

2026 Coastal Competitive Grants Webinar
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Oh, I see a few more popping up. I don't. All right, and can folks hear us? Maybe just if you can hear just maybe send a couple chat messages, say hi so that we know that folks are able to see what's going on here. All right, good. All right, great. Well happy earth day everybody. We'll go ahead and get started because you know we do some admin.

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1st and so people can still hop on while we're saying hello and introducing ourselves to you. We're so excited to see so many interested folks in our coastal competitive grants opportunity. I'm Meg Kelly. I am the director of the Illinois Coastal management program. We.

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we're housed in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Office of water resources. We have a few folks from Coastal who are on screen right on video right now who are helping to run the webinar and this grant program. So I'm just gonna ask my colleagues to introduce themselves and then we'll get started.

28 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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For the day and I'm gonna just kind of call him out. So Carla, you wanna go next? Sure. Hi, everyone, I'm Carla Rosenfeld. I'm the new program manager for the program. And then Travis.

29 "Wood, Travis" (911052288)
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Hey everyone, I'm Travis Wood. I'm a natural resources coordinator with the Coastal Program.

30 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Esther?

31 "Chavira-Meza, Esther N." (401032192)
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Hello everyone, I'm Esther Chavira-Meza. I'm a natural resources coordinator with the Coastal management program as well.

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Thank you.

33 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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I'm Kim Kreiling I am a natural resources specialist with the coastal management program and I am the one running the grant program.

34 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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Right on. So thanks everybody. You'll see a few other of our colleagues also you might see them as attendees, but I just wanna kind of point out who's helping on the webinar today. So, there's questions, these are the folks who you know are sort of answering along the way. So throughout.

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The webinar today, please feel free to use the Q and A feature, which is which can be found on the lower right depending on how wide your screen is, you might have to hover over three dots that say panel options and you can find the Q and A box there. That will help us track.

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The questions being asked along the way and we'll provide answers there, but we'll also have opportunities at the end to do a Q and A session. Please use the chat if you're having any issues with the technology along the way. If you can't for some reason find the Q and A, you can just drop it in the chat and we'll, we'll get you sorted out too. So, with that, I will, I think just kind of talk about what we're here to do today if you wanna advance the slide.

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And I think maybe at this point we'd like to record the webinar as well, so just just a note to folks that we are recording today so that we can post this later, you come back to it for reference if that's helpful. Did we already hit record or do we have to do that?

38 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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We are recording. Okay, great.

39 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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I just I didn't hear it sometimes hear it, so just wanted to double check. So we today we're gonna just talk a little bit about coastal management program itself, give you some context for our grant program walk you through the application process. And again.

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Here to answer any and all questions that we can. So thanks again for being here. I'm so glad for the interest in Kim, handing it off to you.

41 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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All right. Well, the Illinois Coastal management program has a mission of protecting and enhancing the environmental economic and social value of Illinois Great Lakes Coastal region. And so we accomplished this partly through this grant program.

42 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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But also just providing technical assistance to communities, providing pass through funding, facilitating inner agency coordination, and just supporting research data collection and monitoring. We have five program areas that we cover, Habitat coastal resiliency.

43 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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The access and recreation, outreach and education and economic development. And here's the map of the coastal zone covers a wide range from Wisconsin to Indiana. We've got you know dunes, we've got ravines, urban areas, and then.

44 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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Areas with some environmental legacy issues that we also deal with. We are a federally funded program, so this pass through grant would be federal funding and therefore you would need to follow all federal regulations.

45 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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And I'm gonna pass this off to Esther.

46 "Chavira-Meza, Esther N." (401032192)

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Great, thanks Kim. So before we dive into the new cycle, I want to give a quick overview of the IDNR Coastal grant programs history. From 2013 through 2025, we have completed ten full grant cycle.

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Over that time we have awarded more than \$10 million supporting over a hundred and 50 projects for more than 60 different grantees. Traditionally, our awards have ranged from about \$3000 up to \$150000. And this year we are excited to share that we have increased the maximum award amount to \$250000. Giving applicants more flexibility to design.

48 "Chavira-Meza, Esther N." (401032192)

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Impactful projects. Next slide please. Our grant program supports work in four main funding categories. The 1st is coastal habitat and species. These projects often involve on the ground restoration, things like invasive species removal, native.

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plantings, planning or implementing habitat enhancement. Next, we have coastal public access and recreation. These projects and these categories

may include small scale construction activities that improve accessibility or public use of existing recreational facilities along with education and outreach efforts that support community engagement and understanding. Our 3rd category.

