

2020 Coastal Grants

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What we will cover today

- Brief overview of Coastal Management Program
- Grant Program Overview and Details
- Application Process
- Question and Answer



CMP Overview

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a red t-shirt, is looking down at a white mesh net he is holding. The net contains several green, fuzzy aquatic organisms, likely algae or small plants. He is standing in a wooded area with many thin trees and green foliage in the background. A dirt path is visible to the right.

Mission: We protect and enhance the environmental, economic, and social value of Illinois' Great Lakes coast, fostering healthy ecosystems and resilient communities.

Coastal Program Focus Areas

- Coastal communities
- Economic development, recreation & access
- Coastal habitats & species



What we do

- Engage and connect communities with Lake Michigan and the coast
- Enhance coastal stewardship
- Promote balanced use
- Improve interagency coordination



Where we work



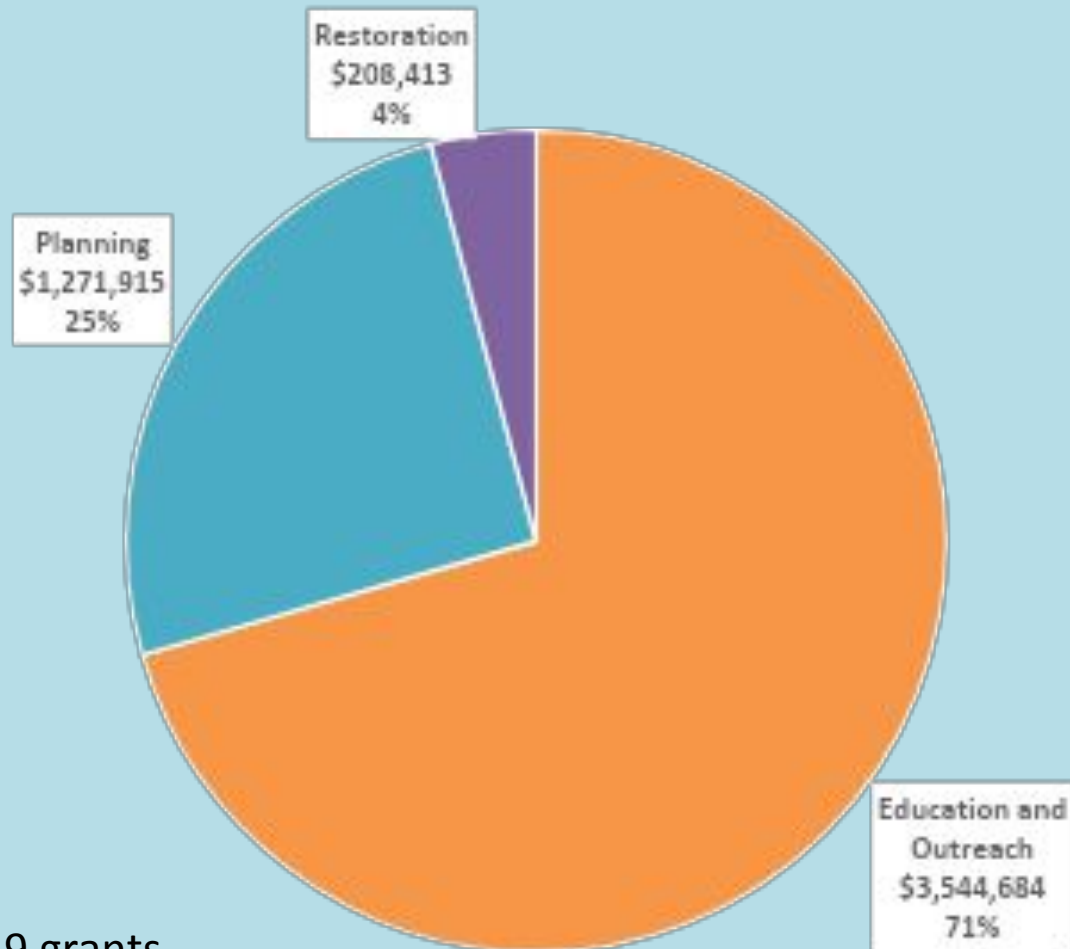


Grant Program Overview

IDNR Coastal Grant Program 2013-2019

- 6 Grant Cycles
- Grant pause in 2017
- Over \$5.5 million dollars awarded
- Over 120 grants to 60 grantees
- **Range:** \$3,000 to >\$100,000
- **Median:** \$43,543 **Average:** \$51,125

