

# 2010 NOAA Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Program GLRI Funding

## Submission Information

- FFO closes at **11:59 PM EST on February 16**
- Apply via Grants.gov or hard copy postmarked by closing date. **No facsimile or email applications will be accepted**
- Assure correct content and form for application submission (see Section IV.B. of FFO)

## Tips for Applicants

- Approximately \$10 M is available for this solicitation. Awards are typically expected to range from \$1-\$1.5 M
- Proposals requesting <\$500K or >\$2.5M **will be rejected**
- Priority consideration will be given for Great Lakes habitat restoration projects that (see *Section I.B of FFO for more details*):
  - work in AOCs toward quantifiably delisting habitat related BUIs
  - restore coastal wetlands
  - address marine debris accumulation
  - benefit native diadromous fish and their habitat
  - address regional or local priorities identified in a specific planning document like the GL Regional Collaboration Strategy, etc.
  - will be completed in 1.5 – 2 years
  - propose an effective monitoring plan to evaluate project's benefits
  - request funds primarily for on the ground restoration work (vs. travel, land acquisition, general program support)
- Successful applications will:
  - yield significant ecological benefits
  - be “shovel-ready”
  - document community benefits/improved community opportunities
  - demonstrate collaboration among entities as highlighted in Section I.A of FFO to cooperatively implement coastal habitat restoration projects
- Application scoring will be based on five evaluation criteria: 1) Importance and applicability, 2) Technical/scientific merit, 3) Qualification of applicants, 4) Project costs, 5) Outreach and education (see *Section V of FFO for more details*)
- Eligibility (see *Section III of FFO for more details*)
  - Eligible applicants include universities, non-profits, industry and commercial organizations, state, local and tribal governments—**no Federal agencies**
  - Storm water, sewage, CSO or other water quality improvement infrastructure projects **will not be eligible**
  - Legally required mitigation or restoration **will not be eligible**
- Miscellaneous
  - Funding instrument for awards will be a cooperative agreement
  - 1:1 match *encouraged*, not required
  - Illustrate NEPA-ready, permits, and approvals to show shovel-readiness
  - Probable start date for successful projects estimated early July (~90-120 day review time)

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