

NOAA Grants

"NOAA's work touches the daily lives of every person in the United States and in much of the world. From weather forecasts in the Midwest to fisheries management on the East Coast, from safe navigation to coastal services in the Gulf, from remote sensing to climate research and ocean exploration, NOAA's products and services contribute to the foundation of a healthy economy and affect approximately one-third of the nation's gross domestic product."

- Dr. Jane Lubchenco Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator

NOAA's Mission

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is a science-based federal agency within the Department of Commerce with regulatory, operational, and information service responsibilities. NOAA manages a \$4.748 billion (FY 2010) budget and has about 12,800 employees with a presence in every state and our territories. Through its long-standing mission of science, service, and stewardship, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) generates tremendous value for the Nation — and the world — by advancing our understanding of and ability to anticipate changes in the Earth's environment, by improving society's ability to make scientifically informed decisions, and by conserving and managing ocean and coastal resources.

Science at NOAA is the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the ocean, atmosphere, and related ecosystems; integration of research and analysis; observations and monitoring; and environmental modeling. Science provides the foundation and future promise of the service and stewardship elements of NOAA's mission. **Service** is the communication of NOAA's research, data, information, and knowledge for use by the Nation's businesses, communities, and people's daily lives. **Stewardship** is NOAA's direct use of its knowledge to protect people and the environment, as the Agency exercises its authority to regulate and sustain marine fisheries and their ecosystems, protect endangered marine and anadromous species, protect and restore habitats and ecosystems, conserve marine sanctuaries and other protected places, respond to environmental emergencies, and aid in disaster recovery.

To learn more about NOAA, please visit http://www.noaa.gov.

NOAA Grants Management Division

The Grants Management Division (GMD) supports NOAA's mission by reviewing solicitations for applications, processing applications after program selection, negotiating awards, managing administrative and financial aspects of awards, monitoring progress against expenditures, resolving audit problems, and closing out awards when the projects are completed. The GMD sponsors workshops and training sessions for recipients and program officials to keep the NOAA grants community current on procedures and requirements relating to grants and cooperative agreements.

In FY 2010, **GMD processed 2,306 awards** to support research and conservation initiatives coordinated by state and local governments, non-profits, and colleges and universities. **GMD awarded funds totaling \$1.061 billion to over 800 recipients**. That is over 22 percent of NOAA's annual budget committed to making progress in understanding the link between our global economy and our planet's environment.

NOAA Grant Opportunities at Grants.gov

All NOAA grant opportunities are listed at http://www.grants.gov. Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all federal grant-making agencies, including NOAA. Grants.gov is the central storehouse of information on over 1,000 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies, and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. In addition to finding grant opportunities at Grants.gov, you can register yourself or your organization, apply for a grant, and track the status of your application.