

## Q&A from Coastal Grants Webinar

Could a coastal sediment movement analysis be funded through this program?

Yes, this would likely be eligible.

Can you talk more about what I heard as an exception to the Coastal Zone Boundary requirement for community engagement?

The IL coastal zone is detailed on the NOFO website under geography:

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/coastalgrants/nofo.html>

Are there any particular projects that you are looking to fund? What has excited you all about proposals in the past?

Please refer to the Request for Proposals on the website - pages 7-9 of the PDF have more details; or you can expand the Funding Categories section on the webpage:

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/coastalgrants/nofo.html>

Can you provide some examples of past funding planning projects, or do you prefer we just refer to the NOFO?

all past grant awardees are listed on the website:

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/coastalgrants/pastgrants.html>

How many projects do you anticipate funding this cycle? Are more expensive projects less competitive?

We anticipate our total funding for this cycle to be \$1M. Typical range has been 8-15 projects funded, depending on project budgets and available funding. More expensive projects are not less competitive.

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?

If the grant work plans and budgets are distinct, you would be eligible for a grant under this program.

Can match be in-kind services?

Yes, in-kind services are eligible for match

will there be any additional informational webinars on this opportunity? (such as budget tips)

We don't anticipate additional webinars, but please reach out to us with any questions. If there are many recurring questions, we can potentially provide another webinar.

Sounds like you are not looking for any one category over another, you just want to make sure projects are in alignment with the RFP?

That is correct.

If we complete the grant early enough, will you review our submittals and provide feedback ahead of the deadline?

No, this is a competitive grant program so we will only review submittals at the time of scoring.

Is CMP staff available to discuss ideas we may have for planning-type projects? (If a project does not seem viable under this program, wouldn't want to take the time to fill out an application.)

If you are unsure about viability after reading the NOFO funding categories, please reach out to

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