



Great Lakes Coastal Restoration Grants
Program Implementation Plan
May 31, 2001

- Purpose:** Support coastal and water quality restoration in the Great Lakes region through a matching grant program.
- Statutory Language:** \$30,000,000 is for competitive grants for community-based coastal restoration activities in the Great Lakes region.
- Report Language:** The conference agreement includes a new appropriation of \$30,000,000 for matching grants to be awarded competitively to state and local governments to undertake coastal and water quality restoration projects in the Great Lakes region. Proposals funded under this program should be consistent with a Great Lakes State's approved coastal management program under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act. Restoration projects eligible for funding would include contaminated site cleanup, stormwater controls, wetland restoration, acquisition of greenways and buffers, and other projects designed to control polluted runoff and protect and restore coastal resources. NOAA is directed to develop and submit to the Committees on Appropriations an implementation plan for this initiative no later than January 15, 2001
- Total Funding:** \$29,934,000 in FY01 (\$30,000,000 less .22% across the board reduction)
- Eligible States:** Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York
- Allocations:** Each state will be allocated a portion of the funds based on the standard Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) allocation formula which provides a 60 percent weight for shoreline mileage and a 40 percent weight for coastal population. The allocations will also be weighted to recognize those states with federally approved coastal management programs. In cases where a state has shoreline along the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean, the population and shoreline mileage for the Great Lakes portion will be utilized to distribute these funds. The state allocations can be found on page 3.
- Local Share:** Congress intends that a significant portion of these funds be used for local

projects. To address this intent, 50 percent of the funds allocated for each state should be directed to local community projects.

Match:

The statute requires matching grants, but does not specify an amount. For this year, the match will be 25 percent, which is consistent with the match required for a state's first year CZMA implementation grant. This level of match will foster local buy-in and provide additional resources to achieve the program's objectives, while not being so high as to impede local participation. As with the standard CZMA funding, both cash and in-kind services are eligible matches.

Project Selection:

Each state will run a competitive process to select eligible projects. The specifics of the process, including timing and final project selection, are left up to individual states. Each state must provide for a public process and establish criteria for project selection that are consistent with this guidance. We would like to be involved early in the state selection process to provide advice and identify any issues that could affect project eligibility. States may use up to five percent of their allotments to cover the administrative expenses of implementing this program.

Eligible Recipients:

State agencies and local governments.

Eligible Projects:

The projects must support the legislative purpose of protecting and restoring Great Lakes coastal resources and water quality. In addition, all projects must be consistent with a state's federally approved coastal management program. In cases where a state does not yet have an approved program, the projects must be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

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Grant Mechanism:

To simplify state administration of the program, we intend to combine these awards with the annual coastal management cooperative agreement. We are open to providing a separate award for these funds, provided that we follow the same general grant procedures and formats.

Draft Schedule:

To get the funding out in a timely manner, we would initiate the cooperative agreement process prior to, or concurrently with, the competitive process being run in the state. In some cases, states will rely on existing project selection processes, and may be able to have projects

selected in time to include them in their annual CZM application packages. In other cases, the state process may occur later, and the selected projects included in the grant via an amendment. It is anticipated that, in either case, the grant application would include a task for administering the program at the state level. This approach will get the funds out into the state as quickly as possible, and still provide flexibility for the states in the exact timing of their competitive process. The selected projects will be incorporated into the grant via an amendment to the award.

Draft Timeline:	January 2001	Discuss Implementation Plan with Congress Draft Guidance & Allotments
	February 2001	Discuss draft program concepts with states
	March 2001	Issue program guidance
	April or May 2001	States Run Competitive Processes
	May 1, 2001	Final state applications due for July 1 start date awards. Draft state applications due for October 1 start date awards.
	June 15, 2001	Final state applications due for October 1 start date awards.
	July 1, 2001	Awards Made
	October 1, 2001	Awards Made

Allotments:

State	Funding
Illinois	1,750,000

Indiana	1,750,000
Michigan	7,000,000

Minnesota	1,938,000
New York	4,727,000

Ohio	4,489,000
Pennsylvania	1,846,000

Wisconsin	5,686,000
NOAA/NOS Administration (2.5%)	748,000

<p>Total</p>	<p>29,934,000</p>
<p>base = \$1,750,000 maximum = \$7,000,000</p>	

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