

Conference and Training Support for Coastal Management

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At a Glance

Goal

Increase or gain skills and knowledge to manage coastal resources and development

Who

Organization staff and boards
Elected officials
Resource managers
Community leaders

Eligible Events

College Courses
Certification Program
Conference
Meeting
Seminar
Symposium
Training
Workshop

Max Request

\$4,500

Reimbursement for

Registration fees
Speaker fees
Travel
Staff time
Facility rental
Supplies

Overview

Minnesota's Lake Superior [Coastal Program](#) at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering grants to eligible partners to host or send staff, community leaders, and resource managers to conferences, meetings, seminars, symposium, workshops, training or other events (hereafter: events). The primary purpose of these events must be providing technical information; participants will enhance their skills and knowledge for managing coastal resources.

“Coastal management” refers to the decisions and actions taken to keep the natural environment, built environment, quality of life, and economic prosperity of coastal areas in balance. It includes:

- Protecting or restoring coastal habitats
- Increasing communities' abilities to improve resilience to coastal hazards
- Planning for or managing public access to the coast
- Increasing communities' abilities to implement sustainable coastal management practices, revitalize their ports and waterfronts and improve water quality
- Improving understanding of policies and regulations

Eligible partners can seek up to \$4,500 per request. We anticipate awarding approximately \$20,000. Additional funds may be available in the future.

The funds are reimbursement based; you must outlay the expenses and submit documentation to us for payment.

Events that include outdoor activities that alter the landscape (e.g., removing vegetation, constructing raingardens) are NOT eligible for these funds.

How can I apply for these funds?

We have a request form for these funds on the [Coastal Program](#) webpage. Fill it out and submit it to mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us with the event flyer, announcement, and/or agenda.

If selected, you will have to enter into a grant agreement with the DNR for these funds.

How will the Coastal Program select requests to fund?

Coastal Program staff will review requests on a monthly basis. You may submit your request at any time. However, it may take up to 30 days to review your application and execute a grant agreement.

We will award eligible requests, as funds exist. If limited funds are available, we will give priority to requests from rural (less than 1,000 residents) or tribal communities, and those that have not yet received funds.

Do I need to match these funds?

Yes. You must match 10% of the funds, through either cash or work in-kind. Staff and/or participant time is eligible; however, they must perform a coastal management role.

What will I need to do to get the funds?

Submit a reimbursement request and supporting documentation within 60 days of the event. We will accept grantee generated invoices.

- Attendance: Invoices for eligible event expenses (i.e., registration fees, travel), and an event summary and how it will be applied locally.
- Host: Invoices for eligible event expenses, sign in sheets, and event summary.

Is my organization eligible?

If your organization is eligible for coastal program grants, you may apply for these funds. Find the list on our [webpage](#).¹

Are there any regulations or restrictions?

Federal law defines eligible [Participant Support](#), [Conference](#), and [Travel](#) Costs. State [Statute](#) and applicable [policies](#) allow us to provide the funds to outside entities.

Are there additional requirements if I want to host a training or other event?

We require funding acknowledgement and must ensure there are no conflicts of interest. Please contact us and we can help work through any additional requirements that may apply.

What if I have questions or want more information?

Contact grants specialist Cynthia Poyhonen; call 218-834-1447 or email Cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us

¹ The DNR is eligible for these funds, through a service level agreement or other approved funding mechanism. You will have to follow department policies, see [Operational Order 118](#) for more information.