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## Sea Grant Marine Debris Funding Opportunities Now Open



Sea Grant announces \$19 million in federal funding opportunities to address the prevention and removal of marine debris.

- **Marine Debris Challenge Competition:** Approximately \$16,000,000 will be available to support innovative research to application projects that will address the prevention and removal of marine debris.
- **Marine Debris Community Action Coalitions:** Approximately \$3,000,000 will be available to support the creation of coalitions and partnerships to address marine debris prevention and removal.

Letters of intent and applications for both opportunities must be submitted through a Sea Grant Program and interested partners should contact a [Sea Grant Program](#).

Both opportunities encourage applicants and awardees to support the principles of justice, equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility when writing their proposals and performing their work. The work completed under these opportunities will place an emphasis on engagement with communities, groups and localities, especially those that have been traditionally underrepresented and underserved.

These opportunities are a component of [nearly \\$3 billion in targeted investments for NOAA](#) in the areas of habitat restoration, coastal resilience and weather forecasting infrastructure through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act.

[Read the full announcement](#)

To learn more about these opportunities, Sea Grant invites you to join two informational webinars on [October 2](#) (Community Action Coalitions) and [October 3](#) (Challenge Competition) at 4 pm ET.

If you have questions or need further assistance in identifying a Sea Grant Program to partner with, please contact [oar.sg.marine-debris@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.sg.marine-debris@noaa.gov) and specify the funding opportunity your question is related to in the subject line.

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