

# CSO FY 2019 Programmatic Request



**Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science**  
 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
 National Ocean Service – Operations, Research, and Facilities

## Coastal Zone Management Grants

NOAA NOS Program:	FY2016 Enacted	FY2017 Enacted	FY2018 Enacted	FY2019 PBR	FY2019 CSO Request
Coastal Zone Management Grants	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$80,000 <b>(+5,000)</b>

*(in thousands)*

### Recommendation

Support an increase in the Coastal Management Grants line item of NOAA’s National Ocean Service budget to adequately fund Coastal Zone Management Grants, which support state Coastal Zone Management Program efforts to work with federal, state, and local partners to address coastal hazards.

### Coastal Zone Management Grants

The National Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM Program) has effectively addressed the country’s most pressing coastal issues for more than 45 years. The CZM Program supports the congressionally-recognized national priority of effective management, beneficial use, protection, and development of the coastal zone. A principle of the CZM Program is that healthy coastal resources support both business and conservation, and that long-term planning is essential for coastal areas to remain the economic drivers they are today.

In FY2019, the 34 States with CZM Programs have identified technical assistance, planning, and implementation support for communities to address coastal hazards as a priority. The increase in funds is necessary for states to reasonably make progress on this issue in the near-term. With coastal storms, high lake levels in the Great Lakes, tsunami preparedness, and a host of other issues facing coastal states and communities it is imperative that the National CZM Program be funded at a level to assist all states pursue solutions and mitigate risk from coastal hazards.

### Requested Report Language

*Coastal Zone Management Grants, which States match nearly dollar-for-dollar, provide State Coastal Management Programs the support necessary for long-term, integrated, and efficient planning in the nation’s coastal zones. The 34 coastal States that comprise the National CZM Program believe coastal hazards, including shoreline erosion; coastal storms; flooding; and tsunamis, are a priority to be addressed this fiscal year. The Committee encourages NOAA to continue assisting State Coastal Programs in their efforts to provide technical, planning, regulatory, and implementation assistance to local communities in ocean, estuarine, and Great Lakes locations to better prepare for and recover from coastal hazards.*