

NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS

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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Nationally competitive to only coastal States

Governing Guidance

- Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act of 1991 (Enabling Legislation)
- 2 CFR 200
- 50 CFR 84



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: ANY AGENCY OR AGENCIES OF A COASTAL STATE DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR AS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COASTAL WETLANDS

Purpose Provide funding for long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems by helping States to protect, restore and enhance coastal habitats

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Acquisition of real property interest in coastal land or waters providing that terms and conditions ensure property will be administered for long-term conservation
- Restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetlands ecosystems, providing restoration, enhancement, or management will be administered for long-term conservation

SOURCE OF FUNDS

15% annually of the 18.7% distributed to Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act from the Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund

Includes revenues from:

- Interest earned on Trust Fund

- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft
- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment and electric motors
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

- Provides up to 50% federal funding, remaining 50% of costs must be from non-federal source (funds increased to 75% federal share for coastal States that have and are using a fund for acquiring coastal wetlands or other natural areas or open spaces).
- Matching funds under \$200,000 shall be waived for American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * Coastal states includes: IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI, AL, AK, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NC, OR, RI, SC, TX, VA, WA, AS, MP, GU, PR, VI.
- * LA is exempt from the program at 16 U.S.C. 3955(b)(1).