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is coastal community resiliency. This includes hazard vulnerability assessments or similar planning activities that help communities prepare for and adapt to coastal hazards. And finally, coastal community development, which supports planning engineering or design work such as clean marina best management practices. More details, examples for each project category are provided our funding guidelines.

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beginning on page seven of the PDF. The PDF and full, our full funding guidelines can be found on the management program site at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/coastalgrants/nofo.html> where you can download all the available materials.

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Next slide please. Eligible applicants includes of local government, non profit organizations, and universities. Submitting, previous applications does not affect your eligibility and you are welcome to submit more than one application during the cycle.

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Applicants selected for funding will be required for an agreement and submit quarterly progress and financial reports. A quick note for returning grantees. We have all reporting go into the Euna system. We no longer accept reports by email, so please plan to use Euna for all future submittals.

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and more details can be found in the funding guidelines or or you're also welcome to reach out to Kim with any questions. Now review

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Kim, I think we have a little bit of echo going on. I don't know if maybe someone needs to mute, so I would just kind of ask folks to make sure you're muted. Kim including yourself. Yeah, thanks. Go ahead.

56 "Chavira-Meza, Esther N." (401032192)

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Thank you. Now let's review some of the key details for this grant cycle. Applications are due on 20 May of 2026 at 05:00 P.M. central time. The award range for this cycle is 50000 to \$250000 and we expect to have.

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up to \$1 million available in total. Most applicants are required to provide a minimum of 50% match. That means half the project cost is covered by coastal management program funds and the other half is match. The only exception applies to units of local government and economically challenged communities. These are communities within the Illinois.

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Coastal area with more than 15 % of residents are below the national poverty level based on the US census bureau data. Eligible communities are identified in the funding guidelines and on the coastal management program website as well. Grant Awards will cover a twelve to 24 month period and we anticipate grant agreements beginning around 1 January of 2027.

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Next slide, please. And finally, a brief overview of funding restrictions. Grant and match funds cannot be used for food or beverages. They also cannot be used for on the ground or site specific projects outside the coastal zone boundary. These restrictions do not apply to education and outreach.

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Projects. For more information, please consult the funding guidelines or connect with Kim and she'll be happy to clarify what is and isn't allowable. Kim, back to you.

61 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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Alright, I am going to go through our application process. It is all on Euna now, so we don't have our simplified forms that we used to use, but.

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The application process, you have to create a GATA account if you're new, and that is the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, and every state agency is now required to use that. You have to pre qualify on the.

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GATA grantee portal, and then you can follow the link to the Euna, the Euna link to coastal grants and fill out all parts of the application. And we will keep telling you applications are due May 20th at 05:00 p.m.. The GATA pre qualification involves a DUNS number, a SAM.gov

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account. You can't be on the federal excluded parties list. You have to be in good standing with the state of Illinois and not on the Illinois stop payment list, plus not on the Department of Healthcare and family

services providers sanctions list. And you can register at the grants.Illinois.gov/portal.

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which I think Travis is going to throw into the chat as well so you can click right to it. For your fiscal and administrative assessment in the GATA portal, you have to do the internal controls questionnaire and then if you are a successful applicant, you will have to complete.

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The fiscal year 26 and fiscal year 27 ICQ before you can sign a grant agreement. When you're applying at the Euna website, it's pretty simple. You just click that apply button in the top corner, and then that takes you to all of the application materials that we require. So you.

67 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)
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You have to fill out your applicant information, project application, budget, performance plan, project map if you're doing it on the ground project, Letters of commitment and letters of support, and those are optional except for projects that are doing planning work or on the groundwork on land that they do not own. So the landowner has to sign a letter of commitment for that.

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Key steps to completing an application on Euna is, like I said, click apply, fill everything out, you have to fill out the project information, application forms, budget template, and then mark each section as complete as when you finish.

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And that will turn the little circle into a checkbox. You can review and download the application in a PDF form if you would like, and when you're ready, hit submit. Here's the application progress bar at the top.

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So I can tell you what all of these little symbols mean. The circle with the check mark means that you have completed that section. If there's no check mark but it is filled in, it's just saved, you still need to go in and mark it as complete. And then if you are on a page that you are working on, it will be the current.

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Incomplete with the white circle with the blue. Things that are required will have a little star next to them and then any section that's incomplete will just be the white circle. And if you are currently in something that is saved or complete, it will be the blue circle with the little white dot.

72 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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You can complete the sections in any order. You can click on the circle of a section to navigate between them, but you must hit save or mark as complete before leaving that page, otherwise, you will lose your work. If you mark something as complete but want to edit, you can do that. That's not a problem.

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You just go back and switch from mark as complete to mark as in progress.

