**Restore America’s Estuary**

**2020 Funding Cycle RFP**

* **Letters of Intent due 5pm on August 7, 2020**
* **Full proposals invitation only due 5pm November 6, 2020**

**The grant funds projects within the 28 NEP watersheds geographic areas** [**map**](https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=a071db5870714235835c9c7eeec1bd48&extent=-145.3757,7.5036,-49.487,64.0384)

**APNEP is eligible to be listed in 3 of the accepted proposal applications, of those three proposals APNEP will need to prioritize & rank the proposals. This limits any monopolizing of the funding by any NEP’s.**

**2020 Funding Priorities:**

* **Nutrients**
* **Loss of Habitat**
* **Flooding and Coastal Erosion**

**Eligible Applicants are state, interstate, tribal, inter-tribal consortia and regional water pollution control agencies & entities, state coastal zone management agencies, and other public or non-profit agencies, institutions, and organizations.**

**Funding amounts range from $75,000 to $250,000 and projects must be completed within a two-year period. Match is required at 33% of the federal funds awarded, match funds must be nonfederal or 25% of the total project cost. Funds can not be used to purchase land, but land cost can be a source of match.**

**Webinar will be held on June 3 from 1pm – 3pm, you must register to participate:**

[**https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7703010645358267919**](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7703010645358267919)

**Examples of project types:**

* **Monitor & assess coastal ecosystems to determine changes in ecological conditions**
* **Assess effectiveness of management actions on water quality & estuarine living resources**
* **Strengthen coalitions and build new partnerships among coastal communities**
* **Build local capacity to protect and restore watersheds and living resources**
* **Develop ecological and socio-economic indicators to measure resilience to stressors**
* **Identify sources of emerging contaminants**
* **Apply innovative approaches, practices, or methods to treat, remove, or prevent pollution & contaminants before they enter the estuaries and tributaries**

**Output examples:**

* **Pollutant load reductions**
* **Innovative watershed based nutrient reduction strategies**

**RFP Announcement:**

[**https://estuaries.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NEP-CWG-RFP-2020-FINAL.pdf**](https://estuaries.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NEP-CWG-RFP-2020-FINAL.pdf)