



# Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program

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The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting applications for Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program (MLSCP; Coastal Program) Annual grant funded projects. The projects must protect, restore, or responsibly develop Minnesota's Lake Superior coastal communities and resources.

In general, Annual grant projects can:

- develop (or modify) plans or designs to protect or develop coastal resources.
- create knowledge about a coastal resource need of a community, land or water manager, or organization.
- offer opportunities for community participation in or learning about coastal issues.
- preserve or restore areas because of their recreation, ecological, or esthetic values.
- provide access to public beaches and other public coastal areas and waters.
- address timely and specific coastal issues.

This Notice of Grant Opportunity (Notice) provides the information needed to apply. Please read the entire Notice, Application Template, and the [Terms and Conditions](#) before starting an application.

## REQUIREMENTS

Projects must be consistent with the objectives of the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act of 1972; align with Program framework; help fulfill the mission of the DNR; and comply with state and federal grant requirements.

- The [Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972](#) provides the basis for protecting, restoring, and responsibly developing our nation's diverse coastal communities and resources.
- Coastal Management Program and [Final Environmental Impact Statement](#) for the State of Minnesota (May 1999) describes the overall framework for the program including relevant laws, policies, and underlying goals.
- The [mission](#) of the DNR is to work with Minnesotans to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.

Projects must be designed using sound environmental principles and be consistent with current federal, state, and local laws. Project designs should be resilient and consider future conditions including localized climate projections including temperature and precipitation, fluctuating lake levels, erosion, changing ice cover, and seasonal changes.

Construction and acquisition projects must meet specific eligibility requirements (see [Appendix A](#)).

**The Coastal Program cannot fund projects on private property or activities that support a private business or individual.**

Successful applicants must:

1. Submit the application by end of day, November 16, 2022, and include all required materials.
2. Request between \$10,000 and \$100,000 in grant funds.
3. Comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws.
4. Be eligible to receive state and federal grant funds.

5. Be recommended for funding by the Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program.
6. Be selected by the commissioner of the DNR.
7. Be approved for funding by the Office for Coastal Management, NOAA.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible, a project must:

1. Help achieve a coastal management goal.
2. Take place within the coastal area.
3. Be submitted by an eligible organization.

## **Coastal Management Goals**

"Coastal management" is a term that covers the decisions and actions taken to keep the natural environment, built environment, quality of life, and economic prosperity of coastal areas in balance.

To be eligible, a project must help achieve one or more of these coastal management goals:

- Help communities manage development along the Lake Superior coast in a sustainable way. (Coastal Community Development)
- Protect and restore the coastal area's natural resources and habitats. (Coastal Habitat)
- Protect lives and property in the coastal area by minimizing risk from natural hazards such as storms, flooding, and erosion. (Coastal Hazards)
- Research, analyze, and share information that leads to better coastal land and water management by government and citizens. (Coordination and Public Involvement)
- Create or improve public access to outdoor recreational opportunities within Minnesota's coastal area. (Public Access)
- Safeguard and restore water quality in Lake Superior and area streams. (Water Quality)

## **Coastal Area**

The project's principal activities must occur either:

- In the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior or its coastal tributaries; or
- On public (non-federal) land in Minnesota's coastal area (see [Appendix B](#))

If any activities take place outside of the designated coastal area, the applicant will need to demonstrate that the project will have direct substantial benefits within the coastal area.

For more information on Minnesota's coastal area, see the [maps](#) online or call 218-834-1446.

## **Eligible Organizations**

The following types of organizations are eligible to apply:

- Area-wide agency, including a county and/or regional planning agency
- College or university
- Conservation district
- Joint powers board
- Local units of government (e.g., city, township, county)
- Nonprofit organization

- Port authority
- Public school district
- Sanitary sewer district
- State agency (excluding the DNR)
- Tribal government, Communities

## Ineligible Projects

We generally cannot fund projects that fulfill regulatory requirements; and will consult with NOAA as part of the eligibility screening.

We cannot fund:

- Wetlands or other habitat created as a condition of a permit or other regulatory action
- Projects at wetland mitigation banks
- General recreation facilities or equipment, such as playgrounds, ball fields, etc.
- Harbor dredging
- Warehouse demolition
- Breakwater construction
- Large-scale hard structure erosion control projects
- Beach re-nourishment
- Infrastructure projects related to road, water, and sewer line construction
- Improvements to buildings for rental, lodging or private property

## System for Award Management

To receive federal pass-through funds, you must have an active registration in the [System for Award Management](#) (SAM). SAM is an official website of the U.S. Government. ***There is no cost to use SAM.***

You must maintain your profile until you receive the final payment. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, more frequently if required by changes in your organization.

## Collaboration

Multi-organization collaborative projects are welcome; but is not a requirement for grant funding.

## Before Moving On

### ***Do any of your activities take place outside?***

The DNR and NOAA will review any potential environmental impacts from your activities. You should be prepared to describe your methods and mitigation best practices.

### ***Are you moving any dirt?***

If you are moving any dirt, we categorize your project as ‘low-cost construction’. There are restrictions on who and what qualifies. Projects must undergo additional review and obtain all necessary federal, state, and local permits before they may begin. Funds cannot be used to improve private property or for any other private enterprises. Read more about [Low-Cost Construction](#).

### ***Are you collecting or creating environmental data?***

If selected for funding, you will have to develop a data management plan and make all [environmental data](#) publicly accessible within two years of completion of the project. You can review the [Data Management Plan template and guidance](#) on our Grants webpage.

***Do you want to purchase property?***

Public entities may acquire nonpublic land. It must be open to the public, unless there is a compelling reason to restrict access. Read more about [Land Acquisition](#).

***Do you want to purchase equipment?***

Equipment must cost more than \$5,000 per unit, and have a useful life of more than one year. If not, it is a supply. You will have to report to the Coastal Program and NOAA on the status of the equipment every two years until the fair market value is \$5,000 or less.

## **FUNDING AVAILABLE**

The DNR is the lead agency for the state's coastal management program and has the statutory authority to award grants under this notice. Funding comes to the DNR from the Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards, through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) 11.419.

**The minimum grant request is \$10,000 and the maximum is \$100,000.**

The DNR anticipates awarding \$600,000 under this grant notice. Funding is subject to the availability of federal appropriations. The DNR will include projects competitively selected for funding in its 2023 coastal zone management cooperative agreement with NOAA.

## **Match**

For every grant dollar requested, you must provide a dollar in [match](#) (1:1). For example, if you apply for a grant of \$50,000, you will need to provide \$50,000 match. Match must be local (non-federal) and may be cash or an in-kind contribution.

## **TIMELINE**

The Federal Award that will fund these projects will expire December 2024. You should be able to complete your project in 15 months or less. You should plan for project activities to begin on September 1, 2023 and be complete by November 30, 2024. You will have an additional 30 days to submit final reports, products, and reimbursement requests.

Applications Due – November 16, 2022

Review Dates – January 18-19, 2023

Estimated Notice of Project Selection – February 15, 2023

Estimated Project Start – September 1, 2023

Project End – November 30, 2024

Products Due – December 31, 2024

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN GRANT MAKING**

It is the policy of the State of Minnesota to ensure fairness, precision, equity, and consistency in competitive grant awards. This includes implementing diversity and inclusion in grant-making.

