

FY 2011 Appropriations Priorities

Critical for Our Future— Healthy Coasts and Strong Coastal Communities



Every American, regardless of where they live, is fundamentally connected to our coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes. These coastal regions are a critical framework for commerce, recreation, energy, environment, and our quality of life.

Today, our nation's coasts are as vital for our future as they are vulnerable. Serious challenges face these regions as the nation meets the demands of population growth, braces for the effects of climate change with rising sea levels and lake level changes, and addresses declining fish and wildlife populations.

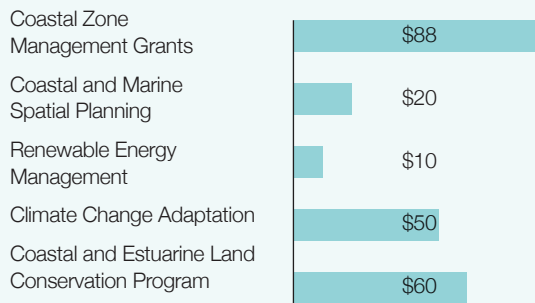
It is essential that Congress continue to support key programs that provide coastal states and territories with on-the-ground management resources, science and research, and tools and training needed to conserve and properly manage our coastal resources. It is only through sound decisions and collaboration that we can ensure their economic vitality for future generations.



Your Support for Our Coasts— A Stronger America

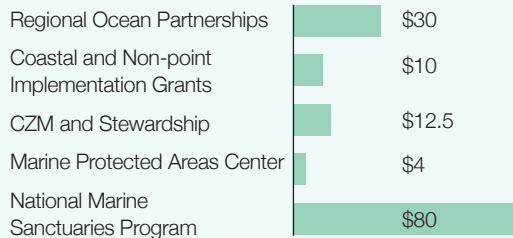
The Coastal States Organization urges Congress to fund the following NOAA programs that directly benefit the states, territories, and the nation at the following levels (See reverse side of this page for descriptions of each program):

FY 2011 Funding Priorities (in millions)

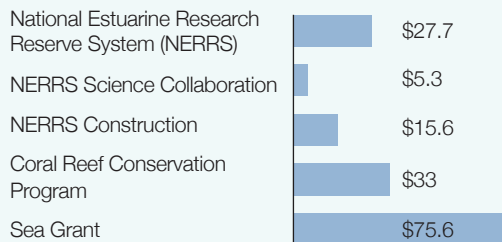


FY 2011 Funding Requests (in millions)

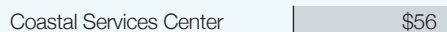
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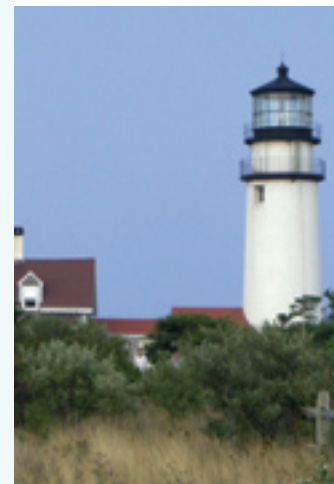
TOOLS AND TRAINING



These programs are located in the Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill under NOAA.



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Program Descriptions



Coastal Zone Management Grants provide funding for states and territories to develop programs that balance protection of coastal and ocean resources with the need for sustainable development in coastal communities. The CZM and Stewardship funds allow NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) to provide the necessary and invaluable administrative, planning and technical support for the program.

Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning provides funding to support spatially-oriented planning efforts at the federal and state levels that identify the most suitable areas for human activities in coastal, ocean and Great Lakes waters.

Renewable Energy Management grants provide funding to the states and territories to meet the challenges of increasing offshore renewable energy demands for the nation.

Climate Change Adaptation grants provide funding to the states and territories to successfully respond and adapt to climate change impacts, including accelerated sea level rise and lake level changes, shoreline erosion, increased storm frequency and intensity, and changes in rainfall and related flooding.

Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program protects coastal and estuarine lands by providing state and local governments with matching funds for permanent acquisition.



Regional Ocean Partnership grants provide critical support for the implementation of the action plans developed by each Partnership to address their unique and pressing regional issues.

Coastal Non-point Implementation Grants fund mandated programs in the states and territories that work closely with local governments to abate

non-point runoff pollution—the most significant source of pollution to our nation's coastal waters. Without funding, states and territories cannot provide vital services and face potential penalties.

The **Marine Protected Areas Center** partners with the states and territories to establish a national system of marine protected areas and improve protected and managed area stewardship and effectiveness.

The **National Marine Sanctuaries Program** consists of fourteen marine protected areas that provide a secure habitat for species and protect historically significant shipwrecks and artifacts.

The **National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS)** partners with states and territories to ensure long-term education, stewardship, and research on estuarine habitats, which lead to better management of coastal water quality and hazards.

The **NERRS Science Collaborative** puts research to work by bringing scientists, educators, and Reserve community stakeholders together to develop solutions to the problems related to coastal pollution and habitat degradation.

The **Coral Reef Conservation Program** provides critical funding to the states and territories to support Local Action Strategies that protect these productive and endangered habitats.

Sea Grant programs generate relevant peer-reviewed, science-based research and information, and then disseminate it through extensive outreach and education networks.

The **Coastal Services Center** supports projects in states and territories to address specific and national management issues, including initiatives such as coastal hazard and climate resilient communities, regional governance efforts, Coastal Storms, and the Digital Coast.

Coastal States Organization

A Voice for the States

CSO represents the interests of the thirty-five Governors of the coastal states and territories on legislative and policy issues relating to the sound management of coastal, Great Lakes, and ocean resources. Economically, geographically and socially, the states and territories are as diverse as their individual coastlines, yet their commitment to common objectives in coastal and ocean management is what shapes the organization's unique character. Together, we serve the nation by maintaining healthy coasts.

COASTAL STATES

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American Samoa
California
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Guam
Hawaii
Illinois
Indiana
Louisiana
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Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
New Hampshire
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