SEA GRANT GENERAL APPLICATION GUIDE

The purpose of this document is to provide additional guidance to applicants for preparing competitive, institutional, and non-competitive applications for submission to the National Sea Grant Office in response to various opportunities. The following information provides additional details than those typically found in a specific Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or opportunity announcement regarding how to fill out forms, how to handle matching requirements, and how to apply. Specific topics are listed and may be accessed by using the Table of Contents below. Please refer to the specific NOFO when it exists for detailed requirements as this document does not replace those specific requirements in any NOFO, but rather should be treated as additional guidance to help applicants in areas where errors are often made.

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Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, most Sea Grant proposals require a 50 percent match of the federal funds (i.e., one dollar of match for every two dollars of federal money received). For multi-year proposals, the cumulative match at the end of each year of the grant should not fall below 50 percent of the cumulative federal request up to that point.

Match may be in the form of selected "in-kind" services, unrecovered indirect (see below), or additional funds from a specified institution, agency, industry, or non-federal program. No funds from federal entities can be used as match. According to <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>, "Third party in kind contributions", means the value of non-cash contributions (i.e., property or services) that - (1) Benefit a federally-assisted project or program; and (2) Are contributed by non-Federal third parties, without charge, to a non-Federal entity under a Federal award. More information about cost sharing or matching can be found by reviewing <u>2 CFR 200.306</u>.

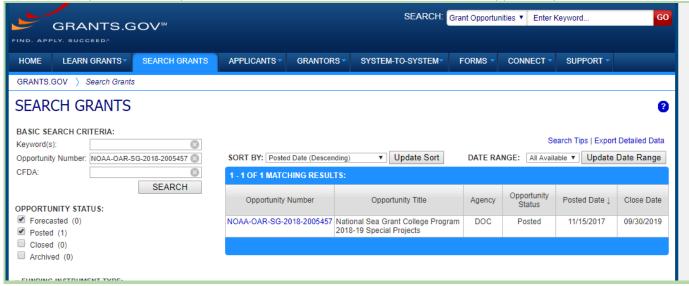
Application and Submission Information

Finding an Application Package on Grants.gov

The Application package is available from http://www.grants.gov. Finding a competitive application package (e.g. National Aquaculture Competition or the Knauss Fellowship) is different than finding a noncompetitive/institutional action (such as a passthrough project or omnibus package). NSGO announcements will specify what type of opportunity it is.

Competitive Application Packages

If this is a competitive NOFO, you can use the 'Search Grants' function to find the opportunity:



Non-Competitive and Institutional Application Packages

If this is not a competitive opportunity, it won't show up in grants.gov when you select

. Instead, to find the announcement from the Grants.gov homepage, select Applicants -> Apply for Grants.



Then click on Get Application Package »

Fill out the query with the opportunity number provided in the email or opportunity announcement, which will start with NOAA-OAR-SG-20XX-XXXXXXX, and hit "Search".



Content and Form of the Application

Project Narrative

Each project within an application must be described within the following documents:

a) Project Proposal Narrative

This section needs to be completed according to the guidance found in the NOFO or announcement for the specific call for applications. This section contains all project information and accompanying materials (references, CVs), if any. This section will also contain individual data management plans associated with

each project, unless an overall data management plan is utilized. This overall section may include components that have a page limit (such as the narrative text) and components that fall outside that page limit (such as CVs, literature cited, and letters of support). Please pay close attention to the limits given in the NOFO as these can change with each opportunity.

b) Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaires

The Federal Program Officer must assess individual projects, sub-projects, and actions within each application for NEPA compliance. As a Federal Program Officer reviews an application, they are required to look for actions that trigger concerns with NEPA environmental compliance and subsequently complete an environmental review of that project or action. The environmental review of a project to assess NEPA compliance requires additional details and information, which can be collected with the NOAA NEPA Environmental Compliance Questionnaire (OMB Control No. 0648-0538). Applicants must use the most recent available version of the questionnaire in their application packages.