The DNR believes that Minnesotans have an inherent right to a healthy environment and the personal health and wellness that come from access to thriving natural resource systems. We are committed to providing equitable access to outdoor spaces and the benefits afforded by a healthy environment to all Minnesotans throughout our work. This includes ensuring that the services, facilities, lands, and engagement processes of grant partners are welcoming and accessible, and that our work is equitable across economic and cultural communities.

We require applicants to consider the impact of their work both on Minnesotans as a whole and on specific communities and groups. The DNR also welcomes and encourages engagement with Tribal partners through actively listening and responding to Tribal interests in advance of issues and decision points, while respecting Tribal sovereignty.

## SELECTION CRITERIA AND WEIGHT

The Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program (Coastal Council) reviews and scores all applications using standard criteria. The [Coastal Council](#) is a citizen board made up of 15 Governor appointed members, three from each coastal county (Carlton, St. Louis, Lake and Cook) and three at-large members.

The 2023 Annual criteria are:

- **Impact to the Coastal Area – 25 Points** The project's ability to protect, restore, enhance, or responsibly develop Minnesota's Lake Superior coastal communities and resources.
- **Relevance to the Coastal Program – 15 Points** The project's relevance, importance, applicability, and intrinsic value relative to the goals of the Coastal Program.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – 10 Points** The project's intentional inclusion of diverse populations and/or the ability to achieve equity and promote inclusion.
  - Diverse populations include Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); Tribal organizations and governments; LGBTQI communities; people with disabilities; veterans; and women led organizations.
- **Results – 20 Points** The usability of the product(s) and its possible long-term benefit(s).
- **Scope of Work – 10 Points** The project readiness and feasibility for completion within the grant period.
- **Project Management – 10 Points** The applicant's ability to manage the activities and achieve the results, as well as committed support from partners, if applicable.
- **Budget – 10 Points** The project costs are reasonable, necessary, and have a return on investment.

## Bonus Points

If the project contains any of the following, the Coastal Council will award two bonus points per element for a maximum of 12 points per council member.

- The project improves or protects a waterbody on the Minnesota's Impaired Water List or identified in one of the following: One Watershed/One Plan, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy, or a county/Tribal water plan.
- Project contains elements of more than one coastal management goal.

- The project includes Traditional Ecological Knowledge and/or Tribal input.
- The project acknowledges and addresses the cultural and historical heritage of the area.
- Project activities include opportunities for public input.
- The project prevents or mitigates the spread of invasive or non-native species and/or promotes native species throughout the coastal area.

Coastal Program staff can award one bonus point each for program priorities; for a maximum of three points added to the total Coastal Council score:

- The project meets one of the Coastal Program’s approved [Evaluation Metrics \(2018-2023\)](#).
- The project meets one of NOAA’s [performance measures](#).
- The applicant is from a historically underserved applicant<sup>1</sup>.

The Coastal Council will recommend projects that score 70 or more points for funding.

## TO APPLY

1. Read this Notice for Grant Opportunity.
2. Contact [Coastal Program staff](#) to discuss the project and potential requirements (**encouraged**).
3. Download the [grant application template](#) from the website. Complete the application according to the instructions in [Appendix C](#).
4. Email your application to [mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us) **by end of day on November 16, 2022**.

## Questions

Please direct questions to Cynthia Poyhonen, grant specialist: 218-834-1447 or [mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us)

The Coastal Program will post responses to questions [online](#) weekly, the last time five business days before the applications are due.

If you would like Coastal Program staff to pre-review your application, you must send a draft via email to [mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us) by November 2, 2022. Pre-review by Coastal Program staff does not guarantee the application will score well or receive grant funds.

## State’s Right to Cancel

This Notice does not obligate the state to award a grant. The state reserves the right to cancel the Notice if it is in its best interest due to lack of funding, agency priorities, or other considerations.

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<sup>1</sup> Historically underserved include diverse populations as well as townships and applicants that have not been received a grant for 5+ years.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

### Conflicts of Interest

The DNR takes steps during the application review process to avoid [conflicts of interest](#) by applicants, Coastal Program staff, subject matter experts, and the Coastal Council.

Applicants, reviewers, and the DNR are all responsible for identifying (actual and potential) conflicts of interests. Each may have to take necessary actions. The actions the DNR may take include but are not limited to notifying involved parties, requesting the applicant to submit an organizational conflict of interest mitigation plan, or disqualifying an applicant from eligibility.

### Eligibility Screening

Applicant must submit the application and supporting documentation to the DNR via email ([mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us)). You will receive confirmation of receipt via email.

Coastal Program staff will screen all submitted applications for eligibility. If your application does not meet the requirements and the deadline for submission has passed, the Coastal Program will not accept the application. The Coastal Program, in its sole discretion, may continue the review process for applicants with non-substantive issues that may be easily rectified or cured.

Please note: It may take up to two business days to validate or reject your application.

### Subject Matter Expert Comments

After screening for eligibility, Coastal Program staff send the applications to subject matter experts to provide comments on the technical aspects of the project. Staff select two or three subject matter experts for each application, based on specific elements of the application or general knowledge of the topic. Selected experts agree to comply with terms of application evaluation (e.g., regarding review of non-public data and conflict of interest disclosure) prior to receiving the application. Staff compile the comments and send them to the Coastal Council. The Coastal Council may use the comments in their review and scoring of the applications.

After the application review is complete, you may request a copy of the comments for your application as well as a roster of all the experts selected.

### Scoring and Recommendation

Members of the Coastal Council score each eligible application based on their independent initial review. During an [open meeting](#) in January (you are welcome to attend), the Council will discuss each application after which each member provides a final score. Coastal Program staff add and average the final scores to get a total score for each application. The Scoring Form is in [Appendix D](#). The Coastal Council recommends the DNR award grants to the projects that score above 70 points in rank order, based on the availability of funds.

### Project Selection and Award

The DNR commissioner evaluates the Coastal Council's recommendations and makes the final selection of projects. The commissioner has discretion to select projects out of rank order based on availability of

funding and program priorities. The DNR does not guarantee that grant funds will be available for all recommended projects.

After the commissioner selects projects for funding, Coastal Program staff will notify all applicants of their results and work with selected applicants to complete the process.

- 1) Coastal Program staff and applicants will develop a Task Description (project overview).
  - We will negotiate final scope of activities, products, budget, and specific award conditions.
  - This Task Description becomes the work plan included in the grant contract agreement.
  - If your project includes any outdoor activities, you will have to provide sufficient information for the DNR and NOAA to assess the potential environmental impact.
- 2) DNR will include the task descriptions for the selected projects in their “Implementation of Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program” cooperative agreement to NOAA (CFDA 11.419).
  - a. NOAA may request additional information or require consultation with state and/or Tribal historical organizations or the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Coastal Program will work with you to compile and submit the required documentation.
- 3) NOAA will award funding to the DNR no earlier than July 1, 2023.
- 4) After securing funding, the DNR will execute grant contract agreements for approved projects. The agreement is binding and enforceable. It will include necessary terms and any special conditions. Due to contract processes, it is unlikely the project would begin before September.
- 5) The grantee must participate in a Project Start-Up meeting.

