Ohio Coastal Land Acquisition Funding Opportunity for the Coastal & Estuarine Land Conservation Program

Deadline

Proposals must be received by the Ohio Coastal Management Program no later than 4 pm Friday March 4, 2011.

Funding Opportunity:

The Ohio Coastal Management Program (OCMP) is soliciting applications for land acquisition grants through the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). The OCMP may submit up to three project proposals to the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce. NOAA will then develop a prioritized list of projects that are ready and eligible for funding, and match the prioritized list to available funding. Projects funded under this program will have a grant start date between July 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012. Availability of funding is contingent upon federal FY11 Congressional appropriations.

How to Apply:

Proposals must follow the Application Template provided at www.ohiodnr.com/tabid/9280/default.aspx.

To apply, submit one original, signed copy of the application and an electronic version of the application by the Ohio deadline of 4 pm on Friday March 4, 2011. The electronic version may be sent on CD along with the hard copy, or emailed to coastal@dnr.state.oh.us.

Mail or deliver the application to:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Office of Coastal Management
105 West Shoreline Drive
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Funding Goals and Eligibility:

- The CELCP was established "for the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses."
- Project proposals should reflect the priorities identified in Ohio's federally approved CELCP plan which can be downloaded at: www.ohiodnr.com/tabid/9280/default.aspx
- Grants may be awarded to public agencies for acquisition of fee simple interests in lands or conservation easements from willing sellers.
- Projects should be completed within 18 months from the start date of the grant. NOAA may extend project grants up to an additional 18 months (for a total project period of 3 years maximum).
- Requested funding may not exceed $3 million per project.
- CELCP grants require a minimum 1:1 non-federal match. Proposals must identify non-federal matching funds at least equal to the requested funding.

Learn more:

For additional information about the Ohio application process, and to discuss potential projects, please contact the following Office of Coastal Management staff by phone at 419.626.7980 or via e-mail:

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