To meet the new NOAA requirements and facilitate timely review and processing of proposals in the most streamlined way, applicants must provide Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire(s) with the applications. The streamlined Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire can be found here: https://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/implementation. An abbreviated questionnaire is needed for each project or action within an application that will require environmental compliance review. The application package does not have to be re-organized or broken out by projects that require an environmental questionnaire. However, the abbreviated questionnaire should reference the project title and provide a clear descriptor of the sub-project and action as described in the application.

(1) When to Complete an Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire

The categories of activities listed below, and in the application, briefly summarize the questions you will encounter on the Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire. When considering your program's projects, and reviewing this list, determine whether or not you would answer "n/a" to all of the categories on the list. If the project is not applicable to any of the items, then you do not need to submit an abbreviated questionnaire. Please do not submit questionnaires that respond "n/a" to all questions.

However, if a project might have a response to one of these items on this list (within reason - we do not need to know if you are sitting in a room with fluorescent light bulbs), then please fill out a questionnaire so the FPO has the information necessary to conduct an environmental review.

An Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire must be completed for each applicable project or action that involves any of the below categories of activities or actions:

- Research--all Research projects (those whose project number starts with "R/") and all other projects that include a component of research
- Permits, authorizations or waivers
- Biological take and/or release

- Environmental sampling
- Hazardous or toxic substances and waste
- Permanent or temporary environmental effects
- Endangered or threatened species and/or protected areas
- Known or unknown risks to human health or the environment
- Controversial environmental subject matter

These categories provide a general outline of the circumstances or activity that would subject a project or action to environmental compliance review. NOAA has the final discretion to determine when a project or action requires environmental compliance review.

Below are examples and types of actions for which Sea Grant Programs are expected to submit a completed questionnaire:

RESEARCH

All research projects inherently involve the category of 'research' as outlined in the list of activities that require a questionnaire. Therefore, competitive and noncompetitive research projects (including social science research) must have separate completed abbreviated questionnaires for each project, submitted with the application package.

EXTENSION AND EDUCATION

Extension activities must adhere to the same requirements and exceptions noted above and NOAA legal counsel has confirmed that each individual extension activity (e.g., a Citizen Science Monitoring Program, Aquaculture Extension Model Shellfish Farm, etc.) that triggers an environmental compliance concern requires an individual environmental review by the National Sea Grant Office.

When providing expertise or advice on a project funded externally to the current application (e.g., a grant or award obtained from an entity outside of Sea Grant), the environmental compliance responsibility lies in the funding agency for that project, and a Questionnaire should not be submitted as part of the application package.

Education activities must also adhere to the same requirements and exceptions noted above. This is particularly important for education projects that include any interaction with the environment (i.e., any field activities and trips, especially those that include field work such as environmental sample collection, seining, plankton tows, sediment cores, etc.).

Some extension and education projects may not have complete details determined at the time the application is submitted (e.g., exact site location for activities). Please provide details in the questionnaire that cover the possible parameters of the project (e.g., a list of the possible sites based on previous work) so the Federal Program Officer can assess whether the activity, under all likely circumstances, will meet environmental compliance.

If the project or actions are solely extension or education (i.e. NONE of the activities will take place in the environment or fall into the above categories), a NEPA statement may be substituted for the longer Questionnaire. This is at the discretion of the individual NOFO. In this case, please include the following statement at the end of the project narrative: "This project's activities are exclusively comprised of [choose applicable activities from bulleted list below] and therefore no NOAA environmental compliance questionnaire is being submitted, as allowed by NSGO guidance."