### **Specific Award Conditions**

Before making an award, the Coastal Program must review financial and grant administration aspects of a proposed award. Staff will conduct a risk assessment and may consider items such as the financial stability of an applicant; quality of the applicant’s management systems; applicant’s history of performance; previous audit reports and audit findings concerning the applicant; and the applicant’s ability to implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-federal entities.

If recommended for funding, the Coastal Program will apply specific award conditions that respond to the degree of risk.

### **Environmental Impact**

NOAA must assess the potential environmental impacts, as required by the [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\)](#), of all projects submitted for approval.

You may be required to submit additional information sufficient for NOAA to assess potential adverse environmental impacts of the project. This includes your methods; outdoor activities; locations; sites; species and habitat to be affected; and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to sensitive habitats).

You may be required to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts. In some cases, the state can hold funds until you submit the additional information as a condition in the grant contract agreement (specific award condition).

## Applications Made Public

Per [Minn. Stat. § 13.599](#)

- Names and addresses of grant applicants will be public data once applications are opened (two business days after deadline).
- All remaining data in application responses (except trade secret data as defined and classified in [§13.37](#)) will be public data after the evaluation process is complete. For the purposes of this grant, “complete” is after DNR submits its cooperative agreement to NOAA (anticipated April 2023).
- All data created or maintained by the DNR as part of the evaluation process (except trade secret data as defined and classified in § 13.37) will be public data after the evaluation process is complete.

If you submit any information that you believe to be trade secret information, you must clearly mark all trade secret materials in the application and attach a statement justifying the designation for each item.

## PROJECT PROVISIONS

Successful applicants who accept an award under this Notice will be required to comply with all state and federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing these funds.

### Terms and Conditions

Selected applicants must comply with the Coastal Program's [Grant Contract Agreement Terms and Conditions](#).

### Reporting/Monitoring

You will need to provide to the DNR:

- Quarterly progress reports; unless otherwise specified in the terms of the agreement
- Financial reports and supporting documentation
- Final summary report
- Products, identified in the application and agreed upon during negotiations

The Coastal Program's report forms are available online under [Resources for Grantees](#), Reporting.

### Payment/Reimbursement

You must pay for all grant related expenses and request reimbursement. **All grant and match expenses must be necessary to achieve project objectives, reasonable in cost, and eligible within the cost categories and federal law ([2 CFR 200](#); Subpart E Cost Principles).**

- We will accept reimbursement requests quarterly.
- We must have a progress report(s) for the activities included in the request prior to payment.

**You may not incur any grant or match expenses until both the grantee and the DNR sign the grant contract agreement.**

### Match

You must provide one dollar of match for every grant dollar requested.

Match funds:

- Can be cash or in-kind.
- Can be time and resources of project partners and volunteers.
- Must be from state, local, or private sources (cannot be federal dollars).
- Must be expended during the grant period.
- Cannot be match for another project.

There may be rare instances where federal funds count toward non-federal contributions. For example, Tribal self-sufficiency grants may apply as non-federal match. Applicants are encouraged to vet any federal funds that they believe may be eligible with the Coastal Program.

### In-kind Contributions

In-kind match includes the use of equipment, supplies, land or other commodity already owned by the applicant or the use of items or staff time donated by the grantee or a third party. Partnerships that

include meaningful private contributions as part of the match are encouraged. Gifts and donations are acceptable, but only if they are made during the grant period. You may include financial donations collected before the grant period if you expend the money after the grant period begins.

### **Volunteer Time**

Volunteer contributions are allowable match. Volunteers must perform a specific service necessary to completing the project. You may use the [Independent Sector](#) or prevailing wage rate to value volunteer time. You must provide the supporting documentation to justify value. You may not use the time students and their parents spend participating in grant-funded field trips as match.

### **Acknowledgment**

The DNR and NOAA require [acknowledgement](#) on all project materials supported in whole or in part by this award or any subawards/contracts. The Coastal Program must approve acknowledgement language on signs and/or outreach materials prior to production.

### **Access to Project and Products**

#### **Design Plans**

Design plans that provide public access must comply with applicable accessibility standards as required by the [United States Access Board](#) guidelines and all applicable regulations and guidelines.

#### **Documents**

You must provide all grant produced materials and/or products (e.g., document, report, and website) in an accessible electronic format per [Minnesota Statute 16E.03](#), State Information and Communications System, Subd. 9. Subdivision 9, Accessibility Standards, incorporates federal requirements under [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#) (Revised) and the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1, level AA](#). For guidance on producing accessible electronic documents, see the Minnesota IT Services [accessibility website](#).

### **Research**

All scientific research must comply with [NOAA Administrative Order 202-735D](#). The grantee shall maintain the scientific integrity of research including the prevention, detection, and remediation of any allegations regarding the violation of scientific integrity or scientific and research misconduct, and the conduct of inquiries, investigations, and adjudications of allegations of violations of scientific integrity or scientific and research misconduct.

### **Environmental Data Collection**

[NOAA Administrative Order \(NAO\) 212-15](#) defines environmental data. It includes but is not limited to:

- Recorded and derived observations and measurements of the physical, chemical, biological, geological, and geophysical properties and conditions of the natural resources.
- Correlative data such as socio-economic data, related documentation, and metadata.
- Photographs, digital audio, or video recordings.
- Numerical model outputs.
- Data collected in a laboratory or other controlled environment.

## Publication

You must make data collected or created publicly visible and accessible in a timely manner (within two years), free of charge or at no more than the cost of reproduction, except where limited by law, regulation, policy, or security requirements. Data should be available in at least one machine-readable format, preferably a widely used or open-standard format and should be accompanied by machine-readable documentation (metadata), based on widely used or international standards.

The data may be shared in a variety of ways, including:

- An existing publicly accessible online data server at the funded institution;
- A public data repository appropriate to this domain; or
- Your own data hosting capability established as part of the project.

## Geospatial Information Systems

If your results/products include new GIS data, compliant metadata options include Minnesota Geographic Metadata Guidelines, Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), or International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

## Data Management Plans

If selected for funding, staff will help you develop a data management plan for the geospatial or environmental data collected/generated as part of the project. The [Data Management Plan](#) will include:

- Descriptions of the types of data and information expected to be created;
- The standards to be used for data/metadata format, content, and storage; and
- Methods for providing data access and the tentative date of release.

## Exceptions

If data collected/generated as part of the project are primarily for education; for the practice of making observations using scientific techniques/methods; are sensitive in nature; and are not intended to be shared outside of the project, you may request an exception not to make data publicly accessible if funded. Coastal Program staff will consult with NOAA on your behalf.

## Laws, Policies, and Guidance

### Federal Uniform Grant Guidance

Refer to [2 CFR 200](#) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards for requirements for non-Federal entities receiving federal grant funds.

### US Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Terms and Conditions

Read the terms and conditions from the [Department of Commerce](#) for program specific requirements.

### State Policies

Review the grant management requirements for the [State of Minnesota](#), including applicable policies.

### Coastal Zone Management

Visit [NOAA's Office for Coastal Management](#) for more information about the Coastal Zone Management Act, regulations, program guidance, and other resources related to the national Coastal Program.