Overview of Past Competitive Grants*



*Excludes 2019 grants

Changes in 2018/2019

- Grant Accountability and Transparency Act
- New strategic plan
- Pre-application process



Grant Program Details



Ravine
Restoration
In Progress

*Made possible in part
by a Grant from the
Illinois Coastal Management Program*



2020 Grant Program Details

Request for Proposals: TBD – most likely October/November

Full Application Deadline: 45 days after applicants with successful pre-applications are notified

Grant Amounts: \$1,000 to \$100,000

Match: 1:1 for most projects

Economically Challenged Communities: 1:3

Total Funding Available: Past rounds have awarded between \$550,000 and \$975,000 per funding year

Applications available at:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/grants.aspx>

Grant Program Details

Eligible Applicants:

- Units of local government
- Universities
- Non-profit organizations



Previous application(s) do not impact eligibility

Grant Program Details

- Reimbursement Grant
- Grant Period: 18 months
- Fall 2021 through Spring 2023

Actual timing will depend upon approval process



Grant Program Details

- Multiple pre-applications allowed
- Partnerships are encouraged
- Successful applicants must sign a grant agreement
- Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly grant reports (\$25,000 or more) or twice annual reports (<\$25,000)



Match

- 1:1 non-federal match required for most applicants
- Reduced match (1:3, grant is for 75% of total cost) for local governmental applicants in economically-challenged communities
- Cash or in-kind match allowed



Economically-Challenged Community List

- Blue Island
- Burnham
- Calumet City
- Calumet Park
- Dolton
- North Chicago
- Riverdale
- Waukegan
- Zion

Local governmental applicants from these communities qualify for reduced match requirement

Restrictions

Grant and match funds cannot be used for:

- Food and beverage
- On-the-ground or site-specific planning projects outside of the Coastal Area
- Land acquisition
- Academic research



Funding Categories

- 1) Coastal Habitats and Species
- 2) Coastal Public Access, Recreation, and Coastal Dependent Economic Development
- 3) Coastal Community Resilience
- 4) 2019 Special Funding Category: Lake Michigan Beach Management Planning



Coastal Habitats and Species

GOALS

- Implement the Lake Michigan and Coastal Campaign of the Wildlife Action Plan
- Protect and improve coastal habitats
- Mitigate threats to habitats or species
- Lay the groundwork for future conservation



Coastal Public Access, Recreation, and Coastal Dependent Economic Development GOALS

- Facilitate and support coastal resource-related economic development including:
 - Recreation
 - Public Access
 - Tourism



Photo Credit: The Waterways Journal Weekly

Coastal Community Resilience

GOALS

- Improved understanding and awareness of coastal hazards
- Facilitation of planning for long-term solutions
- Increased coordination and collaboration among communities to solve regional problems together.



Special Funding Category

2019 - Lake Michigan Beach Management Planning

GOALS

- Create beach management plans for public beaches. Plans should move communities towards sustainable, cost-effective, and comprehensive management of their beaches.



Examples of projects

- Planning - master plans, restoration plans, trail plans
- On-the ground restoration – removal of invasive species, revegetation, ravine restoration
- Education and outreach - interpretive signs, development of curriculum, workforce development, community engagement