- Program management (i.e., any projects assigned the "M/" project number)
- Placeholder projects (e.g., "Future Competed Projects"; these projects will have a Special Award Condition on the grant and undergo environmental compliance review at that time)
- Workshops or conferences that do not involve the above list of actions
- Communication activities that do not involve the above list of actions
- Fellowships where the Sea Grant Program does not have discretion over the fellow's externally funded research

NOAA has final responsibility to determine whether a project or action requires environmental compliance review. If NOAA determines that a project or action needs an environmental review, they may request the abbreviated questionnaire. Requesting, collection, and submitting this additional information after the submission deadline may delay the final approval of an application package, so applicants should do their best to preemptively supply all necessary information for projects and actions that meet the listed criteria.

(2) How to Complete an Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire

The questionnaire should be filled out thoroughly and with sufficient detail that the Federal Program Officer can accurately assess environmental compliance. If information is not provided in detail, NOAA via the Federal Program Officer may need to request additional information, which can delay the approval process of the application. All questionnaires should be combined into a single pdf that is uploaded to Grants.gov with the application package.

c) Data Management Plan

The NOAA data sharing policy requires all grant and cooperative agreement recipients to make environmental data and information collected and/or created under NOAA grants/cooperative agreements visible, accessible, and independently understandable to general users. This requirement also applies to any data developed as part of sub-awards. This shall be done at no or low cost, in a timely manner (typically no later than two years after the data are collected or created), except where limited by law, regulation, policy, or by security requirements.

The data management plan is a written narrative that briefly describes the parameters for projects in the application that produce environmental data.

• The type of collection method: aircraft, ship, satellite, etc.;

- The tentative date by which data will be shared;
- The standards to be used for data/metadata format and content;
- Your program's policies addressing data stewardship and preservation;
- Procedures for providing access, data, and security; and
- Your program's prior experience with publishing such data.

The Data Management Plan requirement can be satisfied in one of two ways: Either through an individual Data Management Plan for each project in the application package that generates environmental data OR through an overall Data Management Plan of no more than two pages covering the entire application. If none of the projects in the application will generate environmental data, use this second approach and include the following sentence – "These projects will not generate any environmental data."

Budget Narrative

The following forms should be combined into a single PDF Document that includes all Sea Grant 90-4 forms and budget justifications for the entire application package.

For applications that include multiple projects, place each form in the following order, combine them into a single pdf document titled Budget Narrative and upload to your Grants.gov application.

- Overall 90-4 form for entire application
- Annual 90-4 forms for the entire application
- Budget justification narrative for project 1
- Overall and annual 90-4 forms for project 1
- Budget justification narrative for project 2
- Overall and annual 90-4 forms for project 2
- Budget justification narrative for project 3
- Overall and annual 90-4 forms for project 3
- etc.
- a) Sea Grant 90-4 Form(s) (OMB Control No. 0648-0362)

A required form used to provide budget breakdowns and budget justifications by year and object class for the overall application and, if applicable, each individual project within an application. Please download the most up-to-date Excel version of the 90-4 form when preparing an application. The Excel version should be used in the creation of the 90-4 and should then be turned into a PDF to include with the budget narrative package. Ensure that the Sea Grant 90-4 form is properly filled out with a project ID number, and start and end dates. When printing the Excel form to PDF, please ensure the full sheet is captured and no information is cut-off. The following are required in the application package:

- A completed Sea Grant 90-4 form describing the yearly and total budgets of the overall application (i.e., Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Years 1-4).
- For applications containing multiple projects, a completed Sea Grant 90-4 forms describing
 the yearly and total budget of each project in the application (i.e., Year 1, Year 2, Year 3,
 Year 4 and Years 1-4).

• Completed Sea Grant 90-4 forms for the yearly and total budget of any sub-awards associated with each project in the application (i.e., Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Years 1-4).

It is very important that the total federal and non-federal matching (if applicable) fund amounts from the Sea Grant 90-4 Forms <u>equal</u> the total application federal and non-federal (if applicable) match amounts on the SF- 424, SF-424A, and Additional SF-424A, Extra Section B (if used). Failure to do so may delay approval of the application, or impose conditions on the grant preventing funding or execution of certain activities, until all questions are satisfactorily answered. Detailed guidance on filling out the standard federal forms and assurances can be found in Section IV. B. 3.