## APPENDIX A: LOW-COST CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION PROJECTS

We can fund low-cost construction and land acquisition (306A) projects if the project meets one of the following objectives:

- preserve or restore areas designated in the state coastal management program
- preserve or restore a coastal resource of national significance
- redevelop deteriorating or underused urban or working waterfronts designated as [Areas of Particular Concern](#)<sup>2</sup> in the state's coastal management program
- provide public access to coastal areas
- develop process for aquaculture

And is one of the following:

- fee simple or other interest in land
- low-cost construction projects, including most restoration projects
- shoreline stabilization/living shorelines
- revitalize urban or working waterfronts-piers and/or pilings
- engineering designs, specifications, other (environmental review) reports
- educational, interpretive, and management costs, including signage and kiosks
- aquaculture permitting processes

In general, you must show a compelling public benefit and commitment to maintenance of the project to receive coastal grant funding.

These projects undergo further NOAA review and consultation. You will have to submit additional documentation, including but not limited to site ownership/title, engineering design plans, location maps, and best management practices. If selected for funding, Coastal Program staff will work with you to prepare your project for the review. We may cancel project funding if irresolvable issues arise during this approval process.

### Low-Cost Construction

Low-cost construction is any project that results in the physical change of property and involves moving dirt or destroying existing vegetation. These projects include habitat restoration or construction of manufactured structures for the purpose of universal public access. You must use low-impact development techniques and environmentally friendly and sustainable materials.

#### *Examples:*

- |  |                               |  |
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| • paths  | • viewing platforms           | • living shorelines designed to increase resilience and enhance ecological integrity |
| • walkways   | • sign installation           | • rehabilitation of historic buildings and structures                                |
| • boardwalks   | • fences                      | • green infrastructure for stormwater management                                     |
| • fishing piers                                      | • coastal habitat restoration |  |
| • boat ramps   | • invasive species removal    |  |
| • universal improvements to public access facilities |                               |  |

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<sup>2</sup> Part V, Chapter 4: Special Programs and Management Areas. PDF Page 158

Generally, shoreline restoration or preservation must not be a predominately hard structure and must be designed to qualify for a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit (i.e., Permit 54 for living shorelines) or approved State Programmatic General Permit by the USACE.

We cannot allocate grant funds directly to a nonprofit organization for construction. However, nongovernmental organizations (e.g., land trusts, development corporations/quasi-governmental units and other not-for-profit entities) can facilitate the implementation of low-cost construction projects.

All low-cost construction projects must be on lands publicly owned, leased, or otherwise protected through an easement. Leases or easements should be in perpetuity or, at minimum, for 20 years. The project must benefit the public and may not improve private property or private enterprises.

For projects that result in physical improvement (e.g., construction, habitat restoration), you must maintain for the useful life of the project. The DNR and NOAA will determine the useful life of the project in consultation with you. However, in most cases, the useful life is a minimum of 20 years. You will have to submit an operation and maintenance plan during project review.

The Grantee must provide the DNR with copies of all required permits prior to starting the project.

### **Signage**

During construction, the Grantee must maintain a sign at the project site that, at minimum, identifies the project, includes logos, and indicates that NOAA and the DNR funded this project. The Grantee must also maintain a permanent plaque or sign at the project site with the same information.

### **Land Acquisition**

Land acquisition projects involve the purchase of land from willing sellers of fee simple or other public interest in land, including conservation easements. However, land purchases are limited to areas that:

- Provide or improve public access; or
- Provide preservation of a significant natural resource.

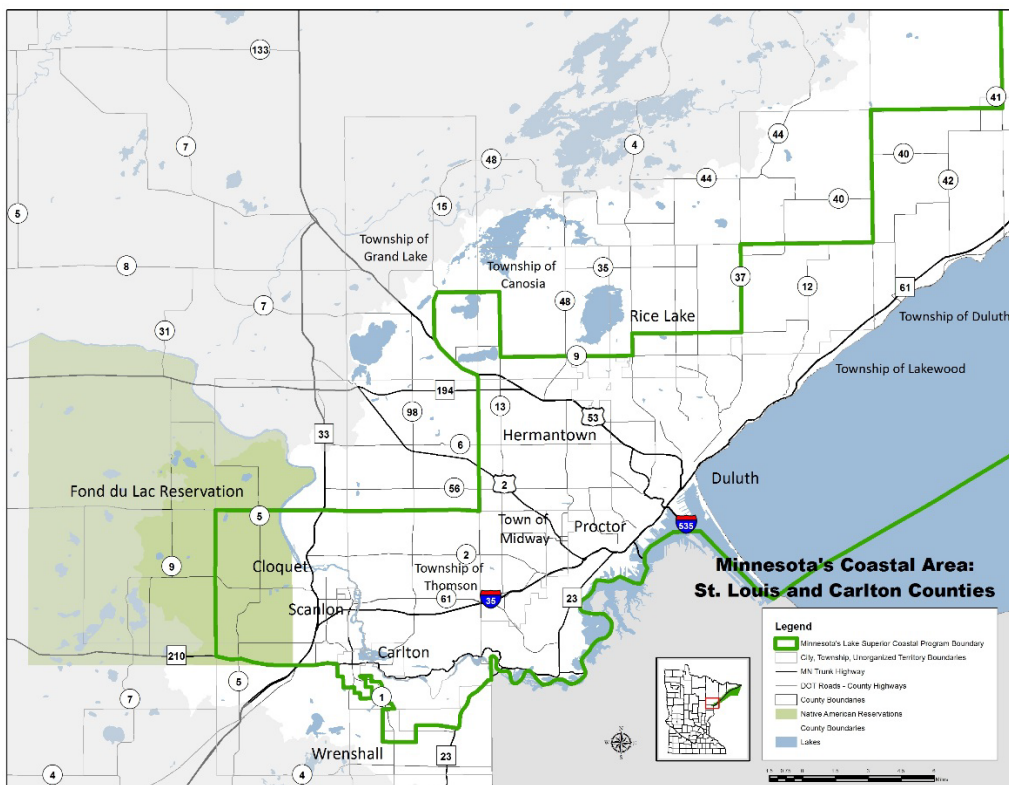
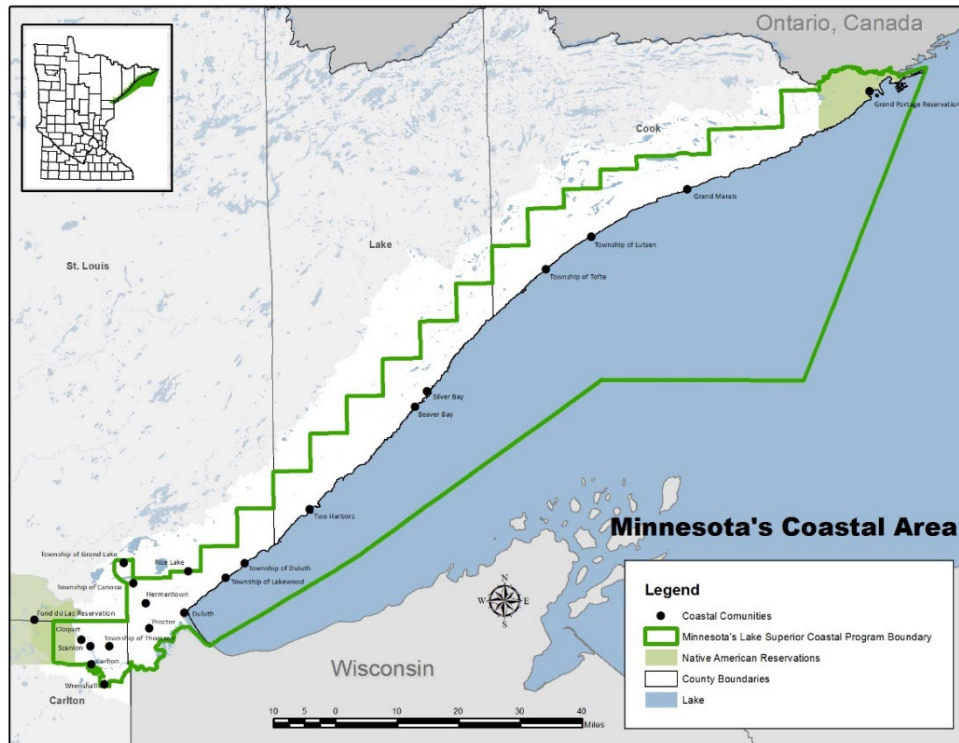
Acquisition may also include the purchase of easements, entering into leases, and purchase of development rights.