Application Process

Pre-application

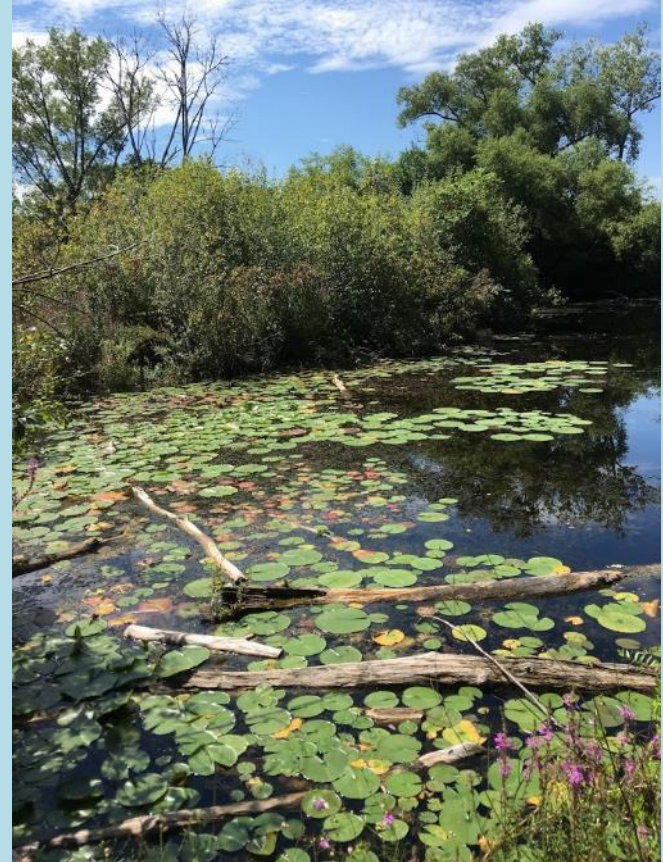
- Uniform Grant Application
- Pre-Application Budget
- Pre-Application Narrative
- Letter(s) of Commitment



Photo Credit: League of Women Voters of Illinois

Pre-Application Selection Criteria

- Focus Area Alignment
- Need
- Anticipated Impact
- Feasibility
- Quality of proposal



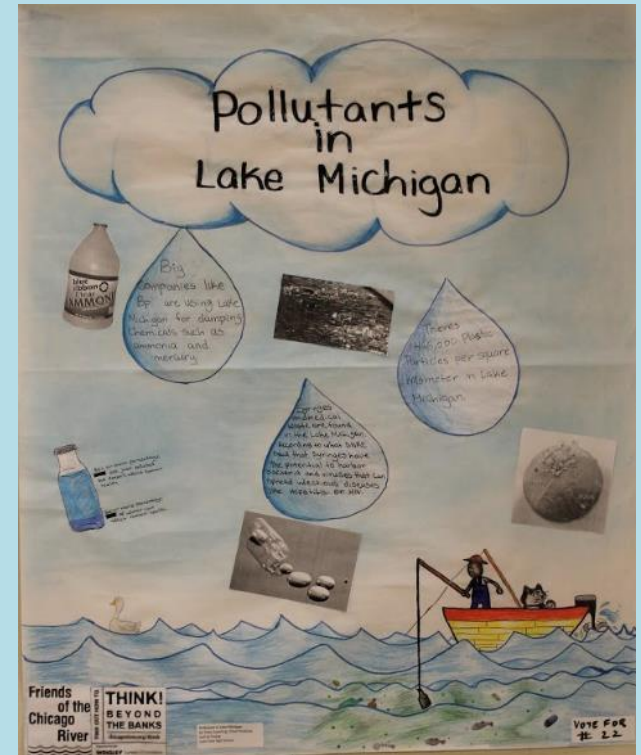
Full Application

- Application Materials

- Uniform Grant Application
- Timeline
- GATA Budget
- Full Application Narrative
- Map and Mapping File(s)
- Letter(s) of Commitment
- Letters of Support (optional)
- W-9 (first time grantees only)

And, if applicable

- Habitat and Low-Cost Construction Checklist
- Proof of ownership such as a notarized affidavit or title insurance commitment
- Lease (e.g., park district leases site from MWRD)



Pre-qualification

Register on <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal>

Pre-Qualification Requirements

- Have a valid DUNS number
- Have a current SAM.gov account
- Not be on the Federal Excluded Parties List
- Be in Good Standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, as applicable
- Not be on the Illinois Stop Payment list
- Not on the Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list.

Full Application

- Risk Assessment Questionnaires
 - Internal Controls Questionnaire (completed on Grantee Portal)
 - Programmatic Risk Assessment (.pdf)



Potential Timeline*

- Oct/Nov 2020 – Request for Proposal (RFP) published
 - January 2021 – Pre-applications due
 - March 2021: Pre-application decision notification
 - April/May 2021: Deadline for full application, 45 days after notification
 - June/July 2021: Full application decision notification
 - Fall 2021: Projects start
 - Spring 2023: Projects end
- *Subject to change



Recent challenges

- No Chicago-based grants administrator
 - Not able to offer pre-consultations
 - Other CMP staff filling in on grants management
- COVID-19
 - IDNR grants staff working remotely
 - Will have a backlog of issues to address



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Questions?