Both the Sea Grant 90-4 Form and SF-424A Form break down the budget request into categories, but those categories are not identically labeled. The table below shows how items on a SF-424A Form correspond to items on the Sea Grant 90-4 Form. The funding amounts placed on each form in the corresponding categories should match.

Relationship between Information on a Sea Grant 90-4 Form and SF-424A Form

Sea Grant 90-4 Form	SF-424A Form
	6. Object Classes
A. 2. Total Salary and Wages	a. Personnel
B. Fringe Benefits	b. Fringe Benefits
E. Total Travel	c. Travel
C. Permanent Equipment	d. Equipment
D. Expendable Supplies and Equipment	e. Supplies
Include as category under G. "Other" called "Contracts" or "Contractual Services"	f. Contractual
Almost never used, would be categorized under G. "Other"	g. Construction
F. Publication and Documentation Costs, PLUS everything in G. "Other",	h. Other
including sub-awards, but excluding any contracts for services or	
construction	

Total Direct	i. Total Direct
Total Indirect	j. Indirect
TOTAL COSTS	k. TOTALS

b) Budget Justification Narratives

Each project must include a budget justification narrative that explains budget items for each year in sufficient detail to enable review of the appropriateness of the funding requested. Please see below for more guidance on what kind of information should be included in the budget justification. The budget justification can be a text document that is converted into a PDF for upload into Grants.gov. Further instructions for preparing a budget justification narrative are

provided by NOAA Grants Management Division and can be found here:

https://www.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/gmd_budget_narrative_guidance_-_05-24-2017_final.pdf

Further guidance from NOAA's Grants Management Division (GMD) on what they look for when reviewing a Budget Narrative (updated September 2017):

SALARIES AND WAGES

Budget

Assign personnel to the various categories according to the explanations provided which conform to NOAA/Sea Grant usage (these definitions may not necessarily conform to usage in your institution). Identify project personnel by position title as indicated on the form. Use accurate current salaries as the basis for calculating salaries and wages for each individual (do not use percentages). If funds are being requested to support a vacant position, indicate this (vac. pos.) and use a salary rate appropriate to the position. Enter months of effort as full-time equivalents, regardless of how many calendar months the individual will work on the project for both Sea Grant and matching funds. A Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is equivalent to 12 months of full time effort (40 hours per week). Entries must be done in separate columns as indicated on the form.

Budget Justification

For Salaries and Wages, NOAA Grants Management Division expects the budget justification to address the following questions:

- Is each individual identified by position?
- Are time commitments such as hours/weeks/months per year for each position?
- Are the total charges for each position listed along with an explanation of how the costs were calculated?
- Do the combined charges for all activities of any individual exceed 100% of their time including match for the project?
- Do the time commitments and charges appear reasonable?
- Are all individuals employees of the applicant organization? (If not, explain)
- Is a cost of living increase built into the budget?
- Are salary increases justified for the grant period?
- Are any salary/personnel costs unallowable (i.e., Federal Employees or legislative personnel)

FRINGE BENEFITS

Budget

Fringe benefits are those customarily paid by the grantee institution, following its usual practices in the payment of such benefits.

Budget Justification

For fringe benefits, NOAA Grants Management Division expects the budget justification to

address the following questions:

- Are fringe benefits identified as a separate item?
- Are all the elements that comprise fringe benefits indicated?
- Do the fringe benefits and charges appear reasonable?
- Are the total charges for each person listed along with an explanation of how the charges were calculated?
- Are fringe benefits charged to federal and matching categories in the same proportion as salaries?

PERMANENT EQUIPMENT

Budget Justification

For any item(s) of equipment that has a useful life of more than one year and costing \$5,000 per unit or more, a description of the item and associated costs is required.