74 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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Every section must be marked as complete to submit your application. And once you submit, you cannot edit, but you can withdraw and start over if you really need to. Our evaluation criteria.

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Covers all of the areas that we are looking for and we go into very specific details on what we want for each category in our funding guidelines which are available on our website as a PDF or.

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Just on our website in general. You can also reach out to me if you have any questions. Application submittal. Submit by 05:00 p.m. on Wednesday 20 May. It will shut off all applications after that point and you will not be able to do

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Anything. Applications must be submitted through Euna and partial applications will not be accepted. Emailed applications will not be accepted. Don't wait until the last day to log into Euna. Make sure that you know how to get in there, you know how to apply. I don't want anybody down to the wire trying to get things done.

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And for the timeline of when we will do funding, we're expecting to make internal decisions in July, and then in August and September we'll go through the Illinois DNR and NOAA approvals.

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And then November to December would be when we would notify you that you have been awarded. And then we hope to start in January, and this is all subject to change. Things happen, life happens, so it's all dependent upon when the.

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Federal award arrives to the state and then if NOAA is backed up on approvals, it may take a little longer, but that is kind of why we've built in the extra time in the timeline. You can see that October is not included on there. We're hoping to get everything done. When you are on the Euna site, if you run into any issues, they have help. We are not able to provide any tech support basically. I can answer questions about the grant program, but for Euna specifically, you have to go through them.

81 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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So there's a FAQ and best practices and that includes how to add users to your account. It has frequently asked questions for the applicant portal, and then down in the recipient and applicant training, there's a video series on all the things you need to do to apply.

82 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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And then if you do run into some kind of error, you can submit a ticket and they will help you through that. All right, and now on to questions.

83 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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So if folks do have questions, we would love if you wanna just type them into the Q and A box. If anyone's having a hard time finding that, let us know in the chat. But we are super happy to answer anything that we can.

84 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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And there was one, I feel like there was one thing I was just gonna mention, just to be clear, there are two accounts that you have to have. So it's the GATA portal and the Euna portal. Those are two separate accounts that grantees.

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have to have. I just wanted and they're not, they're two different technologies, so two different support systems so just kinda want to be clear about that and anytime we can, can help you, we will do our very best, but we don't get to see what you get to see. So it's a little bit challenging.

86 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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On our end, but not seeing any questions yet in the Q and A Oh, here's a couple coming through and thank you for those. So let's see. Could a coastal sediment movement analysis be funded through this program?

87 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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I think under coastal resiliency that would be something that could be eligible. Yes, I think it would just depend on what the specific work plan is and the level of funding, but I think that would.

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Potentially be eligible and aligned under the coastal hazards for coastal resiliency, whatever that's called. Can you talk more about what I heard as an exception to the coastal zone boundary requirement for community engagement? Oh yeah, I'll just clarify that too. It's actually on the ground.

89 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Restoration projects can only take place with any ground disturbance type projects can only take place within our coastal zone boundary. But education work as long as we have a clear connection to benefiting the coastal zone that can take place outside of the boundary.

90 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Hopefully that's helpful. Are there any particular projects that you're looking to fund? What has excited you all about proposals in the past? So I would direct you to the funding guidelines to see where the priorities are.

91 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Have been outlined and I think Esther and Kim, I think that was page seven to nine if you're looking at the PDF, and if you're looking at the website, it is under the funding categories character, there's little carrot there that you can click and then opens up funding category one coastal habitat and species, funding area two coastal access and recreation, community resilience, and community developments are the four different, and there's a number of eligible project types that are listed.

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I would say those are the best aligned with our priorities for this year.

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Alright, where I think I've lost my place of where i've left off. Carla, do you know what's next? How many projects do you anticipate funding this cycle and are more expensive projects less?

94 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Oh, I see. So it's it's kind of hard to tell the exact number of projects cause it will depend on how many applicants are, how many proposals come in and what the value of those are. So we are.

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Still waiting our final award amount from our federal funder, which is Noah. We do expect there to be about a million dollars available this

year, so we still, you know, we have to kind of review and score and select. So I can't say an exact number, I can say.

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Some years we funded 16 projects, some years we funded, you know, seven or eight, so that's kind of the typical range of projects and it's all just sort of dependent on the the final funding amount.

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And NO, I would not say more expensive projects are less competitive, we really score everything based on those criteria that Kim outlined, and you can look at those on the website as well for more details on what those criteria for eligibility are.

98 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Let's see from Holly past examples of examples of past funding, planning projects yes, I see Carla has answered that already. So yeah, I would say go to the notebook for that.