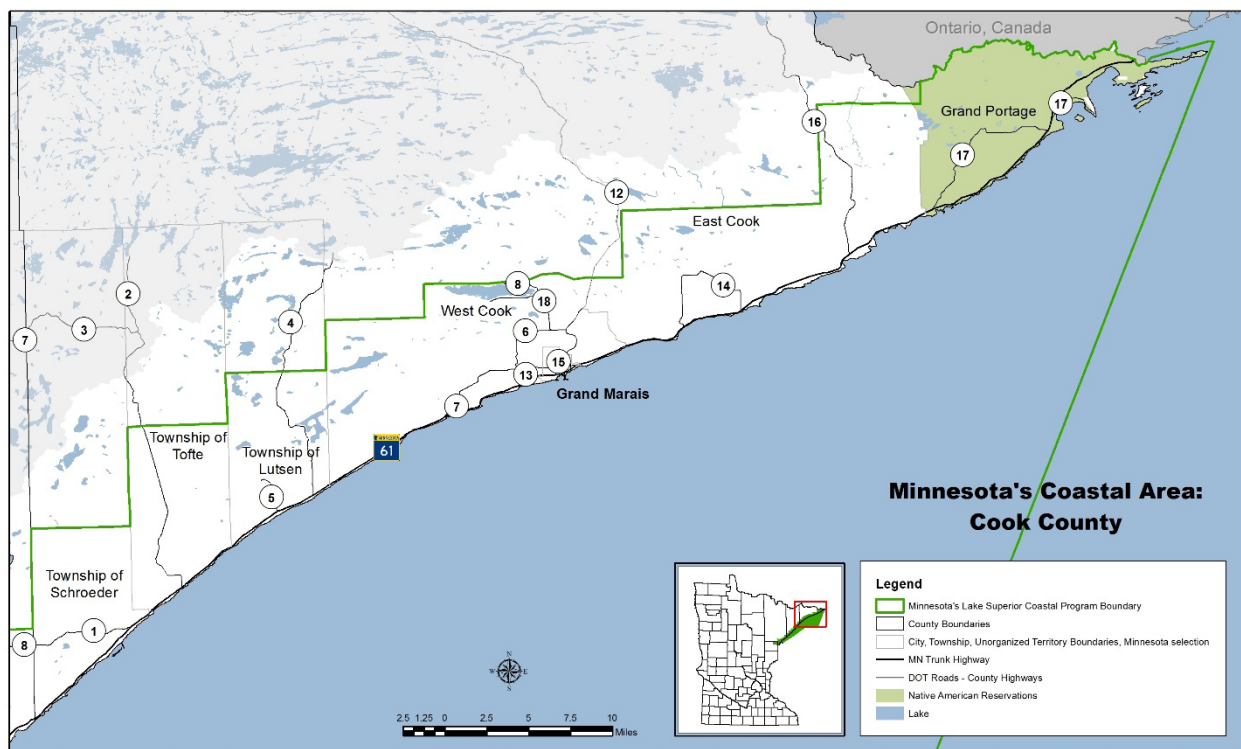
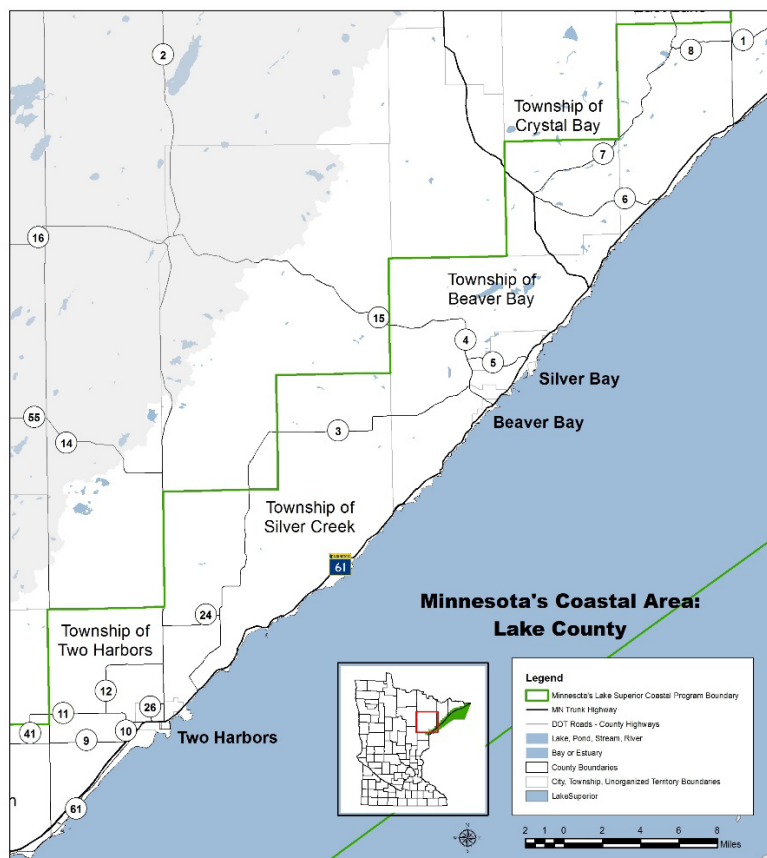
A unit of government may enter into a partnership with a nonprofit organization to purchase property, for preservation purposes only, so long as the unit of government holds the grant and retains ownership (title) and control of the property. If a land trust is involved, the land trust may retain an interest in the property consistent with the purpose of preserving coastal uses or resources, e.g., a conservation easement, but not fee simple ownership.



## APPENDIX B: COASTAL AREA (MAPS)

For a more detailed program boundary, or to download a shapefile of the boundary to use in GIS programs, visit the [maps page](#) on our website.





## APPENDIX C: APPLICATION FORMAT

Successful grant writing involves advance planning and preparation. There are many (free) resources [online](#) or through grant writing resources in the community.