For permanent equipment (e.g., DNA Sequencers, spectrophotometers, ROVs), NOAA Grants Management Division expects the budget justification to address the following questions:

- Is each item of equipment listed?
- If over \$5,000 is there a description of how it will be used in the project?
- If over \$5,000 has a lease vs. purchase analysis been completed? Note: Often a lease versus buy analysis is as simple as noting that it must be bought because no one leases it. In this case, the recipient should submit a statement of non-availability stating at least three sources that were contacted about leasing.
- For each item of equipment, is the number of units, cost per unit and total cost specified?
- Is each item of equipment necessary for the successful completion of the project?
- Are the charges for each item reasonable and realistic?
- Are disallowed costs excluded?
- Contingency charges must be excluded!
- Reasonable miscellaneous can be allowed, but must be justified.

EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

Budget Justification

Expendable supplies and equipment must be described according to major categories (e.g., chemical reagents, computer paper and supplies, glassware, lumber, etc). Fuel for boats should be budgeted here rather than under travel. Fuel for vehicles should be budgeted under E. Travel. The justification may be based on historical costs (note as such). For Expendable Supplies and Equipment, NOAA Grants Management Division expects the budget justification to address the following questions:

- Are supplies itemized by type of material or nature of expense?
- For general office or business supplies, is the total charge listed along with the basis for

- the charge (i.e., historical use rates)?
- For other specific supply categories, is the number of units, cost per unit and total cost specified?
- Are the charges necessary for the successful completion of the project?
- Are the charges reasonable and realistic?
- Are disallowed costs (e.g., liquor, entertainment) excluded?
- Contingencies or miscellaneous charges must be excluded!

TRAVEL

Budget Justification

The budget narrative is required for all travel. For Travel, NOAA Grants Management Division expects the budget justification to address the following questions:

- For foreign and domestic travel, is each trip listed along with the destination, estimated mileage, method of travel, cost per mile and duration, number of travelers, per diem rate for meals and lodging?
- If actual trip details are unknown, what is the basis for the proposed travel charges?
- Is the requested travel directly relevant to the successful completion of the project?
- Are the travel charges reasonable and realistic?

OTHER COSTS

Budget Justification

For Other Costs, NOAA Grants Management Division expects the budget justification to address the following questions:

- Are items listed by type of material or nature of expense?
- For each charge, is the number of units, cost per unit and total cost specified?
- Are the charges necessary for the successful completion of the project?
- Are the same charges listed elsewhere?
- Are the charges reasonable?
- Are disallowed costs (e.g., liquor, entertainment) excluded?
- Are charges which duplicate indirect cost items excluded?
- For projects that include training activities (e.g., workshops, seminars), are participant support costs clearly identified?

Note: Any participants or trainees that attend these workshops/conferences/seminars (but are not project employees or speakers) must be defined as "Participants", and any Participant support costs (e.g., stipends, subsistence, travel) must be excluded from the indirect cost base.

SUB-AWARD

Budget Justification

NOAA Grants Management Division expects the budget justification to address the following

questions:

- Is each sub-award listed as a separate item? (Separate budgets are required for sub-awards regardless of the dollar value.)
- Are the products/services to be acquired described along with the applicability of each to the project?
- Do the costs appear reasonable and realistic?
- Are any sole source contracts contemplated?
- If yes, is a sole source justification included with the Application which describes why
 the proposed sole source entity is the only source capable of meeting the applicant's
 project needs?
- Are disallowed costs excluded?
- Contingencies or miscellaneous charges must be excluded!
- Is the sub-award to a foreign-owned or operated entity?
- Do you have a CD-512 on file for each of your sub-grants or subcontracts?

INDIRECT COSTS

Budget

- Indirect Cost is the grantee institution's negotiated Facilities and Administrative (Indirect) cost rate and its relation to those elements of the proposed grant budget to which that rate is to be applied.
- A grantee institution will identify the direct costs to which indirect costs can be applied. An explanation for all indirect costs must be included in the budget justification.
- If indirect costs are allowed on federal funds, then it is allowed on the matching funds.
- Unrecovered indirect costs may be included as part of cost sharing and matching.