99 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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There are some ideas there, but I think, you know, there's been a few, sustainability plans, master plans, community development plans, shore line resilience plans, so anything that would support coastal community development, economic development.

100 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Public access and recreation, a restoration plan, would all be eligible.

101 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Eligibility if other grants are awarded so we also applied for the boat access area development program grant through IDNR. If we are awarded that grant, are we still eligible for this grant?

102 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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I, that's a difficult question to answer very specifically without understanding what pieces of a project are being funded, so I would say if you have a phased project and you have very distinct work plans, that could potentially.

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May you know maintain eligibility for this. The other thing I would say is that this is all federal funds that for the coastal program and so any match that you're providing providing would have to be non federal funds, so just making sure whatever.

104 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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You know, sources you're combining, that there's a non federal match included. And then I would say that again, making sure that that has a very distinct work plan, so you couldn't have funding for the same work plan.

105 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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Hopefully that's clear, and if there's a follow up to that, let me know. Is available to discuss ideas we have for planning type projects? Sure we're happy to answer questions anytime, so if you're looking at the NOFO, and the eligible fundings, you know.

106 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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On our website, we also have examples of past projects that were funded, so you can kind of take a look at those and if it's not totally clear, if something that you're thinking about is eligible, feel free to reach out via email and we're happy to answer questions about that.

107 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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And Meg, we do have a question that came through in chat, in the last cycle on the ground projects were not eligible. Is there any guidance or recommendations for on the ground projects this time since they are eligible again?

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So again, I would go to the, the funding categories to get a sense of the types of projects. I would say, you know, this, this typically would, and I'll ask my colleagues here to jump into, right? This would typically be for habitat restoration.

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Invasive species management, maybe there's a signage or a trail product repair or you know something like that that would enhance access and to the coastal resources that would enhance habitat. Those would all be eligible types of on the ground projects, but.

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Anyone have any others that I'm kind of missing up because I just went off the top of my head there instead of looking at the funding guidelines. Sorry.

111 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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I think the only thing you're missing is that we have under recreation, that you can do small construction projects that will enhance accessibility.

112 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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And I see, are there specific locations within the coastal zones that have a strategic focus on this funding cycle? And I would say no, we are open to projects throughout the entire coastal zone. So from the Wisconsin to Indiana border.

113 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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Anything else coming through Kim, anything else that you think I missed as we were answering questions that you want to make sure we were clear about?

114 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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I don't think so. I think you covered most of everything and again if any questions come up later, just feel free to reach out to me.

115 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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Yeah, I would recommend reading all of the funding guidelines. There is a lot of information there. There's a lot of detail there, have it next to you as you do your application through the unit system. The other, the other sort of.

116 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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You know, hot tip we're happy to offer is there you can when you get to the unise site, you can download the application all the questions so that you can work on it outside of the system that comes to you as a PDF I think, or.

117 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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Yeah, so if you just turn that into a Word document then you know that would, that might be a helpful tool for developing the answers, the responses, and you could just copy and paste them into the system. So I would suggest doing that and you might want to consider that for your budget as well. I think it's pretty clear in the system.

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But I also want to just point out your budget should also just be in whole numbers. So if you're putting together a budget, don't worry about those decimal points for dollars and cents, we're only looking for the dollars, so that helps us out quite a bit. And there's a lot of, you know, there's some guidance around those things in there for.

119 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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It just sort of helps us when we're providing the information to the federal funder, so that's why some of that is like that we complete the grants early enough, will you review ours and provide feedback. Okay so if we complete the grant early enough, will you review our submittals and

provide feedback ahead of the deadline? So this is a competitive process and we are now.

120 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Not able to do that. So all of the proposals once they're submitted will be reviewed and scored and selected in that manner. So, but again, we're happy to answer questions if you have any questions along the way about eligibility.

121 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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We we definitely want to make sure what you're submitting is eligible so that you wouldn't get, you know, so that everything could be submit considered once it is submitted.

122 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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So great. I feel like I'm not seeing any other questions just yet. We'll give it a few more minutes, keep them coming if you've got them.

123 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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And I am also noticing some questions about the coastal zone boundary and it looks like Carla did share the link to that. So I would say there's also a couple different.

124 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Options for, you know, different file formats that you can download that in and you know, hopefully that's helpful to you all as you're preparing your proposals. I think the other thing is if you are submitting a proposal for an on the ground project, what we call on the ground, so a restoration or a ground disturbance small construction prog.

125 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Project, you do need to submit you know a map showing the area, but any details that you have available around permits or any other environmental compliance information you have available, please do include that, that is helpful to us.