Organize your application; pay attention to detail and specifications; use concise, persuasive writing; and request reasonable funding. Make sure your grant seeking purposes match the goals and objectives outlined in this Notice. Use the required format, and template as applicable.

### Design

Applications need to be concise and provide enough detail for the Coastal Council to evaluate compatibility with the Coastal Program; readiness of the specific work proposed; degree of public benefit; measurability of project outcomes; and organizational capability. Applicants should not assume prior knowledge on the part of the DNR, Coastal Program, NOAA, or the Coastal Council as to the relative merits of the organization or project.

Applications must comply with the following format requirements. Your application must:

- Be on letter sized paper with one-inch margins
- Use a minimum 11 point font
- Include page numbers at bottom of each page
- Include the required information with headings
- Include document accessibility features
- Be visual when printed in black and white
- Be submitted as either a Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe (.pdf) document
- Be no more than twenty pages, excluding Supporting Documentation

All materials submitted, including appendices and supporting documentation, must meet the above requirements when printed.

### Template

The Coastal Program has a [2023 Annual Application Template](#) (word document) on the DNR website. You may use the template or your own document as long as you submit all required information. The Coastal Program encourages applicants to use the template provided.

## Required Application Information (and Instructions)

### Project Overview

**Project Title:** Keep it short (40 characters or less).

**Total Project Cost, Grant Request, and Applicant Match:** Use whole numbers (round up).

### Applicant Information

**Applicant:** Provide legal name, the organization that will receive and administer the grant award. May be an organization that serves as a “fiscal agent” on behalf of an eligible entity.

**Unique Entity Identifier:** Provide the unique entity identifier, as assigned by the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#).

**Type of Applicant:** Insert type of applicant, see [page 4](#) for complete list.

**Benefitting Organization:** If applying as a fiscal agent, enter the name of the organization/agency for whom you are applying. Please submit a letter of agreement with your application.

**Applicant Address:** Include legal address, City, State, and Zip code

**Mailing Address (if different):** (include City, State, and Zip)

**Official with Authority:** Provide the contact information for the person who has the legal authority to request grant funds and administer the award.

**Grant Project Contact:** Complete if the project manager/principal investigator is someone other than the Official with Authority to request.

### **Certifications**

By submitting this application, you agree to the following certifications. Sign and date below the certification. An electronic signature is acceptable.

- I have the authority to apply for this grant.
- I have disclosed any actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- I am submitting this application without collusion; with and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with any other responder of materials, supplies, equipment, or services, designed to limit fair and open competition.
- The contents herein are true and accurate.

### **Project Summary**

In one or two sentences, summarize your project (*i.e., who, what, when, where, and why*).

### **Project Description**

In approximately one page, describe your project, include:

- The need/problem your project addresses.
- Existing evidence, documented or anecdotal, which confirm the need.

If your project is part of a bigger project/initiative, provide a brief description of the overall project and its outcomes. For designs, include land ownership and who is likely to implement the designed project.

If you are aware of other similar projects, explain how you are different, complementary, or expanding on previous or on-going projects and studies.

### **Impact to the Coastal Area**

- Describe how your project supports, preserves, protects, or enhances the local community, the environment, or the economy of Lake Superior and/or the coastal area both during project activities and after project completion. Include evidence of similar successful initiatives, if available.
- Describe the community the project supports, and note their involvement in project planning (e.g., unit of government, residents, land/resource managers, youth, landowners).

- List which local plan or goals (e.g., community development, watershed, hazard mitigation) include the project, or describe why this project is important right now. Provide where to find the project and/or need in the plan (e.g., page number, section, table).

#### Bonus Points (answer if applicable)

- Which waterbody does the project improve or protect, and which is it identified in: the Minnesota's Impaired Water List or identified in one of the following: One Watershed/One Plan, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy, or a county/Tribal water plan?
- How does the project acknowledge and address the cultural and historical heritage of the area?
- How does the project prevent or mitigate the spread of invasive or non-native species and/or promote native species throughout the coastal area?

#### Project Location

**A map of the project location is required.** Identify the project locations(s); include coordinates or address if possible. To download a shapefile of the coastal boundary to use in GIS programs, visit the [maps page](#) on our website. If you need help in generating a map, please contact the [Coastal Program](#).

#### Relevance to the Coastal Program

- Describe why the Coastal Program should invest grant funds in your project.
- Describe how the project considers climate change and coastal resilience, as well as resilience of the materials, project, and community.
- Describe how your project will address the DNR's mission to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and/or to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.

#### Bonus Point (required)

- Which Coastal Management Goal(s) does your project achieve (or contributes to); how?

#### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

\*Diverse populations include Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); Tribal Communities; LGBTQI communities; people with disabilities; veterans; and women led organizations.

- Describe the specific and measurable activities that will result in the inclusion of any of the diverse populations as partners, staff, or consultants.
- Describe how the project and/or its results will be accessible to all people, regardless of abilities.
  - ~for research projects: List your skills and plans to make documents and/or environmental data accessible.

#### Bonus Point (answer if applicable)

- How does the project include Traditional Ecological Knowledge<sup>3</sup> and/or Tribal input or history?

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<sup>3</sup> U.S Fish & Wildlife Service: [Traditional Ecological Knowledge for Application by Service Scientists](#); National Park Service: [Traditional Ecological Knowledge](#)

## Results

- List the end goals/objectives of the project (i.e., specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and trackable results), and how they will be used now and into the future.
  - For educational activities: describe the knowledge/skills/ability your audience will be able to demonstrate.
  - For research projects: describe how you will share results with land/resource managers and how they will use them.
- Describe who will maintain and/or sustain the project beyond the end of grant funding.
- Describe how expected results will be measured (i.e., evaluated) during the grant period as well as what measures you will use to determine the long-term success and impact of your project.

## Scope of Work

- Describe the methods, activities, or process to complete the project.
  - Provide evidence of how they are sound, reflect best practices, and/or novel methods.
  - For low-cost construction projects, describe best management practices and sustainability of the project, as well as the public input in development of the project.
- Note which activities are still in development, and what you will do prior to project start.
- Describe your skills, expertise, and knowledge needed to achieve the outcomes.

## Bonus Point (answer if applicable)

- Describe the activities that provide opportunities for public input.

## Project Timeline

**A project timeline is required.** In a table or with bullets, list the necessary project activities and estimated dates of completion. You may organize by activity or timeline.

## Project Management

Describe your organization's capabilities in administering a grant of this size and scope, project management experience, your approach to fiscal management, and overall experience. Include prior grant experience with the State of Minnesota, if applicable.

List your project collaborators and partners involved in planning and/or committed to positive outcomes, and their roles and responsibilities. Note if Letters of Support are with the application.

## Budget

You must submit both the budget table and details to justify expenses.

## Budget Table

List the project's costs as in the table below. Use whole numbers, round up to the nearest dollar.

Categories	Grant	Match	Total
Salaries	0	0	0
Fringe Benefits	0	0	0
Travel	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0
Supplies	0	0	0



Categories	Grant	Match	Total
Contract Costs	0	0	0
Construction Costs	0	0	0
Other Costs	0	0	0
Indirect Costs	0	0	0
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Budget Detail

Provide justification for all budget items in sufficient detail to enable the Coastal Council to evaluate the appropriateness of the funding requested. Include detail for each expense. Explain how funds will be used and matched (include the source of the match).

