

ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ALABAMA COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), State Lands Division, Coastal Section is accepting proposals for projects to be performed in the Alabama Coastal Area (defined as Mobile County and Baldwin County) for Fiscal Year 2027 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027). This competitive funding opportunity is administered by State Land's Alabama Coastal Area Management Program (ACAMP) utilizing federal funds currently anticipated to be provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA). ACAMP is accepting applications through this Request for Proposals for projects that protect, enhance, and improve the management of natural, cultural, and historical coastal resources and that increase the sustainability, resiliency, and preparedness of coastal communities.

Proposals for planning and education and outreach projects must address coastal management issues related to at least one of the following focus areas:

- ❖ Government Coordination and Local Government Planning
- ❖ Coastal Hazards and Resilient Communities
- ❖ Coastal Habitats, Wetland Protection and Coastal Resource Stewardship
- ❖ Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control

Proposals for land acquisition and low-cost construction must be related to the following focus area:

- ❖ Public Access to Coastal Resources: Construction or Land Acquisition Furthering Public Access

Funding is geographically limited to Mobile and Baldwin Counties by provisions of the CZMA and requires a 1:1 ratio of non-federal matching funds. The preferred minimum funding amount is \$20,000 federal funds; the preferred maximum is \$50,000 federal funds. If selected, it is currently anticipated that funds will be available on or after October 1, 2026, for a period not to exceed 12 months.

TO APPLY AND FOR DETAILS OF SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Visit www.alabamacoastalprograms.com to view the Application Guidance and download the fillable Annual Funding Application form. You can also contact Coastal Section staff at 251-621-1216 for copies of these documents.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- ❖ Units of coastal government including Mobile County, Baldwin County, and municipalities within those counties (and any boards, departments, agencies, corporations or instrumentalities of such coastal governments) or tribal governments within Mobile and Baldwin counties

- ❖ Alabama state agencies whose activities affect or are affected by activities in the coastal area
- ❖ Non-profits assisting coastal governments and/or state agencies with efforts to effectively exercise responsibilities and manage coastal resources for public benefit in the coastal area
- ❖ Area-wide agencies, regional planning agencies, conservation districts, and port authorities
- ❖ Alabama school districts, public colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: Friday, March 27, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

Proposals can be submitted by email, overnight courier, hand delivery or regular mail (however, due to recently experienced delays with regular mail, the listed alternative delivery methods are strongly suggested).

For overnight courier, hand delivery and regular mail use the following address:

State Lands Division Coastal Section
c/o Will Underwood
31115 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Electronic submissions should be e-mailed in Portable Document Format (.pdf) to DCNR.Coastal@dcnr.alabama.gov with ACAMP Funding Application in the subject line.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure actual receipt by the State Lands Division, Coastal Section prior to this deadline. ADCNR makes no guarantee that any project proposal will be implemented.

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**ALABAMA COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
Proposal Application**

Please use one application per project.

Indicate Focus Area (check all that apply):

- A. Government Coordination and Local Government Planning
- B. Coastal Hazards and Resilient Communities
- C. Coastal Habitats, Wetland Protection and Coastal Resource Stewardship
- D. Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control
- E. Public Access to Coastal Resources: Construction or Land Acquisition Furthering Public Access

Title of Project: _____

Location of Project (Include physical address and GPS coordinates in decimal degrees, if applicable):

Applicant (Organization Name): _____

Applicant Federal Identification Number: _____

Applicant UEID Number: _____

Federal Funding Request: \$ _____ **Non-Federal Match: \$** _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____

Project Contact (within Organization): _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Authorized Representative (within Organization) to execute subaward agreement: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Complete all sections below using the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program Guidance at the following link: <https://www.outdooralabama.com/coastalprograms>

Qualifying applications submitted by 5:00PM on Friday, March 27, 2026, will be scored using the evaluation criteria detailed in the Application Guidance. Please adhere to the word limit allotted for each section. Text boxes will only allow the specified word count.

TITLE OF PROJECT: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Provide a brief abstract of the project below (500 words or less).

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK: Provide the proposed project purpose and scope of work to be conducted (*1200 words or less*).

2. FOCUS AREA CONNECTION: Provide brief explanation on how the proposed project addresses issues related to the focus area(s) selected on page 1 (*300 words or less*).

3. PUBLIC BENEFIT: Briefly describe how the project fulfills an existing public need/benefit either directly and/or indirectly (*300 words or less*).

4. OUTREACH: Describe any proactive public education and/or community outreach component(s) to be incorporated into the project (*300 words or less*).

5. PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT: Identify any partners for the project (*300 words or less*).

6. SCHEDULE: Outline the project schedule showing the progress and completion of key project tasks with associated outcomes and deliverables (*300 words or less*).

7. MEASURING SUCCESS AND NEXT STEPS: Describe how success of the project will be measured and next steps for the project following expiration of grant funding (*300 words or less*).

8. PROPOSED BUDGET: Please provide a categorized budget summary in the table below. Round to the nearest dollar. The total value of non-federal match must be equal to or greater than the federal funds requested. Project costs will be evaluated to ensure that they are reasonable and sufficient to successfully achieve project completion. Highest scoring projects will pose a high overall public benefit relative to its cost.

Category	Federal Funds Requested	Value of Non-Federal Match CASH	Value of Non-Federal Match IN-KIND	Category Total
Salary	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fringe Benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$
Travel	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment <i>Non-expendable item that costs over \$10,000 per unit</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Supplies/Materials <i>Item less than \$10,000 per unit. (e.g. office supplies)</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Contractual¹ <i>Services to be completed by a third-party</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$	\$
Indirect	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

¹Applicants may choose to utilize a contractor or third-party to complete some or all of the proposed work. If any portion of the proposed project will be completed through a contract, NOAA requires a separate budget for that contract to be completed for transparency purposes. See the Contract Budget Supplement on the following page.

