



**IDNR  
COASTAL MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM**

**2025 Coastal Grants  
November 13, 2024**



# What we will cover today

- Brief overview of Coastal Management Program
- Grant Program Overview and Details
- Application Process
- Questions and Answers

# Illinois Coastal Management Program

## ➤ Our mission:

- Protect and enhance the environmental, economic, and social value of Illinois' Great Lakes coastal region.

## ➤ We accomplish this by:

- Providing technical assistance to communities
- Providing pass-through funding to local organizations
- Facilitating interagency coordination
- Supporting research, data collection and monitoring



# Our Program Areas

**Habitat**



**Coastal Resiliency**



**Water Resources**



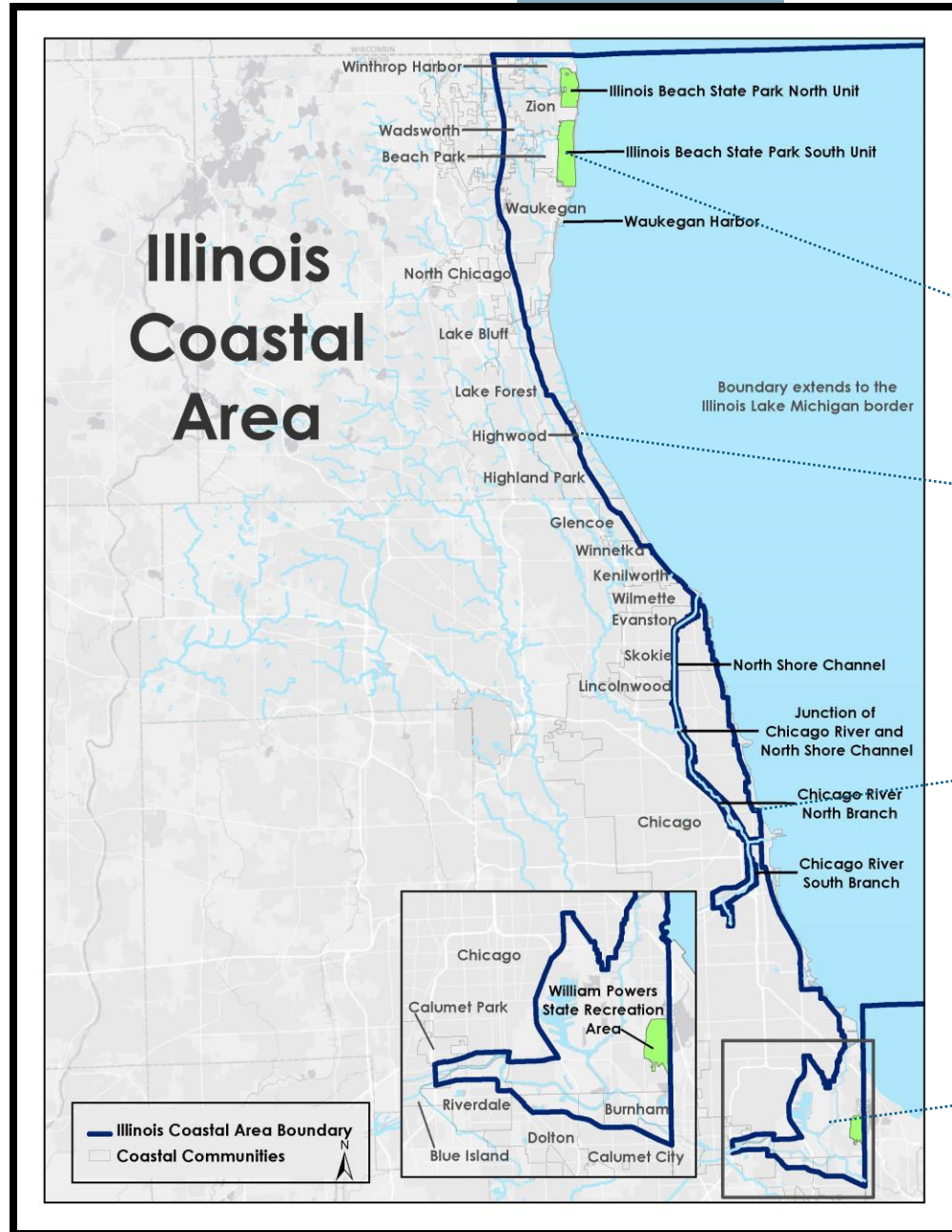
**Recreation & Education**



**Economic Development**



# THE ILLINOIS COASTAL ZONE



# IDNR Coastal Grant Program 2013-2024

9 Grant Cycles

Over \$9 million dollars awarded

Over 140 grants to 60+ grantees

Range: \$3,000 to \$150,000



# Funding Categories

- 1) Coastal Habitats and Species
- 2) Coastal Public Access, Recreation, and Coastal Dependent Economic Development
- 3) Coastal Community Resilience

*For more information and example projects, please see pages 6 – 10 of the FY25 Funding Guidelines*

