



THE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM COASTAL WATERSHEDS GRANT

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

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The EPA is soliciting applications to administer a competitive subaward program through the National Estuary Program (NEP) Coastal Watersheds Grant addressing urgent and challenging issues that threaten the ecological and economic well-being of coastal and estuarine areas. The applicant selected under this announcement will be funded under one assistance agreement with the EPA. The total federal amount of funding expected to be available under this announcement is approximately \$4 million.

Eligible applicants under this announcement include state, interstate, tribal, inter-tribal consortia, regional water pollution control agencies and entities, state coastal zone management agencies, and other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations. Applicants must have the ability to work within all the geographic areas defined in the RFA, and be capable of undertaking activities that advance NEP coastal watershed priorities.

Applications should reflect the applicant's familiarity with the NEP and the key role of EPA-approved Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans in addressing the relevant environmental issues; describe the applicant's proposed competitive subaward process; and demonstrate how the proposed subaward process will support coastal and estuary protection and restoration. All subaward projects must be located completely within the geographic areas defined by the EPA in this RFA.

**FULL RFA available
at: www.epa.gov/nep**

**Applicants Must
Apply Through
Grants.gov by
December 20, 2018**

**Email questions by
December 5, 2018 to:
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