In the following table, provide a brief justification for the expenditures in each category above.

Category	Budget Justification
Salary	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment <i>Non-expendable item that costs over \$10,000 per unit</i>	
Supplies <i>Item less than \$10,000 per unit. (e.g. office supplies, construction materials)</i>	
Contractual	<i>For this section, complete the Contract Budget Supplement below.</i>
Other	
Indirect <i>A copy of the applicant's current NICRA must be attached to the completed application.</i>	

Contract Budget Supplement

Budget Justification: *Provide a description of work to be performed by a third-party and identify the contractor, if known. The contractor must be selected in accordance with 2 CFR §200.320.*

Budget Category: The total value in this table must match the “Category Total” listed in the Contractual category above. If a contractor will not be selected until the grant is awarded, please indicate this in the budget justification above and estimate contractual budget amounts to the best of your ability.

Contract Category	Total Value
Salary	\$
Fringe Benefits	\$
Travel	\$
Equipment	\$
Supplies/Materials	\$
Sub-Contractual ¹	\$
Other	\$
Total	\$

¹If a contractor will sub-contract additional work, please include a separate budget and budget justification for that subcontract with the application package.

9. DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN: NOAA requires that grantees and subaward grant recipients comply with data management requirements as outlined in NOAA Administrative Order 2 12-15. If data will be collected and/or created as a part of the proposed project, please describe the types of data and data collection methods below. If this project is selected for funding, Coastal Section staff will assist the project applicant in completing a data management and sharing plan for the project. However, it will be the sole responsibility of the applicant to satisfactorily complete data management plan requirements in order to receive funding.

A. Describe the types of data and/or information to be created during the course of the project.

B. Describe the type of data collection method(s) (e.g. consumer GPS, survey grade GPS, aircraft, ship, etc.).

10. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS: Complete the following section for proposed public access improvement projects. If this project is selected for funding, Coastal Section Staff will assist the project applicant in completing a more detailed Section 306a Public Access Questionnaire for the project. However, it will be the sole responsibility of the applicant to satisfactorily complete the requirements of the public access questionnaire in order to receive funding. Follow this link for additional information.
<https://coast.noaa.gov/data/czm/media/guide306a.pdf>

A. 306A Objectives (Check all that apply):

- 306A(b)(1)(A) (preservation or restoration of areas seaward of the legislatively defined 10 foot elevation contour as designated in the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program in accordance with CZMA section 306(d)(9))
- 306A(b)(1)(B) (preservation or restoration of coastal resource of national significance or restoring or enhancing shellfish production/cultch) Identify coastal resource:

- 306A(b)(2) (redevelopment of deteriorating or underused urban or working waterfronts designated as areas of particular concern in the state's coastal management program) Identify the area of particular concern:

- 306A(b)(3) (providing public access to coastal areas)
- 306A(b)(4) (development of process for aquaculture)

B. 306A Allowable Uses (Check all that apply):

- 306A(c)(2)(A) (fee simple or other interest in land 306A(c)(2)(B) (low-cost construction projects, including most restoration projects)
- 306A(c)(2)(C)(ii) (shoreline stabilization/living shorelines)
- 306A(c)(2)(C)(i) (revitalize urban or working waterfronts-piers)
- 306A(c)(2)(C)(iii) (revitalize urban or working waterfronts-pilings)
- 306A(c)(2)(D) (engineering designs, specifications, other 306A reports)
- 306A(c)(2)(E) (educational, interpretive, and management costs, including signage and kiosks and aquaculture permitting processes)

C. Public Benefit

The project must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for 306A funding:

1. The project will be for public benefit. YES NO
2. The project will be located on a property that is publicly owned or accessible via a publicly held easement. In the case of acquisition, the property will become publicly owned and accessible as a result of the project. YES NO
3. The project will not improve private property and will not have a primary purpose of private or commercial gain. YES NO

If the answer to any of the above questions is “NO,” the project is not eligible for Section 306A funding.

4. The state or sub-recipient will need to secure an easement or lease to conduct the project because the state or sub-recipient does not own the property.
 YES NO

If the answer to the above question is “YES,” attach a copy of the easement or lease to this questionnaire and answer questions c5 and c6 below; if “NO,” go on to c7.

5. What is the term of the easement or lease? (Provide date of expiration or specify if in perpetuity):

6. The easement or lease contains a reversionary clause.
 YES NO N/A If yes, attach a copy of the reversionary clause to this questionnaire.

7. The project will be open to the general public. YES NO N/A

If the answer to c7 is “NO,” the project is not eligible for Section 306A funding unless access is to be limited for a legitimate reason, such as public safety, resource restoration or protection, or scientific research. Attach an explanation for why the project will not be open to the public and describe the public benefits that would be provided by the project in absence of the project being open to the general public. For example, a rain garden or living shoreline may provide

water quality and ecosystem benefits, but not be “open” to the public for the purposes of access or recreation.

8. The public will be charged a user fee to access the project.

YES NO N/A

If the answer to c8 is “YES,” attach an explanation for the user fee, including the amount, whether there will be differential fees (and a justification thereof), the need for the fees, and proposed use of the revenue. The revenue from access fees must be used to maintain the public access site. For additional details, see Section 306A Guidance, Section 2.4.4.