

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



NOAA's Funding Program: Tribal Engagement in Regional Ocean Partnership Priorities

NOAA Office for Coastal Management

Q: Which tribes are eligible to apply?

A: Eligible applicants are U.S. federally recognized Indian tribes with current and/or ancestral interests in a region with an established Regional Ocean Partnership who wish to pursue coastal and ocean activities that align with Regional Ocean Partnership priorities.

Tribal-serving organizations may apply on behalf of one or more tribes, but must include a letter(s) from the tribe(s) confirming tribal leadership support for the application and describing how the tribe will be involved in the proposed work.

Q: What about tribes in regions without an established Regional Ocean Partnership?

A: In these circumstances, the IOOS Regional Associations in those regions will work with tribes to integrate relevant data and knowledge into portals (as appropriate) to be used to better inform coastal management decisions. (IOOS stands for Integrated Ocean Observing System.)

More info on IOOS Regional Associations can be found at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/ioos-region-map/>

Q: How many applications can a tribe submit?

A: Each tribal government may be involved in up to two applications, which may include individual tribal proposals and/or involvement in an intertribal proposal.

Q: What are the established Regional Ocean Partnerships, and where do I learn about their priorities?

A: A list of the established Regional Ocean Partnerships and links to their priorities are provided below.

- **Gulf of Mexico Alliance.** Find their priorities at gulfofmexicoalliance.org ("Priorities" link at the top of the page)

- **West Coast Ocean Alliance.** Find their priorities at <https://westcoastoceanalliance.org/2023-activities>
- **Northeast Regional Ocean Council.** Find their priorities at <https://www.northeastoceancouncil.org/about/nroc-priorities-2/>
- **Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean.** Find their priorities at <https://www.midatlanticocean.org/home/shared-regional-priorities4/>

Q: Can my tribe receive funding directly from the Regional Ocean Partnership in my region instead?

A: There was a separate funding opportunity for the established Regional Ocean Partnerships. NOAA has encouraged these organizations to include support for development of tribal partnerships and engagement in their applications. Tribes are encouraged to reach out to the Regional Ocean Partnership in their region to get information about their approach. Funding requests under this announcement should not duplicate funding requests under the established Regional Ocean Partnership announcement.

Q: Where do I go for help with registration and submission questions?

A: Support@grants.gov, 800-518-4726

Q: Is there guidance if I am brand new to applying for NOAA funding?

A: Guidance for first-time users of Grants.gov, including the registration process, is available at https://coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/_pdf/grants-guidance.pdf

Q: Is there guidance on developing the budget narrative?

A: Budget narrative guidance is available at https://coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/_pdf/forms/budget-narrative-guidance-for-NOAA-grants.pdf