials or supplies that would normally be applied to a contractor’s general and administrative expenses or indirect cost.” For grants, a “subaward” means “a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the recipient received the award.”

For more information such as user guides, FAQs, and an on-line demonstration please see the FSRS website <https://www.fsr.gov>.