



# IDNR COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



**2026 Competitive Coastal Grants**  
April 22, 2026

# What We Will Cover Today

- Brief overview of Illinois 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 coastal agencies and organizations
- Facilitating interagency coordination
- Supporting research, data collection and monitoring



# Our Program Areas

**Habitat**



**Coastal Resiliency**



**Outreach +  
Education**



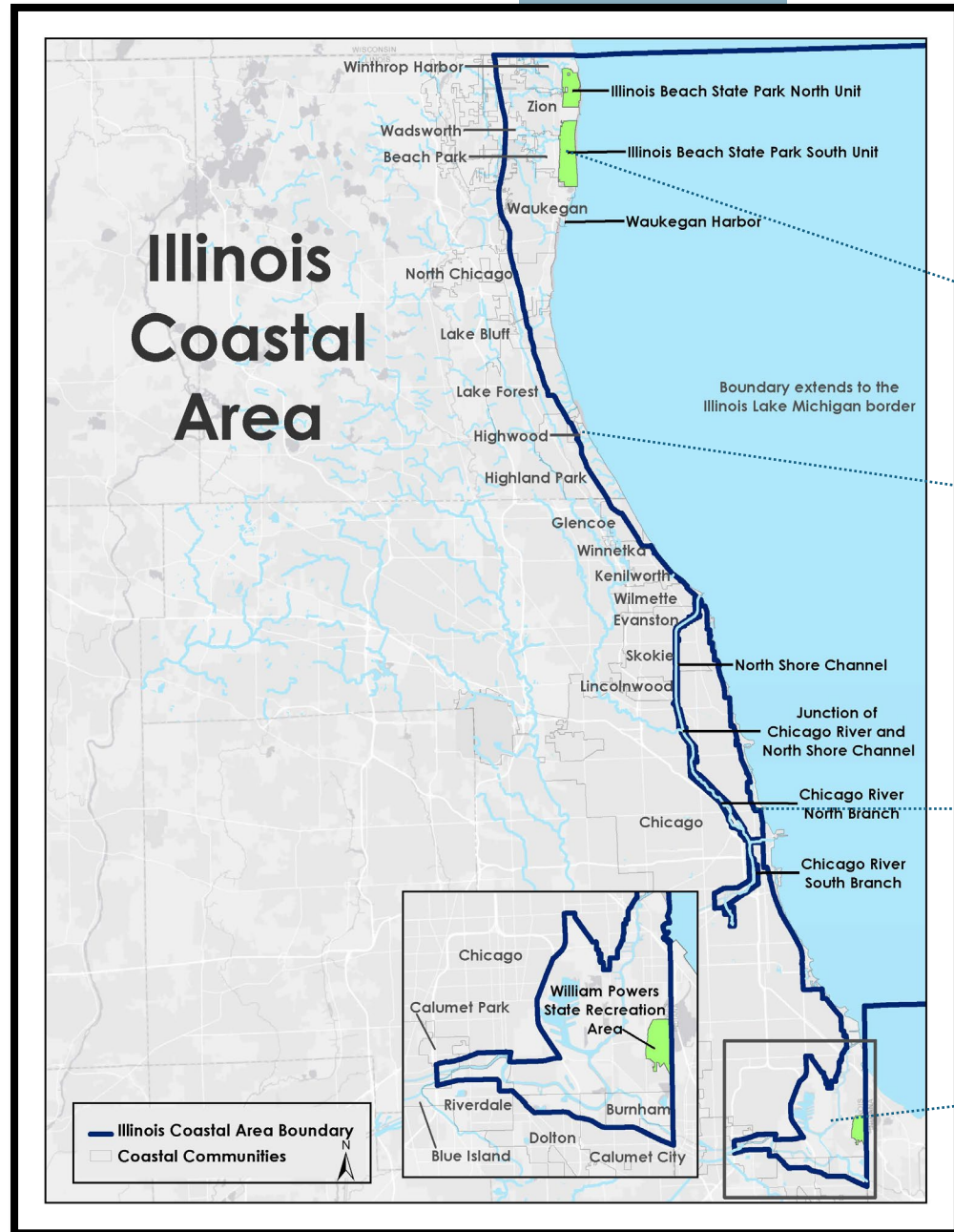
**Access + Recreation**



**Economic Development**



# The Illinois Coastal Zone



# Federal Funding

This grant is funded as a pass-through program with the NOAA Office of Coastal Management.



# IDNR Coastal Grant Program

## 2013-2025

10 Grant Cycles

Over \$10 million dollars awarded

Over 150 grants to 60+ grantees

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



# Funding Categories

- 1) Coastal Habitats and Species
- 2) Coastal Public Access and Recreation
- 3) Coastal Community Resilience
- 4) Coastal Community Development

*For more information and example projects, please see pages 7 – 9 of the FY26 Funding Guidelines PDF*

# 2026 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 grant reports**



# 2026 Competitive Grant Program Details



- Applications due: **May 20, 2026 – 5pm Central**
- Award Range: \$50,000 to \$250,000
- Total funding available: likely up to \$1 Million
- Match: min 50% matching required; reduced match available for Economically Challenged Communities
- Award Timeframe: 12 to 24-month grants
- Grant Start Date: January 1, 2027 (likely)

# Ineligible Costs



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

Food and beverage

On-the-ground or site-specific projects  
outside of the Coastal Zone boundary

# Application Process

## for 2026 Competitive Grants



# Application Process

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

APPLICATIONS DUE:

**May 20, 2026, 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 GATA Grantee Portal)
- Successful applicants will have to complete FY26 and FY27 ICQs



# **Euna Grants**

❖ **Direct link:**

<https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/d908f110-018e-47a3-91a6-a7f5f3e00f43>

❖ **Click “Apply” button**

## CMP - Coastal Management Program Grants (FY26)

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Opportunity Details

Evaluation & Scoring

### Opportunity Information

CSFA Number 422-30-0103

CSFA Popular Name Coastal Management Program (CMP)

Title CMP - Coastal Management Program Grants (FY26)

Description Support for projects focused on Lake Michigan coastal habitats and species; coastal public access, recreation, and economic development; and coastal community resilience.

Awarding Agency Name Natural Resources

# Application Items

## Application Materials on Euna:

- Applicant Information
- Project Application
- Budget
- Performance Plan
- Project Map (required for on-the-ground projects)
- Letter(s) of Commitment (optional)
- Letters of Support (optional)



