

National Sea Grant BIL Marine Debris Community Action Coalition Competition

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Community Action Coalition Competition: Goals & Structure

- Community-oriented projects
- Provide resources to address marine debris
- Support the creation of coalitions and partnerships
 - Planning and capacity building activities are encouraged
 - Clear deliverables
 - Measurable positive outcomes
 - Targeting groups that have not previously had access to appropriate resources
- Structure
 - Funding pool: ~\$3M
 - Funds are pooled from FY24 & FY25
 - Project size: ~ \$100-300k
 - Number of projects: ~ 10-15
 - Duration: 1-3 years
 - Reporting
 - NOAA's Grants Online (RPPR)
 - Sea Grant's PIER system (annual report)

Community Action Coalition Competition: Goals & Structure

- Require strong partnerships
- A Sea Grant program may submit more than one proposal
- Require participation in annual national Sea Grant marine debris meetings
- No match requirement
 - Leverage and partnerships are important
- Justice40 Program: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility (DEIJA) elements are essential

Community Action Coalition Competition: Eligibility

- Only Sea Grant programs can apply
- Sea Grant must be the lead PI
- Sea Grant programs must partner with appropriate communities
- You **must** have a Letter of Intent submitted on time through a Sea Grant program to be eligible to submit a full proposal

Community Action Coalition Competition: Priorities

- Support underserved & under-resourced communities
- Address topics from relevant, existing planning efforts
 - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2021. Reckoning with the U.S. Role in Global Ocean Plastic Waste
 - Regional marine debris action plans
 - Strategic plans
 - Similar documents

Community Action Coalition Competition: Priorities

- Building local coalitions and partnerships
- Providing technical support to local businesses, municipalities, and other stakeholders
- Enhance community literacy around marine debris through formal and informal education
- Educate and develop a local marine debris-aware workforce
- Others, as appropriate

Community Action Coalition Competition: Priorities

- Be responsive to state, local, and regional needs within a national framework.
- Leverage existing Sea Grant and partner investments and capacities.
- Embed diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and accessibility (DEIJA) fully into the effort.
- Show how this work will be enhanced through partnerships, including collaboration among Sea Grant programs, with the NOAA Marine Debris Program, and with other appropriate partners.

Community Action Coalition Competition: Key Dates

- Letters of Intent
 - December 14, 2023
- Full Proposals
 - March 5, 2024
- Project Start Date
 - September 1, 2024

Community Action Coalition Competition: Letters of Intent Requirements

- A letter of intent must be received to be eligible to submit a full proposal
- Letters of intent must be submitted by a Sea Grant program
- 2 pages; including:
 - Working project title
 - PI Name(s)
 - PI Position(s) and Affiliation
 - Partnering Sea Grant program
 - Contact information
 - Brief discussion of the partner community, including justification for selection
 - Brief discussion of the focal topic and approach
 - The approximate amount of funding to be requested

Community Action Coalition Competition: Full Proposal Narrative Requirements

- Project Description
 - Cover page
 - Project abstract
 - Project background
 - Project objectives
 - Project details
 - Anticipated outcomes and deliverables
 - Project timeline
 - Future competed research (if applicable)
 - Community engagement, DEIJA, and outreach plan
 - Works cited
 - Curriculum vitae (CV) for each co-PI
 - Letters of support
 - Current and pending support
- Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire
- Data Management Plan

Community Action Coalition Competition: Full Proposal Budget Narrative & Standard Forms

- Budget
 - Sea Grant 90-4 Forms
 - Per project: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Years 1-3
 - If more than one project, cumulative across projects
 - Budget Justification
 - Per project, by year
 - Include travel to an annual Sea Grant Marine Debris Meeting
- SF-424 Form
- SF-424A Form
- SF-424B Assurances
- CD-511 (if applicable)
- SF-LLL (if applicable)

Community Action Coalition Competition: Evaluation Criteria

- Administrative Review
 - Correct format, forms, etc.
 - Correct & consistent funding amounts
 - Failing this, your proposal WILL not be reviewed further
- Technical Review
 - Importance & Applicability (25 points)
 - Technical & Scientific Merit (30 points)
 - Overall Qualifications (10 points)
 - Community & Stakeholder Engagement, DEIJA, & Outreach (25 points)
 - Project Costs (10 points)
- Please read ALL criteria thoroughly

Other Marine Debris Funding Opportunities at NOAA

- Sea Grant Challenge Competition
- Marine Debris Program Removal Competition
- Marine Debris Program Interception Competition

Questions?

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