

the CRP will be expected to have strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components that provide educational and social benefits for people and their communities in addition to long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources. Proposals selected for funding through this solicitation will be implemented through either a project grant, cooperative agreement, or interagency transfer.

**Funding Availability:** Funding of up to \$3,000,000 is expected to be available for community-based habitat restoration projects in FY 2004. The NOAA Restoration Center (RC) anticipates that typical project awards will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

**Statutory Authority:** The Secretary of Commerce is authorized under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661, as amended by the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970, to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries habitat restoration.

**CFDA:** 11.463 Habitat Conservation.

**Application Deadline:** Applications for project funding under the CRP must be received by or postmarked by September 12, 2003.

**Address for submitting Proposals:** Send applications to Christopher D. Doley, Director, NOAA Restoration Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway (F/HC3), Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282; ATTN: CRP Project Applications.

**Information Contact(s):** Robin Bruckner, Alison Ward or Melanie Severin at (301) 713-0174, or by fax at (301) 713-0184, or by e-mail at [Robin.Bruckner@noaa.gov](mailto:Robin.Bruckner@noaa.gov), [Alison.Ward@noaa.gov](mailto:Alison.Ward@noaa.gov) or [Melanie.Severin@noaa.gov](mailto:Melanie.Severin@noaa.gov).

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments. Applications from federal agencies will be considered. Before non-NOAA federal applicants may be funded, they must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from another federal agency in excess of their appropriation.

**Cost Sharing Requirements:** 1:1 non-Federal match is encouraged, but applicants with less than 1:1 match will not be disqualified.

**Intergovernmental Review:** Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

3. Fisheries Development and Utilization Research and Development Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (also known as the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program)

**Summary Description:** The Saltonstall-Kennedy Act established a fund to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries research and development projects addressed to any aspect of U.S. fisheries, including, but not limited to, harvesting, processing, aquaculture, marketing, and associated infrastructures. The Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program supports projects aimed at helping fishing communities to prevent overfishing, rebuild fisheries and ensure conservation, while realizing the full potential of fishery resources.

**Funding Availability:** Funding is subject to the availability of an allocation. The Program does not yet have funding for FY 2004, although it estimates that approximately \$4 million will be available. The Program does not specify a minimum or maximum dollar amount for individual awards.

**Statutory Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 713c-(3)(1).

**CFDA:** 11.427, Fisheries Development and Utilization Research and Development Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

**Application Deadline:** Applications must be received by local close of business at one of the addresses listed below on August 29, 2003.

**Address for Submitting Proposals:** You must submit applications to one of the following NMFS Regional Administrator or Headquarters offices: Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; (978) 281-9267.

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432, (727) 570-5324.

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213, (562) 980-4033.

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700, (808) 973-2937.

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E., BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6115.

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 or Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, 4th Floor, Juneau, AK 99801-1668, (907) 586-7224.

Financial Services Division, NMFS F/CS2, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-2358.

**Information Contact(s):** Alicia L. Jarboe, S-K Program Manager, F/CS2,

Room 13112, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282, tel. (301) 713-2358, or by email at: [alicia.jarboe@noaa.gov](mailto:alicia.jarboe@noaa.gov). You may also contact the NMFS Regional Federal Program Officers, at the addresses and telephone numbers listed above.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants must be; (1) a citizen or national of the United States; (2) a citizen of the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), being an individual who qualifies as such under section 8 of the Schedule on Transitional Matters attached to the constitution of the NMI; (3) a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, or the Federated States of Micronesia; or (4) represent an entity that is an institution of higher education, other nonprofit, commercial organization, state, local or Indian tribal government, if such entity is a citizen of the United States or NMI, within the meaning of section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended.

**Cost Sharing Requirements:**

Applicants must provide a minimum cost share of 10 percent of total (Federal and non-Federal combined) project costs, but the cost share must not exceed 50 percent of total costs.

**Intergovernmental Review:**

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

4. Cooperative Research Program, Research and Development Projects in the Gulf of Mexico and off the U.S. South Atlantic Coastal States

**Summary Description:** NMFS announces the availability of Federal assistance under the Cooperative Research Program (CRP) Grant Program. We provide financial assistance for research and development projects that optimize the use of fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Atlantic coast involving the U.S. fishing industry (commercial and recreational), including fishery biology, resource assessment, socio-economic assessments, management and conservation, selected harvest methods, and fish handling and processing.

**Funding Availability:** Approximately \$2 million may be available through this announcement for fiscal year 2004.

**Statutory Authority:** The authorizing statute for the Cooperative Research Program is 15 U.S.C. 713c-3(d).

**CFDA:** 11.454, Unallied Management Projects.

**Application Deadline:** We must receive your application by close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on August 14, 2003. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding.