Coastal Management Program Cycle 31 Handout

Funding Priorities

Public Access
- Creation of new public access points to beaches, bays, parks, and other public land through the creation of infrastructure or land acquisition.
- Enhancement/rehabilitation of existing public access points to beaches, bays, parks, and other public land through the creation of infrastructure or land acquisition.
- Construction, enhancement or retrofitting for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance of public access amenities such as dune walkovers, parking area, and pathways to the public beach or parks.
- Coastwide inventory of ADA accessible public access areas and dune walkovers, and identification of needs to achieve ADA accessibility.

Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution
- Provide local planning and ordinance development assistance to enhance management of coastal nonpoint source (NPS) pollution.
- Engineering, design, and construction for NPS pollution loading reduction and retrofit projects or techniques that enhance management of NPS pollution to protect coastal habitat or reduce fecal indicator bacteria contaminants.
- Analysis of environmental data to enhance understanding and inform actions to reduce NPS pollution, including fecal indicator bacteria.
- Actions to reduce overall loading of contaminants from On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF).

Coastal Hazards
- Living shoreline feasibility studies, alternatives analysis and engineering and design.
- Living shoreline construction and/or post-construction effectiveness monitoring.
- Coastal current (circulation) data for application to oil spill response, habitat restoration, and hydrodynamic modeling.
- Projects that improve or expand datasets for monitoring and modeling water conditions and flow in tidal and coastal streams, including but not limited to wave data and stream gauging in ungauged watersheds.
- Projects that investigate the application of artificial intelligence in understanding flooding and simulate compound flooding events.
- Ecological risk modeling based on multiple chemicals of concern.
- Baseline survey of oil on Texas beaches.
- Reconnaissance-level and/or design-level geotech for offshore sediment borrow area development in the coastal boundary zone.
- Studies on how dune and dune vegetation restoration varies based on different restoration techniques (i.e., harvested plants versus seedlings, watering frequency, planting density and diversity, use of soft stabilization techniques, such as hay bales or similar material).

- Inventory of upland and bay area borrow sites.
- Cross-shore sediment transport study.
- Marine debris removal efforts.

Coastal Habitat
- Engineering, design, and/or construction for projects that will result in acres of habitat restored.
- Oyster mariculture studies demonstrating effects on water quality, nutrient reduction, enhanced habitat value for recreational fishing, and other ecosystem services.
- Land acquisition to facilitate public access, preservation, or hazard mitigation.
- Habitat creation and restoration (including using oyster shells for restoration).
- Projects that link key species and habitat management to freshwater inflows.
- Assessments of restoration needs for Coastal Natural Resource Areas (CNRAs).
- Projects that explore the impacts of seawater desalination on key species populations or habitat quality.
- Updated coastal habitat status and trends reports that bring together existing mapped coastal habitat data and quantity changes across time specific to habitat type and region.

<u>Financial Tips</u>
- Fringe Benefits: no more than 35% of salaries and wages

- Travel: Must claim actual expenses and itemized receipts. Must follow the State of Texas Travel Guidelines (TexTravel):
  https://fmx.cpa.texas.gov/fmx/travel/textravel/rates/current.php

- Supplies: Less than $10,000

- Equipment: More than $10,000

- Contractual: Copy of each subcontract agreement must be submitted to the GLO within 10 days of execution, including agreements with Third Party contributors

- When using fleet vehicles either the allowable mileage rate or the value of hourly usage (ex. rental car rate plus gas) may be used. Fleet vehicle usage will be reported under "Other".