

HOW TO APPLY

The Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) will publish a Notice of Availability of Funds in the *Florida Administrative Weekly* (FAW) before October 31, 2012, to request grant applications for COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (CPI) projects to be funded in FY 2013-14. The Notice will also be posted on the FCMP website (see cover page) and mailed to eligible communities and other potential applicants. [Please contact the FCMP to be added to the CPI mailing list – see contact information below.] Applicants may submit **one** application per grant cycle, i.e., one application per county, municipality, non-profit organization or other eligible entity.

CPI APPLICATION FORM & RULE 62S-4

The CPI Application Form is incorporated in Rule 62S-4, FAC. The form includes all sections to be completed and indicates the maximum possible points for each section. Please note: Non-profits are not eligible to receive FCMP funds for habitat restoration, invasive exotic species removal, construction activities, or land acquisition, although an eligible local government that receives FCMP funds may contract with an NPO to conduct these activities.

CPI FUNDING AMOUNTS

- Up to \$15,000 for non-construction projects, e.g., plans, designs, coordination activities; or
 - Up to \$30,000 for construction projects, which includes exotic species removal, habitat restoration (for wetlands, dunes, natural shorelines, oyster reefs, seagrasses), and land acquisition.
 - Applicants may not request FCMP funds for both non-construction and construction activities in their CPI application.
 - \$10,000 is the minimum amount of funds that may be requested.
- Recipients must provide 100% (1:1) cash or in-kind matching funds in the form of supplies and/or services that directly benefit the specific grant project. Federal funds may not be used as match.

TIMELINE

CPI applications are due 60 days after the Notice of Availability of Funds is published in the *FAW*. The grant cycle for funded FY13-14 CPI projects will be July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. In Spring 2013, the FCMP will publish the list of selected CPI projects included in its annual application to NOAA. NOAA's final decision on the FCMP's application is expected in June or July 2013.

For more information, or to request a copy of the Notice of Availability of Funds, the CPI Application Form or Rule 62S-4, please contact Dornecia Allen at (850) 245-2161; send an email to Dornecia.Allen@dep.state.fl.us; or visit our website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp/grants/>.

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COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE *Grant Opportunity*

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Sustaining Florida's Coastal Communities

The Florida Coastal Management Program's COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (CPI) grant opportunity was developed to promote the protection and effective management of Florida's coastal resources. The COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE makes federal funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) available to local governments of the 35 coastal counties and all municipalities within their boundaries that are required to include a coastal element in their local comprehensive plan. Florida's public colleges and universities, regional planning councils, national estuary programs and nonprofit organizations (NPO) may also apply if an eligible local government agrees to participate as a partner.

This brochure provides an overview of the COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE, describes each funding category, and summarizes the grant application process.



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WORKING WATERFRONTS

The COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE's *Working Waterfronts* priority area is designed to assist communities with waterfront revitalization. Specifically, this initiative aims to support projects that enhance and sustain traditional waterfront communities while addressing public access, resource protection and hazard mitigation issues.

Projects that could be considered for funding under the *Working Waterfronts* priority area include:

- ♦ Creating community redevelopment plans for water-dependent businesses
- ♦ Developing an architectural vision plan for a waterfront district
- ♦ Developing an economic master plan to spur waterfront-dependent and related businesses
- ♦ Constructing a waterfronts educational kiosk or installing way finders*
- ♦ Developing plans for, or, constructing a boardwalk, trail or observation platform along the public waterfront*
- ♦ Developing a hazard mitigation plan for working waterfront properties
- ♦ Implementing waterfront visioning plans
- ♦ Planning/identifying off-water locations for seafood processing facilities and new public waterfront access

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Florida communities have an opportunity to receive funds to prepare for, and respond to, the effects of climate change and natural hazard events and disasters. *Resilient Communities* grant applications may incorporate elements of coastal management, resource restoration and preservation, emergency response and “smart” or “green” community development. To become resilient, communities can prepare to understand potential hazards and implement specific actions to reduce vulnerability to hurricanes, rising sea levels, flooding, climate change and other natural disasters. Examples of projects under the *Resilient Communities* priority include:

- ♦ Conduct vulnerability analyses, risk assessments and climate change adaptation strategies
- ♦ Draft post-disaster redevelopment plans
- ♦ Develop resiliency policies, guidance and best management practices
- ♦ Implement energy efficiency and alternative energy strategies
- ♦ Model coastal effects resulting from sea level rise and climate change
- ♦ Restore coastal wetlands, dunes, shorelines and habitat*

For more information on planning for climate change, please see:

- ♦ Florida Atlantic University's Climate Change Toolbox available at <http://www.cues.fau.edu/toolbox/chapter.asp?chapterid=3>.
- ♦ EPA's Climate and Energy Tools and Case Studies available at <http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/index.html>.

COASTAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

The goal of this priority area is to promote stewardship and appreciation of fragile coastal resources through local government and community involvement. One of the best ways to inspire conservation and responsible use of Florida's resources is through direct contact with the coastal environment.

The *Coastal Resource Stewardship* priority area supports small-scale, community-based projects that encompass a broad range of activities including volunteer monitoring, wetland restoration, educational field trips and coastal cleanups. The following are some examples of Coastal *Resource Stewardship* projects:

- ♦ Promote “[Florida Friendly Landscaping](#)” by establishing demonstration yards* and conducting educational workshops
- ♦ Coordinate a community effort to remove invasive exotic plants, replant native vegetation*, and build awareness of the threat of non-native invasive species
- ♦ Develop and implement programs that promote sustainable stewardship of coastal resources, for example, beach and dune systems and protection of wildlife natural habitats.
- ♦ Conduct a cultural resource survey to promote the understanding and importance of historical resources in coastal communities
- ♦ Organize volunteer activities to clean up shorelines and wetlands
- ♦ Design or construct* a coastal learning center or education facility

ACCESS TO COASTAL RESOURCES

Access to cultural, historical and natural areas is essential to the public's enjoyment and understanding of coastal and marine resources; at the same time, these fragile ecosystems should be protected from overuse and environmental damage. The *Access to Coastal Resources* priority area encourages communities to accommodate public access needs while protecting coastal environments. Projects funded under *Access to Coastal Resources* typically involve small-scale construction and capital improvement projects that enhance public access. Projects must be located on publicly-owned land or on property that is leased in perpetuity for the public's use (for at least 20 years.) The following are examples of activities that could qualify for CPI funding:

- ♦ Design and construct coastal access facilities, e.g., boardwalks, riverwalks, and dune crossovers; fishing piers, overlooks or observation structures; and canoe/kayak/sailboat launches*
- ♦ Design or construct* a hiking trail, or develop a blueways guide for a canoe/kayak trail
- ♦ Acquire land that will be open to public and provides access to coastal resources*
- ♦ Restore shorelines, beaches and dunes impacted by unmanaged and uncontrolled public use*, or which have been degraded by invasive species.
- ♦ Install amenities in coastal public parks – environmental education kiosks, picnic tables, bike racks, benches, signage, or lighting*

*Construction projects, invasive exotic plant removal, habitat restoration, and projects located on undeveloped barrier islands are subject to additional review and approval by NOAA and/or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Please note:

- ♦ Non-profit groups are not eligible to receive FCMP funds for construction activities, land acquisition, habitat restoration or invasive species removal
- ♦ Shoreline hardening projects are not eligible for FCMP funds
- ♦ Infrastructure projects must have a clear coastal management component.



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