Note: The recipient must use the indirect rate submitted with the Application or upon award for the entire award period unless approved by the Grants Officer. Thus, if the grantee receives a new Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) during the award period, the grantee must submit an AAR requesting to use it and be approved to use this before it can be used.

Budget Justification

For indirect costs, NOAA Grants Management Division expects the budget justification to address the following questions:

- Are indirect costs requested?
- Is the correct rate being used? (If a lower rate than is authorized in the negotiated indirect cost rate agreement is being proposed, you must explain why your organization is deviating from the approved rate.)
- Is the rate applied to the correct base?
- Are charges which duplicate direct costs excluded? (If no, explain/revise.)

COST SHARING OR MATCHING FUNDS

For cost sharing or matching funds, NOAA Grants Management Division (GMD) expects you to consider the following questions:

- Is cost sharing or matching (non-federal share) required for this project?
- If yes, does the application meet the matching requirements?
- Are the sources of match clearly identified? (i.e., cash or in-kind)
- Does the application provide adequate documentation to support in-kind contributions?
- Does the application exclude matching contributions, cash or in-kind, used for other projects?
- Does the application exclude federal funds used as match? Per Sea Grant's authorizing legislation, federal funds cannot be used to fulfill matching fund requirements.
- Are all matching contributions necessary for accomplishing the project?
- Are all matching contributions in compliance with federal cost principles?

Note that it is important to track match contributions carefully to be able to demonstrate sources and amounts if audited. Any match contributions identified by investigators are subject to federal audit that may result in additional costs to the institution.

Overall Application

SF-424 Form "Application for Federal Assistance"

Critical information to include:

- Principal Investigator (must be listed in Section 8F: "Person to be contacted on matters involving this project")
- Grant start date complies with the date requirements in the NOFO or opportunity announcement
 - Individual projects in a multi-project application may run the entire duration of the grant, or any shorter interval. No projects or activities proposed in an application can start before the proposed start date of the overall application or end after the proposed end date.
- Accurate EIN and UEI for the applicant
- Authorized Representative or designee identified and signature of Authorized Representative or designee must match
- Funding amounts make sure that the funding amounts are consistent with those provided in the NOFO or opportunity announcement
- Total amounts listed in the SF-424, SF-424A, and Sea Grant 90-4 Forms must be the same.
 Please ensure applications are completed as accurately as possible, and in accordance with
 the guidance. Failure to do so may delay approval of the application, impose conditions on
 the grant preventing funding or execution of certain activities until all questions are
 satisfactorily answered, or result in the rejection of the application depending on the rules
 of the opportunity.
- More information about this form and further instructions for filling out a SF-424 Form can

be found on Grants.gov here:

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-individual-family.html

SF-424A Form "Instructions for Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs"

Critical information to include:

• This form is used to report the budget breakdown of an application's federal and match funding request by funding year, for duration of the proposed funding period.

*In Sections A, B, and C please use the same yearly breakdown headings.

- In Section A, column (a), rows 1-4 should each contain a separate year of funding and be labeled accordingly. For each funding year, then complete columns (e) and (f) with the Federal and Non-Federal (matching) breakdown.
- In Section B of the SF424A, each column should contain a separate year of federal or matching funding. If you have 3 or more years of Federal funding and you have match, you will need to use an Additional SF-424A Extra Section B (see below for Extra Section B instructions).
- In Section C, column (a) should again be broken out by funding year with each row containing a separate year of funding. This section should contain Non-Federal (matching) collars only and show the source of those matching dollars following the column headings in (b), (c), and (d).