For budget category definitions, see [Appendix E](#).

## Appendices

Options include additional maps, charts, graphs, photographs, and excerpts from reports or plans. You should ensure maps, graphs, charts, and photos print clearly in grayscale. **Appendices count toward the application page limit.**

## Supporting Documentation

The only acceptable supporting documentation is the information required for financial review and letters of support. **Supporting Documentation is not included in the application page limit.**

### Financial

#### Indirect Cost Rate

If your budget includes a federally negotiated indirect cost rate, you must include a copy of your approval letter from the federal agency.

#### Volunteer Rate

You should provide screenshots, letters, or other documentation to justify the value of volunteer time.

### Nonprofit Financial Review

Nongovernment organizations applying for more than \$25,000 in financial assistance must submit one copy of one of the following:

- Certified financial audit – For organizations with total annual revenue over \$750,000.
- IRS Form 990 – For organizations with total annual revenue under \$750,000.
- Internal financial statement – For organizations with annual revenue under \$50,000 or organizations not in existence long enough to have a completed IRS Form 990.

## Letters of Support

You should include letters of support from each partner that is making a significant contribution to the project or those that benefit directly from the project. Please address letters to the Coastal Council, or the Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program, 1568 Highway 2, Two Harbors, MN 55616.

We prefer you include letters of support via email with the application, but if submitted in separate emails or mail (address above) is acceptable if clearly labeled and received prior to deadline.

## APPENDIX D: APPLICATION REVIEW AND SCORING CRITERIA

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program

Criterion	Weight	Points Awarded
<b>Impact to the Coastal Area</b> - The project's ability to protect, restore, enhance, or responsibly develop Minnesota's Lake Superior coastal communities and resources.	25	
<b>Relevance to the Coastal Program</b> - Evaluate the project's relevance, importance, applicability, and intrinsic value relative to the goals of the Coastal Program.	15	
<b>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion</b> - Evaluate the project's intentional inclusion of diverse populations and/or the ability to achieve equity and promote inclusion.	10	
<b>Results</b> - Evaluate the usability of the product(s) and its possible long-term benefit(s).	20	
<b>Scope of Work</b> - Evaluate the project readiness and feasibility for completion within the grant period.	10	
<b>Project Management</b> - The applicant's ability to manage the activities and achieve the results, as well as committed support from partners, if applicable.	10	
<b>Budget</b> - Evaluate if the project costs are reasonable, necessary, and have a return on investment.	10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

### Bonus Points Awarded

Bonus Criteria	2 Points Per
The project improves or protects a waterbody on the Minnesota's Impaired Water List or identified in one of the following: One Watershed/One Plan, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy, or a county/Tribal water plan.	
The project acknowledges and addresses the cultural and historical heritage of the area.	
The project prevents or mitigates the spread of invasive or non-native species and/or promotes native species throughout the coastal area.	
Project contains elements of more than one coastal management goal.	
The project includes Traditional Ecological Knowledge and/or Tribal input.	
Project activities include opportunities for public input.	
<b>Total Awarded (12 possible)</b>	

\* Diverse populations include Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); Tribal Communities; LGBTQI communities; people with disabilities; veterans; and women led organizations.

### Rating Scale Guidance

- Based on the evidence in the application, rate how much you agree with each sub-criteria statement.



- When reviewing the sub-criteria, start at the “middle” and add or subtract points based on the quality of the response.
  - Strongly Agree (SA) = includes clearly defined points with strong supporting evidence
  - Agree (A) = includes requested information, average response
  - Do Not Agree (DNA) = did not include, or evidence was poor
- Read the Bonus Point statement. Note if it is true or not, based on the evidence in the application.

## Scoring

- Assign points based on how you assessed each sub criteria. For example, all ‘Strongly Agree’ should receive the maximum points possible. All ‘Agree’, should receive a passing score (70%).
- Award the bonus points (up to 12 total). Add it to the criteria score. Coastal Program staff will average the total criteria and bonus points across all members to get a cumulative score.
- Coastal Program staff will award bonus points, one point each for program priorities; maximum of 3 points (added to the cumulative score):
  - The project meets one of the Coastal Program’s approved Evaluation Metrics (2018-2023).
  - The project meets one of NOAA’s performance measures.
  - The applicant is from a historically underserved applicant<sup>4</sup>.

The Coastal Council will recommend projects that receive 70 or more points for funding. Projects will be funded in rank order, as grant funds are available. The DNR may select projects out of order to balance grant funds across the Coastal Zone Management goals and/or coastal area.

## Scoring Sub-Criteria

### Impact to the Coastal Area

Points Possible – 25      Points Awarded - \_\_\_\_\_      Bonus Points - \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate the project’s ability to protect, restore, enhance, or responsibly develop Minnesota’s Lake Superior coastal communities and resources.

Criteria	SA	A	DNA
The project is a benefit to the local community, the environment, or the economy of the coast, both during project activities and after project completion.			
The project has meaningful support from the community it serves (e.g., unit of government, residents, land/resource managers, youth, landowners).			
The project is in a local plan or goal (e.g., community development, watershed, hazard mitigation).			

### Bonus Point (2 points each)

Bonus	Yes/No
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<sup>4</sup> Historically underserved include diverse populations as well as townships and applicants that have not been received a grant for 5+ years.

The project improves or protects a waterbody on the Minnesota's Impaired Water List or identified in one of the following: One Watershed/One Plan, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy, or a county/Tribal water plan.	
The project acknowledges and addresses the cultural and historical heritage of the area.	
The project prevents or mitigates the spread of invasive or non-native species and/or promote native species throughout the coastal area.	

### Relevance to the Coastal Program

Points Possible – 15      Points Awarded - \_\_\_\_\_      Bonus Points - \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate the project's relevance, importance, applicability, and intrinsic value relative to the goals of the Coastal Program.

Criteria	SA	A	DNA
The project is a good use of Coastal Program grant funds.			
The project achieves (or contributes to) a coastal management goal.			
The project considers climate change and coastal resilience.			

#### Bonus Points (2 points each)

Bonus	Yes/No
Project contains elements of more than one coastal management goal.	

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Points Possible – 10      Points Awarded - \_\_\_\_\_      Bonus Points - \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate the project's intentional inclusion of diverse populations and/or the ability to achieve equity and promote inclusion.

\*Diverse populations include Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); Tribal organizations and governments; LGBTQI communities; people with disabilities; veterans; and women led organizations.

Criteria	SA	A	DNA
The project has <b>specific and measurable activities</b> that will <b>result in the inclusion</b> of any of the diverse populations as partners, staff or consultants.			
The project and/or its results will be accessible to all people, regardless of abilities. ~for research projects: The applicant has skills necessary and plans to make documents and/or environmental data accessible.			

#### Bonus Point (2 points)

Bonus	Yes/No
The project includes Traditional Ecological Knowledge and/or Tribal input.	

### Results

Points Possible – 20      Points Awarded - \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate the usability of the product(s) and its possible long-term benefit(s).

