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

- Recipients must provide non-federal cost-sharing match.

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