Sections D and E should add up to the total application request

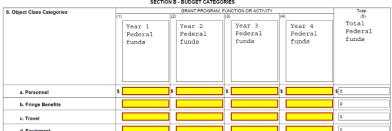
- In Section D, enter the total funding request for the first year of funding only. Then break out that funding year by cash needs per quarter.
- Section E is for FUTURE Funding Periods do not include the 1st Year funding you entered in above in Section D. Column (b) should reflect the first future funding period -- i.e. Year 2 of the requested application funding.
- Section F this section is optional.
 - Line 21 (Direct Charges) should be used to explain amounts for individual direct object class cost categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary or to explain the details as required by the Federal grantor agency.
 - Line 22 (Indirect Charges) should be used to indicate the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period, the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.
 - Line 23 can be used to provide any other explanations or comments deemed necessary.
- Grants.gov instructions for filling out a SF-424A budget form can be found here:
 https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-individual-family.html If you have remaining questions, please ask your Federal Program Officer.
- Instructions for the Additional SF-424A, Extra Section B are below.

Additional SF-424A, Extra Section B

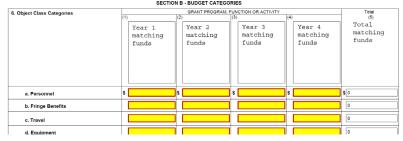
 For applications containing non-federal matching funds, the SF-424A Form described above and provided in the Grants.gov application will not have the room to record both your federal funds and your non-federal matching funds if you have a 3 or 4 year application. In those situations, in order to record your non-federal matching funds, download the additional form from

https://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/implementation and complete the SF-424A and the Section B exactly as laid out below to report the budget breakdown of your application's non-federal matching funding request by year. No federal dollars should be reported anywhere on this Extra Section B form.

e.g. 4 year SF-424A Section B (the federal dollars)



• e.g. 4 year SF-424A **EXTRA** Section B (the non-federal match)



- Please make sure that the matching funds you report each year here
 adds up to the total matching fund amount on your SF-424A and Sea
 Grant 90-4 Forms. Please ensure applications are completed as
 accurately as possible, and in accordance with the guidance. Failure
 to do so may delay approval of the application, or impose conditions
 on the grant preventing funding or execution of certain activities,
 until all questions are satisfactorily answered.
- If a SF424A, Extra Section B is included, it should be attached as a "Budget Narrative Attachment" to the grants.gov application.

90-2 Webform

As noted in the Funding Opportunity, once applications have been selected and recommended for funding, applicants must submit a Sea Grant 90-2 Project Summary Form (for each project within the application) through the <u>90-2 Webform portal</u>. This is due within 30 calendar days after the applicant has been notified via email that their application has been awarded. A detailed step-by-step guide for completing the web-based 90-2 Form is available on <u>Inside Sea Grant</u>. Once the project is approved and funded, that information will be publicly available and searchable on the <u>National Sea Grant College Program public website</u>.

508 Compliance

All public-facing products produced with funding from the selected award(s)/project(s) must ensure compliance with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act. More information on compliance with Section 508 can be found by visiting the NOAA Central Library's site on this topic.

Additional Reference Information

- Office of Management and Budget Governmentwide Guidance for Grants and Agreements
 2 CFR 200 https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200 main 02.tpl
- Department of Commerce <u>Current Standard Terms and Conditions</u>, available at https://www.commerce.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/DOC%20Standard%20Terms%20and%20Conditions%20-%2012%20November%202020%20PDF_0.pdf (updated November 12, 2020) or at https://go.usa.gov/xRpRU
- Department of Commerce <u>Grants Manual</u>, available at https://www.commerce.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/Department%20of%20Commerce%20
 <u>Grants%20%20Cooperative%20Agreements%20Manual%20%2820%20April%202021%29.pdf</u>
 (updated April 20, 2021)
- Department of Commerce <u>Grants Policy</u> website:
 http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/grants_management/policy/default.htm
- Grants Online Recipient Assistance for Award Action Requests, available at
 <a href="http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/grantsonline/Documents/AAR_Assistance/Recipient_AAR_Recipient_AAR_Recipient_AAR_Recipient_BAR_Recipient_BAR_Recipient_AAR_Recipient_BA
- Grants Online Quick Reference Guide for Grantees, available at
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