

Wisconsin Coastal Land Acquisition Funding Opportunity Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program

Deadline:

Wisconsin proposals must be received by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) no later than **Monday, October 10, 2016**.

Funding Opportunity:

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program in the Department of Administration is soliciting applications for land acquisition grants through the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). Wisconsin may submit up to four project proposals to the Office for Coastal Management (OCM) in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce. NOAA will develop a prioritized list of projects that are ready and eligible for funding. Projects funded under this program will have a grant start date between September 1, 2017 and October 1, 2017. Availability of funding is contingent upon Congressional appropriations.

Funding Goals and Eligibility:

- The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) was established “for the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses.”
- Project proposals should reflect the priorities identified in Wisconsin's draft [CELCP plan](#) (download from <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov> – “Publications/Program Documents”).
- Program priorities include advancing the goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) to protect, restore and enhance Great Lakes coastal wetlands; protect, restore and enhance shorelines, riparian corridors, and other coastal habitats in the Great Lakes basin; or implement management actions necessary to remove Beneficial Use Impairments and delist Areas of Concern.
- Grants may be awarded to public agencies for acquisition of fee simple interests in lands or conservation easements from willing sellers.
- Projects should be completed within 18 months from the start date of the grant. NOAA may extend project grants up to an additional 18 months (for a total project period of 3 years maximum).
- Requested funding may not exceed \$1,500,000 per project.
- Proposals must identify non-federal matching funds equal to the requested funding.

How to Apply:

Proposals must follow the Application Template provided at <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>. To apply, submit one original and four copies of the application, and an electronic version of the application, by the Wisconsin deadline of **Monday, October 10, 2016**. The electronic version may be sent on CD/USB drive along with the hard copies, or via email to coastal@wisconsin.gov. Mail or deliver the application to:

Wisconsin Coastal Management Program
CELCP Grant Competition
Dept. of Administration
101 E. Wilson St., 9th Fl.
Madison, WI 53703

Applicants will be notified by November 1, 2016 whether their proposals have been selected for submittal to NOAA. Complete information about the CELCP grant competition is available at the WCMP website <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov> (“Resource Programs”).

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCMP prior to deciding to apply to this grant competition. For further information about the Wisconsin application process, and to discuss potential projects, please contact Travis Olson at the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program: 608-266-3687 or travis.olson@wisconsin.gov. Website: <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.