Criteria	SA	A	DNA
The applicant's intentions are clear and specific, logical and realistic, supported by evidence.			
The project will produce meaningful results for the intended audience.			
The results will be disseminated in a useable format by the public, partners, and/or land managers.			
The applicant includes effective evaluation of the project results and its outcomes.			

### Scope of Work

**Points Possible – 10**    **Points Awarded - \_\_\_\_\_**    **Bonus Points - \_\_\_\_\_**

Evaluate the project readiness and feasibility for completion within the grant period.

Criteria	SA	A	DNA
The methods, activities, or process to complete the project are sound, reflect best practices, and/or novel methods.			
The applicant can complete the project within the grant period (~15 months).			
The project is "shovel-ready" or will be by August 2023. *may not apply for construction projects.			

### Bonus Point (2 points)

Bonus	Yes/No
Project activities include opportunities for public input.	

### Project Management

**Points Possible – 10**    **Points Awarded - \_\_\_\_\_**

Evaluate the applicant's ability to manage the activities and achieve the results, as well as committed support from partners, if applicable.

Criteria	SA	A	DNA
The project partners are involved in planning and/or committed to positive outcomes, as evidenced by letters of support/supporting documentation.			
The applicant is capable of managing the grant.			
The applicant has the skills, expertise, and knowledge to achieve the outcomes.			

### Budget

**Points Possible – 10**    **Points Awarded - \_\_\_\_\_**

Evaluate if the project costs are reasonable, necessary, and have a return on investment.

Criteria	SA	A	DNA
The costs are reasonable, appropriate, and provide adequate detail.			
The project demonstrates a return on investment.			

## APPENDIX E: RESOURCES / DEFINITIONS

### Resources

#### Coastal Zone Management

The National Coastal Zone Management Program monitors and evaluates the success of its efforts through [national performance measures](#). NOAA uses a performance measurement system to evaluate progress in meeting national goals.

#### Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Conservation Agenda

The [Conservation Agenda](#) sets strategic direction for natural resources and measures conservation results.

### Definitions

#### Diversity

Psychological, physical, and social differences including race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, socioeconomic status, education, marital status, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, life experiences, ideas, knowledge and learning styles.

#### Equity

Achieving successful systems and structures that offer fair treatment for all, ensuring access, opportunity, advancement and full participation by individuals and groups.

#### Inclusion

The act of creating environments in which any individual or group is and feels welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully and authentically participate.

#### Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) is the on-going accumulation of knowledge, practice, and belief about relationships between living beings in a specific ecosystem that is acquired by indigenous people over hundreds or thousands of years through direct contact with the environment, handed down through generations, and used for life-sustaining ways. This knowledge includes the relationships between people, plants, animals, natural phenomena, landscapes, and timing of events for activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, agriculture, and forestry. It encompasses the world view of a people, which includes ecology, spirituality, human and animal relationships, and more. (National Parks Service, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/tek/description.htm>)

#### Budget Category Definitions

All costs must be reasonable, allowable and allocable as defined in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards [2 CFR Part 200](#); Subpart E.

#### Salaries

Wages and salaries paid to employees of the grantee organization or volunteers who are directly involved in the project implementation.

#### Fringe Benefits

The cost of benefits paid to the personnel including the cost of employer's share of FICA, health insurance, workers' compensation, and vacation.

## Travel

Refers to travel costs of personnel that are reasonable and necessary to effectively manage and carry out project activities, provide oversight, or measure program effectiveness. Expenditures for all proposed travel must not exceed amounts in the [Commissioner's Travel Reimbursement Plan](#).

The DNR will not reimburse for travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside of Minnesota unless you have received prior written approval from the Coastal Program for out of state travel. We will not reimburse for travel out of country.

## Equipment

Refers to non-expendable personal property that has a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit cost of \$5,000 or more. Equipment purchase requires special review and approval by the Coastal Program. Shipping, delivery and installation, if necessary, are a normal part of the cost of equipment and should be included. Equipment previously purchased with a Coastal Program grant (either Annual or STAR) cannot be used as match.

If you are purchasing equipment, include how you will maintain the equipment and provide justification for purchasing rather than renting for the project activities.

## Supplies

Includes all consumable materials less than \$5,000 per unit such as copy paper, pens and pencils, and computers/technology.

## Contract Costs

Includes consultants, subcontractors, and subrecipients, you must follow the [state](#) requirements for bid. You should include breakdown of contract costs, as well as information regarding how you arrived at the cost (i.e., solicited quotes).

## Construction Costs

Most low-cost construction projects are contract costs, rather than construction. Please contact the Coastal program if you have any questions.

You must support estimated construction costs with documentation including drawings and estimates, formal bids, etc. As with all other costs, follow the specific requirements of the program, the terms and conditions of the award, and applicable regulations. Detail provided should include administrative and legal expenses; land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.; relocation expenses and payments; architectural and engineering fees, project inspection fees; site work; demolition and removal; equipment; contingencies; and program income.

## Other Costs

Direct costs do not fit any of the other categories (e.g., rent for buildings used to conduct project activities, leased equipment). Rental/leasing costs cannot exceed the cost of purchasing the item new.

You should include [conference](#) (2 CFR 200.432) expenses as 'Other'. This includes all facility, participant support, and supply costs.

## Indirect Costs

Identify the eligible indirect cost rate (federally negotiated or de minimis). If you do not have an established indirect cost rate, you may choose to negotiate a rate or use the de minimis indirect cost rate of 10% of modified total direct cost (as allowable under 2 CFR §200.414).

## APPENDIX F: WEBSITE REFERENCES

The following websites are in the Notice of Grant Opportunity. Only the first reference is included.

Page	Website
3	<a href="https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/act/">https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/act/</a>
3	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/mission.html">http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/mission.html</a>
5	<a href="https://www.sam.gov/">https://www.sam.gov/</a>
8	<a href="https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/performance/">https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/performance/</a>
10	<a href="http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/">http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/</a>
13	<a href="https://independentsector.org/">https://independentsector.org/</a>
13	<a href="https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards">https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards</a>
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13	<a href="https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/">https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/</a>
13	<a href="https://mn.gov/mnit/about-mnit/accessibility/electronic-documents.jsp">https://mn.gov/mnit/about-mnit/accessibility/electronic-documents.jsp</a>
13	<a href="https://nrc.noaa.gov/ScientificIntegrityCommons.aspx">https://nrc.noaa.gov/ScientificIntegrityCommons.aspx</a>
13	<a href="https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/nao_212-15.php">https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/nao_212-15.php</a>
14	<a href="https://www.commerce.gov/oam/policy/financial-assistance-policy">https://www.commerce.gov/oam/policy/financial-assistance-policy</a>
19	<a href="https://coast.noaa.gov/funding/resources-tips.html">https://coast.noaa.gov/funding/resources-tips.html</a>
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28	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/conservationagenda/index.html">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/conservationagenda/index.html</a>
29	<a href="http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/commissionersplan.htm">http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/commissionersplan.htm</a>

Coastal Program Webpages <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/index.html>

- <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html>
  - Funding Opportunities; Resources for Grantees; Questions

State of Minnesota Office of Grants Management: <https://mn.gov/admin/government/grants/>

The referenced state statutes are on the state register's website: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes>

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (as referenced throughout) is available in the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl)