### CMP GRANT WORKSHOP CYCLE 30



Texas General Land Office · Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.

# INTRODUCTION

- Workshop Overview
- GLO Coastal Resources Update





## A Word From The Commissioner

"As Land Commissioner and a Texan who lived on our coast for decades, preserving our beautiful coastline and vital habitats is a mission near and dear to my heart. It is an honor to help fund essential projects that protect coastal habitats, wildlife, and communities. Seeing so many Texans and organizations eager to take advantage of grant funding to support their innovative projects that share the GLO's mission of preserving the Texas coast for future generations is truly inspiring. I thank everyone attending these vital workshops for their dedication to protecting Texas' coastal communities and look forward to new and exciting horizons for coastal preservation." - Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.



## <u>GLO Coastal Resources</u> <u>Updates</u>

- New Coastal Resources Deputy Director
- Next Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan in development
- Texas Sediment Management Plan
  underway
- Beach and Dune Manual Spanish release coming soon
- CEPRA and Oil Spill Funding opens March 1, 2025



### <u>Clean Coast Texas</u>

Collaborate with coastal communities to achieve their water quality, economic, and public health goals with a focus on sustainable stormwater drainage and enhanced management of nonpoint source pollution.

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Stormwater Retrofit Design & Construction

#### **Community Planning**

#### **Education and Community Events**

Ordinance & Stormwater Criteria

#### Water Quality Analysis & Citizen Science

#### **Grant Funding Assistance**

#### Adopt-A-Beach Clean Ups

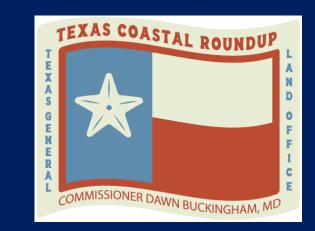


- Coastwide Spring April 20
- Coastwide Fall September 21
- Register online @
  https://texasadoptabeach

### Join Us at the 2024 Coastal Roundup!!



#### June 1, 2024 10:00AM – 4:00PM Great Lawn at Water's Edge Park Corpus Christi, TX





## WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 1. CMP Overview
- 2. Funding Sources
- 3. Eligibility
- 4. Funding Priorities
- 5. 306A/Construction Specifics
- 6. Application Process
- 7. Budget





### **Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee**













# Texas Water Development Board



Commissioner-appointed committee members include a coastal resident representative, coastal business representative, agriculture representative, and a local elected official.



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## **CMP Responsibilities**

#### 1. Grants

- Administer grants funded by NOAA
- 2. Consistency Review
  - Review permit applications for consistency with the goals and policies of the CMP (e.g., USACE)
- 3. Permitting Assistance
  - Assist individuals, small businesses, and local communities with coastal permitting





## **CMP Funding Sources**

#### NOAA

- Texas receives approximately \$2M a year from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Funds are passed through to local governments and entities to address environmental needs and promote sustainable economic development along the coast

#### **GOMESA**

- GLO receives annual Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funds
- State funds for coastal restoration projects
- No federal nexus
- Approximately 25% of the GOMESA funds allocated to CMP
- Fund Projects of Special Merit



## Funding by Grant Type

The Land Commissioner is not obligated to award all funds.

Grant Type	Funding Source	Project Funding Range	Match	Total Funding Available	Project Length	Project Start Date
§306/ §306A	Federal (NOAA)	\$400,000 max	40%	\$1.8 million	18 months	October 1, 2025
Project of Special Merit	State (GOMESA)	\$200,000 to \$5 Million	0%	~\$19 million	3 years	April 2025



**Projects of Special Merit (PSM)** 

- GOMESA funded
- Construction or earth moving activities
- Habitat restoration or preservation
- Land acquisition
- Must meet a GOMESA authorized use
- Holistically address coastal issue
  - Try to avoid phasing





#### **GOMESA Authorized Uses**

- Projects and activities for coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife or natural resources
- Implementation of federal approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan
- Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through the funding of onshore infrastructure projects





#### **NOAA-Funded Projects**

- §306/§306A
- Research and data collection that directly implement a funding priority
- Engineering and design for a future construction project
- Small-scale construction that is not eligible for PSM funding





	Project of Special Merit	NOAA-Funded Project
Planning (data collection, survey, mapping, engineering & design, permitting)	Yes	Yes
Large-scale dune walkovers	Yes	Х
Small-dune walkover retrofitting and enhancement	Yes	Yes
Habitat restoration	Yes	Yes
Restrooms and rinse stations	X	Yes
Pavilions and picnic areas	X	Yes
Trail building	X	Yes
Large-scale land acquisition	Yes	Х
Small-scale land acquisition	Yes	Yes



## **Eligible CMP Grant Applicants**

- Incorporated cities
- County governments
- State agencies
- Public universities
- Subdivisions of the state
- Regional governments
- Galveston Bay Estuary
  Program

- Coastal Bend Bays and Estuary Program
- Nonprofit organizations
  - Registered §501(C)(3) or §501(C)(4)
  - Office located in Texas



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## **Geographic Boundaries**

Must be located within the Coastal Zone Boundary (CZB)

Includes portions of 18 Texas coastal counties



### **CMP Funding Priorities**





## **Public Access**

- Creation of new or enhancement/rehabilitation of existing public access points through the creation of infrastructure or land acquisition
- Construction, enhancement or retrofitting for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance of dune walkovers and pathways
- Coastwide inventory of ADA accessible public access areas and dune walkovers, and identification of needs to achieve ADA accessibility

#### **Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution**

Provide local planning and ordinance development assistance

- Engineering and design for NPS pollution loading reduction and retrofit projects or techniques that enhance management of NPS pollution
- Analysis of environmental data to enhance understanding and inform actions to reduce NPS pollution, including fecal indicator bacteria

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## **Coastal Hazards**

- Living shoreline engineering, design, and/or construction and postconstruction effectiveness monitoring
- Coastal current (circulation) data for application to oil spill response, habitat restoration, and hydrodynamic modeling
- Projects that improve or expand datasets for monitoring and modeling water conditions and flow and tidal data in coastal streams
- Ecological risk modeling based on multiple chemicals of concern

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## Coastal Hazards

- Baseline survey of oil on Texas beaches
- Reconnaissance-level and design-level geotech for offshore sediment search/borrow area development
- Studies on dune and dune vegetation restoration and poststorm recovery and how restoration varies based on different factors







- Oyster mariculture studies demonstrating effects on water quality
- Land acquisition to facilitate public access, preservation, or hazard mitigation
- Habitat creation and restoration





- Projects that link key species and habitat management to freshwater inflows
- Engineering, design, and/or construction for habitat restoration
- Assessments of restoration needs for Coastal Natural Resource Areas (CNRAs)



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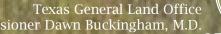
- Data collection and modeling must directly implement a funding subpriority and be tied to a specific CCAC agency goal or initiative
- Applicants proposing a data collection project should only apply if the project is listed in the guidance document
- Strongly suggest applicants work with a CCAC agency to develop project scopes and outcomes





#### **Data Collection Project Example**

- Cycle 29 project: Developing a Framework for Modeling **Texas Coast Waves and Validation**
- Priority: Coastal Storms and Hydrology
  - Subpriority: Coastwide storm velocity and wave data
- CCAC agencies that support project:
  - GLO (Oil Spill Division, Coastal Texas, and Sediment Management Plan



## **Public Education & Outreach**

Applicants are encouraged to include proactive education and/or outreach

- Research projects: disseminate information to interested parties
- Construction projects: distribute press release notifying public of new facility
- Website development: inform public of website availability



## **CMP Will Not Fund**

- 1. Research for the sake of research
  - If your project idea doesn't directly implement a funding subpriority, please look for an alternative funding opportunity.
- 2. Equipment purchases without purpose
- 3. Data collection projects not related to a CMP funding subpriority
- 4. Projects that only focus on education and outreach
- 5. Projects that don't feed or implement a larger scale effort or initiative of a CCAC member agency

# **QUESTIONS?**



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## 306A/Construction and Land Acquisition Requirements



#### **306A/Construction and Land Acquisition Eligibility Requirements**

#### Public Benefit:

- Land must be publicly owned, leased, or protected through easement
  - Includes land owned by local, regional, or state government entity
  - Does not include land owned by nonprofit orgs or land owned, leased or easement held by federal entity
- Project may not improve private property or other private enterprises
- Lease or easement should be in perpetuity or a minimum of 20 years
- Projects must be maintained for the useful life of the project or at least 20 years





#### **Compliance Requirements**

- Americans with Disabilities Act
- National Flood Insurance Program
- Coastal Barrier Resources Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program
- Texas Historical Commission SHPO Review
- Environmental Justice
- National Environmental Policy Act





#### **306A/Construction Requirements**

- Nonprofits are eligible to receive funding for construction projects, including marsh restoration, if located on public lands
- User fees should not be charged for access
- Public access facility must be open to public, comply with ADA, and approved by Texas Accessibility Standard certified inspector
- Yellow book appraisal is required for land acquisition on NOAA funded projects.
- Yellow book not required for PSMs need Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP)





## **Prohibited 306A/Construction Projects**

- Hard structures for erosion response, generally prohibited
- Mitigation projects UNLESS above and beyond permit requirements
- Purchasing sand for beach nourishment projects
- Projects on federally owned land (including federal lease or easement)
- Improvements to private property

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### **306A/Construction Permitting**

- Must be aware of permitting requirements prior to application submission
- Include appropriate tasks and budget for permit acquisition
- Submit any acquired permits and/or environmental clearances with application





## **306A/Construction Permitting**

- US Army Corps of Engineers Permit or authorization
- GLO Lease (and Coastal Boundary Survey)
- Beachfront Construction Certificate
- Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) Certificate
- Texas Antiquities Permit





## **306A/Construction Permitting**

### <u>306A (NOAA-funded) projects</u> must either:

- Only apply to complete designs and permitting
- Apply for construction with permits and designs in-hand

### Projects of Special Merit

 Construction projects can apply for designs, permitting, and construction in the same cycle





## **Permit Service Center**

Lower Coast 602 N. Staples Street Corpus Christi, TX 361-886-1630 Upper Coast 1001 Texas Clipper Rd. Galveston, TX 77554 409-741-4057

permitting.assistance@glo.texas.gov

https://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastalmanagement/permitting/index.html

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## **Application Process**

# Final Applications Due June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024





# **Before You Apply**

Review the Cycle 30 Guidance documents prior to completing final applications

Guidance documents include:

- CMP Cycle 30 Guidance
- CMP Cycle 30 Administrative and Financial Guidance for NOAA-funded Projects
- CMP Cycle 30 Administrative and Financial Guidance for Projects of Special Merit



# **Application Portal**

- Application Portal Link: <u>https://txglo.smapply.us/</u>
- Link to the application portal can be found on the GLO's "Funding Opportunities" webpage

#### CMP AND CEPRA APPLICATION PORTAL

New this year, this portal must be used to apply for all CMP and CEPRA projects. This portal includes the CEPRA application, CMP pre-proposal application, Project of Special application and CMP final application. Applications must be completed in their entirety to be considered for funding.

Go To CMP and CEPRA Application Portal



# Application

### <u>Application Materials:</u> 1. Project application, including tabular budget

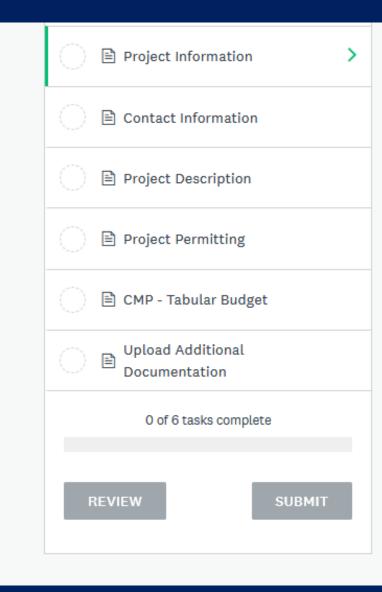
- 2. Location map
- 3. Available permits, if applicable
- 4. 1-3 Letters of Support



5. Draft site plan, site photos, or final engineering and designs, if available







#### **Background**

Provide any historical or contextual information needed to understand the project. (Word Limit: 150)

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# **Conditional Funding Notification**

- Applicants will be notified of their conditional funding status in August 2024
- Applicants begin working with CMP project manager to build the project work plan and budget narrative
- Applicant will have until November 6<sup>th</sup> to submit all required supporting documentation for the project
- NOTE: Once workplan development phase begins, timelines must be adhered to.





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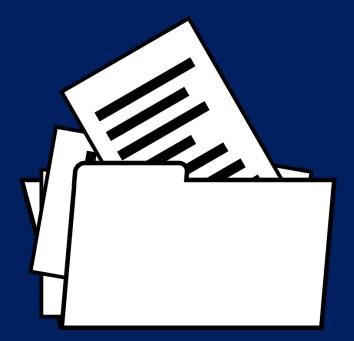
# Supplemental Documentation- Due Nov 6, 2024

- 1. Approved IDC Agreement
- 2. Third Party Commitment Letter
- 3. Data Sharing Plan

### **Only §306A/Construction/Acquisition Projects:**

- 1. USGS Map
- 2. §306A Questionnaire
- 3. Supplemental §306A Methodology Questions
- 4. Certificate of Consistency
- 5. Attorney Title Opinion (ATO)

NOTE: Deadlines must be strictly adhered to during project development phase to stay on annual schedule. If applicants fail to submit necessary documentation in a timely manner, CMP may withdraw a project.





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# **Final Funding Notification**

- NOAA-funded applicants will be notified of their final funding status in January 2025
  - Conditional upon CMP receiving and approving all supplemental documentation and agreement on a work plan and budget
- PSMs will be notified of their final funding status in March 2025
  - Conditional upon CMP receiving and approving all supplemental documentation, environmental review completion, and agreement on a work plan and budget

NOTE: A GLO Contract must be executed with recipient to secure funding





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# Budget



## **Match Requirements**

#### **NOAA Awarded Federal Projects**

- These projects have a 40% match requirement of total project costs
- Federal funds may not be used as match
- Third party donors must have letters of commitment for in-kind donations/services and must be able to back up their contributions with documentation





- See tips on one-pager!
- CMP is a reimbursement-based program. Please only request what you can uses. Unused project funds count against you for future projects.
- Supporting documents/proof of payment are needed for all reimbursement request this includes local and 3<sup>rd</sup> party match
- Purchases not included as a reimbursable item in the application/ work plan development require prior approval from the GLO. Submit informal budget amendments as soon as you know you will need a change. If you wait until the end of your project for supplies, equipment or travel that was not on your work plan you may get denied reimbursement.

# **Project Budget: For Application**

#### Salaries

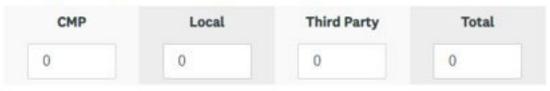
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CMP	Local	Third Party	Total
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#### Fringe Benefits

Please use whole dollar amounts without commas (e.g. 5000).



#### Travel

Please use whole dollar amounts without commas (e.g. 5000).

CMP	Local	Third Party	Total
0	0	0	0





## **Project Budget: Category Review**

- Personnel- Includes time for employees only
- Fringe- Cannot be >35% of salaries and wages per person
- **Travel** Must claim actual expenses and submit itemized receipts and follow the State of Texas Travel Guidelines.
- Supplies- Items <\$5,000
- Equipment- Items >\$5,000
- Other- Includes volunteer time, computer time, tuition rates, fleet vehicle usage, goods and basic service contracts, and equipment rental



# **Project Budget: For NOAA-funded Projects**

### Contractual

- Includes all subrecipient subcontracts and "professional services" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2254. They must comply with 2 C.F.R., Part 200, Sec. 320 Methods of Procurement
- Per State law, architectural and engineering services cannot be competitively bid and must be acquired using a Request for Qualifications.

### **Indirect Cost Rate**

- Indirect costs (IDC) may only be used as local or third-party match to the grant
- Negotiated IDC agreement must be submitted with application

# **Project Budget: For Projects of Special Merit**

### Contractual

- Includes all grantee subcontracts, subawards, professional services, vendor/service contracts, purchase orders, work orders or other legally binding contracts. Must comply with TxGMS Subaward and Contract Procurement Standards
- Subawards and subcontracts must be held to the same requirements as the initial contract, including limitation of Indirect Costs (IDC) to 15% of the modified total direct costs (MTDC).

#### **Indirect Cost Rate**

 Indirect Costs (IDC) are limited to 15% of the modified total direct costs (MTDC). Subawards and subcontracts must be held to the same requirements.

## **Unallowable Costs**

- $\cdot$  Alcohol
- Contingency
- Entertainment
- $\cdot$  Fund-raising
- Tips
- Food (not associated with travel)
- Snacks/drinks for employees/volunteers
- Travel for Volunteers
- ·T-shirts, caps, etc. for Volunteers

Unallowable costs are ineligible for reimbursement and prohibited for use as match regardless of whether the cost was disclosed in the application.

# **QUESTIONS?**



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#### **Application Portal link is here:**

https://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/grant-projects/funding/index.html

