

Fishery Management Council, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and Caribbean Fishery Management Council.

Cost Sharing Requirements: none.

Intergovernmental Review:

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

National Ocean Service (NOS)

1. FY 04 Career Program Announcement of Funding Opportunity for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Recently Graduated Students Concerning Career Development in Coastal Ocean Science, Management, and Policy.

Summary Description: NOS/NCCOS/CSCOR/COP is soliciting 1-year and 2-year proposals for career development programs commencing in late Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2004. The purpose of these awards will be to support activities designed to facilitate and/or enhance the development of qualified professionals in the fields of coastal ocean science, management, and policy. The coastal ocean is inclusive of the near shore ocean, estuaries, and the Great Lakes. This notice solicits applications for proposals from eligible non-Federal applicants. Proposals selected for funding from non-Federal researchers will be funded through a project grant. Proposals from academic institutions, particularly those that are Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), collaborate with MSIs, or serve minority students, are strongly encouraged.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1540.

CFDA NUMBER: 11.478, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (CSCOR/COP).

Application Deadline: The deadline for receipt of proposals at the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP office is 3:00 p.m., local time, January 14, 2004. (Note that late-arriving applications provided to a delivery service on or before January 14, 2004, with delivery guaranteed before 3:00 p.m., local time, on January 14, 2004, will be accepted for review if the applicant can document that the application was provided to the delivery service with delivery to the address listed below guaranteed by the specified closing date and time and, in any event, the proposals are received in the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP office by 3:00 p.m. local time, no later than two business days following the closing date.) Subject to the availability of funds and facilities, it is anticipated that final decisions on awards will be made by early March, 2004.

Addresses for submitting proposals: Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (N/SCI2), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC4, 8th Floor Station 8243, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282, attn. CAREER 04.

Information Contacts(s): Technical Information. John Wickham, Susan Banahan, CAREER 2004 Program Manager, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP, 301-713-3338/ext 156 (148), Internet: John.Wickham@noaa.gov; Susan.Banahan@noaa.gov.

Business Management Information. Leslie McDonald, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP Grants Administrator, 301-713-3338/ext 155, internet: Leslie.McDonald@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other non-profits, state, local, Indian Tribal Governments, and Federal agencies that possess the statutory authority to receive financial assistance. (a) Researchers must be employees of an eligible institution listed above; and proposals must be submitted through that institution. Non-Federal researchers should comply with their institutional requirements for proposal submission. (b) Non-NOAA Federal applicants will be required to submit certifications or documentation showing that they have specific legal authority to receive funds from the Department of Commerce (DOC) for this research. (c) NCCOS/CSCOR/COP will accept proposals that include foreign researchers as collaborators with a researcher, who has met the above stated eligibility requirements; and who also is an employee of an eligible institution listed above. (d) Non-Federal researchers affiliated with NOAA-University Joint Institutes should comply with joint institutional requirements; they will be funded through grants either to their institutions or to joint institutes.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

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2. State and Territory Coral Reef Management

Summary Description: This program is soliciting proposals to support comprehensive projects for the conservation and management of coral reefs and associated fisheries in the jurisdictions of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Florida, Hawaii, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa. This program is part of the Coral Reef

Conservation Act of 2000 which provides matching grants of financial assistance for coral reef conservation projects. Funding will also support jurisdictional participation in national coral reef planning activities, such as U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meetings. NOS will accept preapplications for peer review. Selected applicants may be asked to revise award objectives, work plans or budgets prior to submittal of a final application, including required Federal financial assistance forms, to NOS.

Funding Availability: Approximately \$2,100,000 will be available in FY 2004 to support awards under this program. Each eligible jurisdiction can apply for a maximum of \$400,000. Funding is subject to the availability of federal appropriations.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6403.

CFDA: 11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program.

Preapplication/Application Deadline: Preapplications are due to NOAA before midnight, EST, on March 12, 2004. Final applications are due to NOAA before midnight, EDT on June 4, 2004.

Address for submitting Proposals: David Kennedy, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office of Response and Restoration, N/ORR, Room 10102, NOAA National Ocean Service, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Information Contact(s): Bill Millhouser, 1305 East West Highway, 11th Floor, N/ORM3, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-713-3155 extension 189, e-mail at bill.millhouser@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are the governor-appointed point of contact agencies for coral reef activities in each of the jurisdictions of American Samoa, Florida, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Any coral conservation project funded under this program requires a 1:1 match. Matching funds must be from non-Federal sources and can include in-kind contributions and other non-cash support. The NOAA Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement if the Administrator determines that the project meets the following two requirements: (1) No reasonable means are available through which an applicant can meet the matching requirement, and (2) The probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement. The Program shall waive any requirement for local matching funds for any project under \$200,000 (including in-kind contribution) to the