126 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Just as we, you know, get the approvals from the federal funder for these two. And if, if Scordon selected, we'll be coming back to those proposals, those applicants to make sure we have as much detail as we need.

127 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Another question sounds like you're not looking for one category over another. Just want to make sure that projects are in alignment. Thank you. I'm gonna I think they're having a hard time hearing you so I'm

repeat that again too, sounds like we're not looking for any one category over another. Just make sure.

128 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
00:44:42.950 --> 00:44:58.680

Your projects are in alignment with the RFP and yes, that is, that is accurate. So we have put out the priorities for this year. Those the RFP is reflective of all of our priorities for the year.

129 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Oh yeah, great question. Yes match could be cash or in kind. It just have to be non federal. So, in, so just.

130 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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To to speak to that just a little bit further, I know many folks might offer might have volunteers in using stewardship hours or perhaps might, there, there's some programs where there are stipends provided.

131 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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For people who serve on like a committee or things like that, those are eligible. There is a form that you'd have to fill out when you're submitting, you know, if you were awarded a grant, there is a form you'd have to fill out that kind of just outlines that for reporting and financial reporting, so.

132 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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But it is eligible and we encourage, you know, and we're always, we're happy to brainstorm on match as well. So if you're having trouble like we don't want Match to be an issue for why people don't apply. If you have questions about that, if there's, you know, more details you wanna, you know, talk about, we can.

133 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
00:46:32.420 --> 00:46:59.060

Certainly give some ideas, and some, you know, just some examples of match that could be eligible. Okay, was that in the Q and A chat?

134 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Okay, do you anticipate a cycle in 2028? This might affect whether we apply for twelve or 24 months. So great question. Thanks for asking that and and I will just state we we are trying to offer flexibility for applicants by offering either, you know, you could have a twelve.

135 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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15 1824 months, those that's just the range of of grant of, of the time period, right? So that's, that's up to you know applicants to let us know what the project time period is. We do anticipate putting out an RFP for the next cycle hopefully later this year, possibly earlier next year.

The, we, our award cycle with Noah is different than the past of your former.

136 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Previous grantee, the cycle is a little bit different than previous years. If you're new to us, that probably doesn't matter as much. But that next cycle will be for a shorter time period of grants. So the way that our incoming funds are coming, it's a little bit different. So this cycle can go up to 24 months starting approximately 1 January of 2027.

137 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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And then the next cycle that we issue would most likely only be up to 18 months starting January of 2028. So, and do I have that right? I think that's right.

138 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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But exactly but it is all dependent on congressional approval of a budget and things like that. So at this point, we have been asked, you know, like we know that there is an allocation, it's not gonna be awarded.

139 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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Till later this year, the next allocation would be awarded next year and it's just we have to kind of wait and see what that funding cycle looks like. So we don't have the number, you know, we don't, we don't have the dates for that just yet. Grants cannot overlap, so I see that too. Can the grants overlap?

140 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
00:49:13.050 --> 00:49:33.050

The the I'm sorry. Grant awards could overlap, but again, they'd have to be for distinct work plans and distinct budgets. So, like, like we were saying before, your eligibility is not impacted if you have an open award with us, if you've been funded in the past.

141 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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With by this program, that is, that is fine. If you have two distinct work plans and two distinct budgets, then you can have two distinct grants with us at the same time so hopefully that helps answer those couple questions. Let's see one more.

142 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)
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In the Q and A, any additional webinars for this opportunity? Currently we're not planning anything. However, I would say if we're getting a lot of follow up questions and a lot of the same follow up question, and it seems like that's maybe something that we weren't clear enough about, then I think.

143 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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Yes, we would offer that. But as of now, we're hoping that this between this webinar and the guidelines on the web on the website, that should hopefully cover everyone's questions but you know once again, do feel free to reach out as we are.

144 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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We're here to help.

145 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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Okay, I think we're starting to slow down just a tab.

146 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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But I know this is the typing Q and A so we will give it maybe one more minute and then I'll have Kim just kind of wrap us up.

147 "Kelly, Meg" (381340928)

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Okay, so I think we are gonna just go through and type out the responses to these questions too, just so they're there and they're documented. So we're gonna hang on on the webinar for a few minutes and Carla and I will go through and just answer all those questions again. But unless there's other questions, I think can maybe just one final reminder and we'll see.

148 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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All right, so once again, applications are due at 05:00 P.M. on 20 May so you can reach out to me if you have any more questions and this webinar is recorded and we will post it up on our website, so you can always refer back to it if you need to.

149 "Kim Kreiling" (3004358400)

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But the funding guidelines are pretty thorough. I try to be as thorough as possible. Alright, well, thank you all for joining and look forward to reading your applications.