



## Application Questions and Answers

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program  
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### Introduction

On October 4, the Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) published the "[Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program 2020 Annual Notice of Grant Opportunity](#)". Program staff have received several questions about this opportunity, the answers to which may benefit you.

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### Questions and Answers

#### Finances and Reimbursement

##### ***Can I use another DNR grant as match?***

Yes, you may use any state or local funds (including from the DNR) as match for the Coastal Program grant. The Coastal Program is a federal pass-through grant program; you may not use other federal funds as match. The match requirements start on page 14 of the Notice of Grant Opportunity. Contact the grant specialist if you have any questions or want to vet a match source.

#### Eligible Projects

##### ***Can a private citizen apply for grant funds to pay for XYZ?***

No, private citizens are not eligible for Coastal Program grant funds.

##### ***We want to install erosion prevention materials, is that eligible?***

Generally, any shoreline restoration or preservation must meet two criteria:

1. The project must not be a predominately hard structure.
2. It must be designed to qualify for a United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit (NWP 54 for living shorelines) or approved State Programmatic General Permit by the USACE.

##### ***We want to build a shed to preserve historic artifacts, is that eligible?***

All low-cost construction (any project that moves dirt) must meet the intent of the [Coastal Zone Management Act, Section 306A](#) Coastal Resource Improvement Program. This includes:

1. The preservation or restoration of specific areas of the state that (A) are designated under the management program procedures required by section 1455(d)(9) of this title because of their

conservation recreational, ecological, or esthetic values, or (B) contain one or more coastal resources of national significance, or for the purpose of restoring and enhancing shellfish production by the purchase and distribution of clutch material on publicly owned reef tracts.

2. The redevelopment of deteriorating and underutilized urban waterfronts and ports that are designated in the state's management program pursuant to section 1455(d)(2)(C) of this title as areas of particular concern.
3. The provision of access to public beaches and other public coastal areas and to coastal waters in accordance with the planning process required under section 1455(d)(2)(G) of this title.
4. The development of a coordinated process among State agencies to regulate and issue permits for aquaculture facilities in the coastal zone.

Due to these restrictions, the construction of a shed is likely ineligible for funding but we could fund the study to determine how to best store and display these historic artifacts or the engineering designs to build an eco-friendly storage facility.