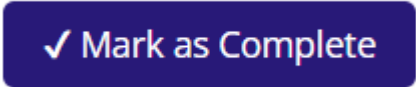
# Key Steps to Complete an Application

1. Click 

2. Complete Project Information

3. Complete Application forms

4. Complete Budget template

5. Mark each section as Complete  = 

6. Review & Download Application (if desired) 

7. Click Submit 

# Application Progress Bar

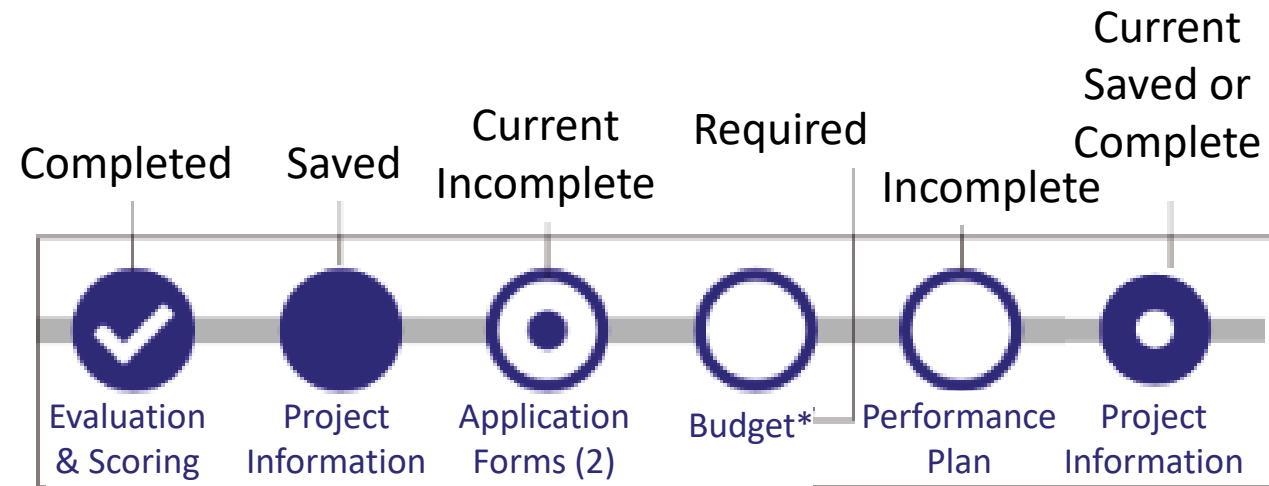


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# Application Tips

- You can complete the application sections in **any order**
- Click on the **circle** of a section to navigate to that section
- You must hit **Save** or **Mark as Complete** to save your work
- If you've marked a section as "*Mark as Complete*" you can go back and **edit** that section by hitting "*Mark as in Progress*"

✓ Mark as Complete

Mark as In Progress

**Every section must be marked as complete to submit your application**

Submitted applications cannot be edited, you may **withdraw** but would need to complete a new application

# Evaluation Criteria



- Need **(14 points)**
- Anticipated Impact **(14 points)**
- Feasibility and Timeline **(10 points)**
- Coastal Communities and Populations **(6 points)**
- Partnerships and Local Support **(8 points)**
- Capacity and Qualifications **(4 points)**
- Cost Effectiveness **(4 points)**
- **TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 60**



# Application Submittal

- Submit by **5pm CT, Wednesday May 20, 2026**
- Applications must be submitted through Euna
- Partial applications will not be accepted
- Emailed applications will not be accepted

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

# Process Timeline\*

- April 2026 – Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published
- May 20, 2026 – Applications due
- July 2026 – Internal decisions expected
- August/September 2026 – IDNR and NOAA approvals expected
- November – December 2026 – Subawards to grantees
- January 2027 – Anticipated grant start date

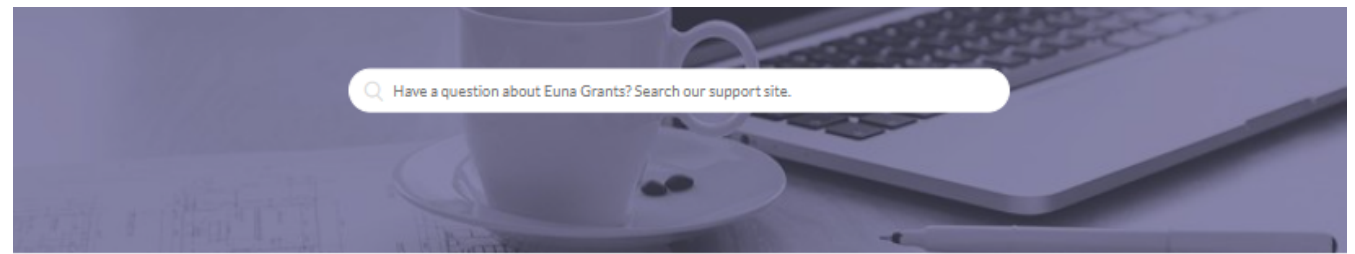
***\*Subject to change***



# Euna Grants Support Site

Resources available at:

<https://grants-help.eunasolutions.com/>



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| <br><b>Release Notes &amp; Resources</b><br>Announcements and resources for enhancements, updates, and fixes | <br><b>User Guides</b><br>Euna Grants User Guides and Quickstart Guides for download | <br><b>Instructions</b><br>Step-by-step instructions on using Euna Grants's features                       |
| <br><b>Upcoming Training and Videos</b><br>Live training events and videos on how to use Euna Grants         | <br><b>Import Templates</b><br>Excel templates for importing data into Euna Grants   | <br><b>FAQ &amp; Best Practices</b><br>Frequently Asked Questions and best practices for using Euna Grants |
| <br><b>Grant Seeker Training</b><br>Training material for Grant Seeker customers                            | <br><b>Grant Maker Training</b><br>Training material for Grant Maker customers      | <br><b>Recipient and Applicant Training</b><br>Training material for Recipients and Applicants             |
| <br><b>Submit a Ticket</b><br>Still need help? Submit a request to our help desk.                          |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |

# Questions?

