FY 2019 Funding Opportunity: Implementation and Advancement of Sea Grant Visioning Efforts

The National Sea Grant Office (NSGO) is making approximately $1.4 million of FY 2019 funds available to individual Sea Grant Programs in order to advance the priority actions identified in the [“network visioning” plans](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/Implementation/Network-Visioning) developed in 2017-18 and enhance each Program’s capacity to address their 2018-2021 strategic plans. Each interested Sea Grant Program will receive up to $40,000 in FY 2019 funds. Awarded projects will become part of each Program's 2018-2021 Omnibus grant.

The RFA number is: NOAA-OAR-SG-2019-2006013, and you can follow this link directly to find it on [grants.gov](http://grants.gov/): [NOAA-OAR-SG-2019-2006013](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=314383)

The deadline for us to receive this application via [grants.gov](http://grants.gov/) is **May 23, 2019**. We will accept one proposal from each program. **Proposals must be developed in coordination with each Sea Grant director.**

The goals of the funding are to:

1. Advance priority activities from network visioning plans that are consistent with state and national strategic plans across the network;
2. Increase the capacity of Sea Grant Programs to implement priority actions identified in “network visioning” documents in the topic-focused areas of [Aquaculture Communications](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Aquaculture%20Communications%20Strategy_FINAL.pdf),  [Citizen Science](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Community%20Science%20-%20Network%20Vision%202018-2.pdf), [Coastal Tourism](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/FINAL%20%20Coastal%20Tourism%20Vision%20Plan%20.pdf), [Community Response to Flooding](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Sea%20Grant%20Community%20Response%20to%20Flooding%20Vision.pdf), [Environmental Literacy](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/ELit%20Vision%20Plan.pdf), [Integrated Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Seafood](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/FAS%20Visioning%20Document%20Final%20Aug%2028.pdf), [Water Resources](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/2018%20SG%20Water%20Resources%20Vision_1.pdf) and [Weather and Climate](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Sea%20Grant%20Weather%20and%20Climate%20Resilience%20Vision%2008_31_18.pdf);
3. Increase the capacity of Sea Grant Programs to implement priority actions identified in “network visioning” documents in the cross-cutting areas of [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Network%20Visioing/DEI_Vision_Final_10122018.pdf), and [Traditional and Local Knowledge (TLK)](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Network%20Visioing/Traditional%26Local_110118.pdf), a required element as detailed below; and
4. Leverage state program work in these areas by funding strategic investments to realize expected short-term outcomes identified in the network vision plans.

Funds may be used for implementation of visioning objectives (e.g. internship stipends, research, extension, education and communications support), salary support for topical leaders, workshop logistics, travel, project administration, program development, continuation of communities of practice, and/or other expenses.

To participate, a Program must articulate the specific actions they will take to implement one or more priority actions identified in one or more of the “network visioning” documents. Actions may focus on research, extension, education, communications, or administrative activities in support of these efforts. Coordination and collaboration with existing communities of practice and/or other Sea Grant Programs as appropriate is strongly encouraged but not required.

At least 25% of the requested funds must be used to address DEI and/or TLK initiatives. The details of how a program does this are flexible and may include ongoing or new efforts. The DEI and TLK communities of practice have already drafted several ideas that are ripe for implementation, including a proposal for a [Community-Engaged Undergraduate Internship Program.](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Network%20Visioing/SG%20Community%20Engaged%20Internship_4.2.19.docx?ver=2019-04-09-143406-343)

The remaining 75% of funds/effort may be used to implement actions or initiatives from any of the seven topic-focused areas. If programs choose to dedicate 75% of the funds to one or more of the seven topic-focused areas, concepts from the DEI and TLK documents should be integrated into plans as appropriate.

For all proposed work, Environmental Literacy goals should be considered as incorporated as appropriate.

These funds require the standard 50% non-federal match for Sea Grant projects.

Application packages must be submitted to grants.gov by 5:00 pm Eastern on **May 23, 2019.**

Please direct questions to oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov.

The projects are expected to be awarded by 1 September 2019, and may run until 31 August 2021.

See below for more detail on the various forms that will be needed:

**Project Narrative**

* The Project Proposal Narrative must explain the scope of work for the project(s). Project Proposal Narratives should use the [**template provided.**](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Funding/Project%20Narrative%20Template%20FY19%20Net%20Vis%20Implementation.docx?ver=2019-04-09-142706-450)
* The project(s) in the Application must be assigned a project ID that identifies the type of project using the standard omnibus project codes (C/, A/, E/, R/, P/).
* A [90-2 form](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/implementation) is required for each proposed project. Guidance for completing the short and long 90-2 forms is provided in our [Sea Grant Application Guidance](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Guidance/SeaGrantGeneralApplicationGuide.pdf).
* A NEPA [Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/implementation) (OMB Control No. 0648-0538) is required, where applicable, for all newly proposed categories of activities as defined in our [Sea Grant Application Guide](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Guidance/SeaGrantGeneralApplicationGuide.pdf). For expansion of existing projects, which do not include new actions and were reviewed for environmental compliance in the original omnibus application, a questionnaire does not need to be completed. However, please attach a NEPA Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire and state at the top of the questionnaire “this project is an expansion of project XXX in the original omnibus application.”
* A data management plan is also required, see page 9 of our [Sea Grant Application Guide](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Guidance/SeaGrantGeneralApplicationGuide.pdf).

**Budget Forms and Budget Narrative**

* [90-4 forms](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/implementation) for each year of each project must be included, and a budget justification should be included for each project. A summary 90-4 Form for each year as well as a summary 90-4 for all four years of the proposal must be included. See pages 10-11 of our [Sea Grant Application Guidance](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Guidance/SeaGrantGeneralApplicationGuide.pdf) for details.
* A budget narrative detailing how funds will be expended in each project for each year is also required. See page 11-15 of the [Sea Grant Application Guide](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Guidance/SeaGrantGeneralApplicationGuide.pdf) for more details.

**Overall Proposal Package**

* Your application package must also include the following forms. A general breakdown of these forms is provided on pages 15-18 of our [Sea Grant Application Guide](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/1/Guidance/SeaGrantGeneralApplicationGuide.pdf).
* SF424 (obtain from [grants.gov](http://grants.gov/))
* SF424A (obtain from [grants.gov](http://grants.gov/))
* SF424B (obtain from [grants.gov](http://grants.gov/))
* CD511 (obtain from [grants.gov](http://grants.gov/))

[SF-424A Form, Extra Section B](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/implementation) (optional, if needed)