

Sea Grant – 2019 HMS research funding opportunity webinar Questions Log

Q: Can you give us the email?

A: oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov

Q: Is the 15 pp narrative page limit single or double-spaced?

A: We do not prescribe spacing or fonts, but the proposal needs to be readable by the reviewers.

Q: Is there a lower limit to a project funding?

A: We will entertain proposals of varied sizes, however, we feel it would be difficult for a project smaller than \$10,000 to successfully address the requirements and intent of this competition.

Q: do we have to submit through our State SG office?

A: No

Q: Can you give us an example of in-kind funding support?

A: In-kind funding includes any allowable, non-monetary support, per [federal regulations](#). Some examples include ship-time, equipment time, volunteer hours. Your institution has specific rules for what they will or will not allow, based

Q: Can foreign entities receive funds (subcontracts)? Can they supply in kind match?

A: Yes, provided they are working on efforts that benefit the U.S.

Q: exclusive to US EEZ?

A: Work must benefit the U.S. EEZ, so any work outside that space must tie back to work occurring within U.S. waters.

Q: If equipment was used as a match, would it be the cost of the equipment when purchased new?

A: Per [federal regulations](#), equipment used as match for this type of award uses the depreciated value. You should work with your home institution to determine the required documentation.

Q: Are there strict guidelines about how the money can be allocated between uses (i.e. 50% must be for salary and 50% must be for equipment)?

A: No

Q: Can a Federal office or employee be the lead on proposal but have the grant go to another entity?

A: In general, the primary recipient should be the lead on the project. While federal employees may participate, they may not be the primary recipients. If you have a specific situation in mind, please contact us to discuss this.

Q: page 7 of FFO: "Letters of Intent will allow the NSG Office to gauge interest and topics that may be submitted."-- This indicates that the LOI process can affect the topics that are considered relevant to the panel. Will NSG provide feedback to the community about the topics that are relevant as determined by the submitted LOIs?

A: Letters of intent will not change the priorities. They are used to help us find the appropriate reviewers for the merit review panel.

Q: Can you dispel the rumor that you want to fund a single \$2mil oil rig yellowfin tuna project?

A: We intend to run a fair, open competition that is consistent with principles of rigor, applicability, and integrity. Proposals will be peer-reviewed by topical experts, and projects will be selected in accordance with the priorities of this competition, as outlined in the RFP. We do not have any particular applicant or project pre-selected.