## 2025 Grant Program Details: Competitive Grants

- Applications due: **January 10, 2025 – 5pm Central**
- Award Range: \$75,000 to \$250,000
- Total funding available: likely up to \$1 Million
- Match: min 25% matching required; additional match encouraged for projects greater than \$100,000
- Award Timeframe: 6 to 18-month grants
- Grant Start Date: September 1, 2025 (likely)



# 2025 Competitive Grant Program Details

- **Eligible Applicants:**
  - Units of local government
  - Non-profit organizations
  - Universities
- **Previous application(s) do not impact eligibility**
- **Multiple applications allowed**
- **Successful applicants must sign a grant agreement**
- **Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly or semi-annual grant reports**

# RESTRICTIONS

**Grant and match funds cannot be used for:**

Food and beverage

On-the-ground restoration or construction\*

*\*specific to this opportunity*

# **Application Process**

**for 2025 Competitive Grants**

# Application Process

- Create a GATA account (if new)
- Pre-qualify on GATA's grantee portal
- Follow AmpliFund link to Coastal Grants
- Fill out all parts of AmpliFund application

APPLICATIONS DUE:

**January 10, 2025 at 5:00pm CT**



# GATA Pre- Qualification

## Pre-Qualification Requirements:

1. DUNS number
2. SAM.gov account
3. Not on the Federal Excluded Parties List
4. Be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, as applicable
5. Not on the Illinois Stop Payment list
6. Not on the Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list

Register at <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal>

# Fiscal and Administrative Assessment

- Internal Controls Questionnaire (completed on Grantee Portal)
- Successful applicants will have to complete FY25 and FY26 ICQs



# **AmpliFund**

## ❖ **Direct link:**

<https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/78a62009-1b72-4fcd-a472-4881733b9bab>

## ❖ **Click “Apply” button**

## CMP - Coastal Management Program Grants (FY25)

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### Opportunity Information

CSFA Number 422-30-0103

CSFA Popular Name Coastal Management Program (CMP)

Title CMP - Coastal Management Program Grants (FY25)

Description Support for projects focused on coastal planning, coordination, coastal hazards, recreation and access, habitat protection and management, education and outreach programs.

Awarding Agency Name Natural Resources

# Application Items

## Application Materials on AmpliFund:

- Uniform Grant Application
- Application Narrative
- Timeline of Tasks/Performance Plan
- Programmatic Risk Assessment
- GATA Budget
- Letter(s) of Commitment (optional)
- Letters of Support (optional)



# EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Need (**14 points**)
- Anticipated Impact (**14 points**)
- Feasibility and Timeline (**10 points**)
- Under-Served Communities and Populations (**8 points**)
- Partnerships and Local Support (**6 points**)
- Capacity and Qualifications (**4 points**)
- Cost Effectiveness (**4 points**)
- Past Performance (**3 Points**)
  
- **TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 63**



# Application Submittal

- Submit by **5pm CT, Friday January 10, 2025**
- Applications must be submitted through AmpliFund
- Partial applications will not be accepted
- Emailed applications will not be accepted

**Do not wait until the last day to log into AmpliFund!**

# Process Timeline\*

- November 2024 – Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published
- January 10, 2025 – Applications due
- March 2025 – Internal decisions expected
- April/May 2025 – IDNR and NOAA approvals expected
- July 2025 – NOAA grant to IDNR
- July – August 2025 – Subawards to grantees
- September 2025 – Anticipated grant start date











***\*Subject to change***

# AmpliFund Support Site

Resources available at:

<https://amplifund.zendesk.com/>



 <b>Release Notes</b> Announcements of enhancements, updates, and fixes in AmpliFund	 <b>User Guides</b> AmpliFund User Guides and Quickstart Guides for download	 <b>Instructions</b> Step-by-step instructions on using AmpliFund's features
 <b>Upcoming Training and Videos</b> Live training events and videos on how to use AmpliFund	 <b>Import Templates</b> Excel templates for importing data into AmpliFund	 <b>FAQs</b> Frequently Asked Questions about using AmpliFund
 <b>Grant Seeker Training</b> Training material for Grant Seeker customers	 <b>Grant Maker Training</b> Training material for Grant Maker customers	 <b>Recipient and Applicant Training</b> Training material for Recipients and Applicants
 <b>Submit a Ticket</b> Still need help? Submit a request to our help desk.		

# Coastal Rolling Grants

- 1. Rolling Applications:** Applications will be invited and accepted on a rolling basis through ~June 30, 2025
  - a. Or until all available funding has been obligated, whichever is first
- 2. Grant Amounts:** \$1,000 to \$150,000
- 3. Match:** Likely required, but will vary depending on project type. Must be discussed with CMP staff prior to submitting.
- 4. Timeframe:** 6 to 18-month grants allowed

*This opportunity is ideal for smaller, shorter time frame projects/awards.*

# Rolling Grants Application Process

- First, reach out to Meg Kelly to discuss your project ideas:  
[Meg.Kelly@illinois.gov](mailto:Meg.Kelly@illinois.gov)

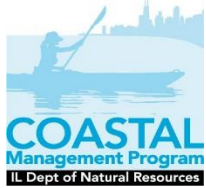
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**Questions?**

THANK YOU!



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