

Coastal & Estuarine Land Conservation Program

Funding Opportunity:

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management is soliciting applications for land acquisition grants through the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP).

Ohio may submit up to four project proposals to the Office for Coastal Management in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce. NOAA will then develop a prioritized list of eligible projects and match the list to available funding. Funding is then contingent upon Congressional appropriations.

Funding Goals:

- Protect important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural, undeveloped or recreational state to other uses.
- Advance the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) goals of delisting Areas of Concern and protecting and restoring Great Lakes aquatic and terrestrial habitats.
- Approximately \$2 million is anticipated be available through the GLRI.
- Project proposals should reflect the priorities identified in Ohio's federally approved CELCP plan which can be downloaded at coastal.ohiodnr.gov/CELCPgrants.

Eligibility:

- Grants may be awarded to public agencies for acquisition of fee simple interests in lands or conservation easements from willing sellers.
- Projects should be completed within 18 months from the start date of the grant. NOAA may extend grants up to an additional 18 months for a maximum project period of 3 years.
- Requested funding may not exceed \$1.5 million per project. Awards are expected to range between \$100,000 and \$1 million.

**Proposals must be received by
5 p.m. Friday September 30, 2016**

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- CELCP grants require a minimum 1:1 non-federal match. Proposals must identify non-federal matching funds at least equal to the requested funding.

How to Apply:

Proposals must follow the application templates provided at coastal.ohiodnr.gov/CELCPgrants.

Proposals should be 10-pages or less (single spaced, 11 or 12-point font), not counting the required federal application forms or Supplemental Elements, which should be 30-pages or less excluding NEPA information, government forms, and information provided to complete government forms. Total file size should be 5-megabytes or less for all materials.

To apply, submit to the ODNR Office of Coastal Management one original-signed copy of the application and an electronic version of the application by 5 p.m. Friday Sept. 30, 2016. The electronic version may be sent on CD, or emailed to yetty.lombardo@dnr.state.oh.us.

Applicants will be notified by Oct. 31, 2016 whether or not their project has been submitted to NOAA. Projects funded under this program will have a grant start date between Sept. 1, 2017 and Oct. 1, 2017.

Learn more:

For additional information and to discuss potential projects, please contact Yetty Lombardo at yetty.lombardo@dnr.state.oh.us or 419.626.7980.



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