

Funding for Coastal Resilience Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Infrastructure Bill at a Glance

- Signed into law November 2021: \$1.2 trillion
- NOAA: Roughly \$3 billion, over five years, through 18 provisions across several NOAA offices
- Several provisions focused on coastal resilience; funding issued through competitive grants for habitat conservation and coastal resilience

Summary of Relevant NOAA Funds

Under Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, NOAA will invest (over five years):

- \$206 million National Coastal Zone Management Program
- \$492 million National Coastal Resilience Fund – habitat restoration and other activities that increase natural infrastructure
- \$491 million through NOAA’s Office of Habitat Conservation – fisheries habitat restoration
- \$150 million - provide for marine debris assessment, prevention, mitigation, and removal

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: National Coastal Zone Management Program

- Goals: habitat restoration, ecosystem conservation, resilience
- Eligible applicants: coastal zone management programs
 - Can be pass-through to other non-federal partners
 - Projects must be within coastal zone boundary or coastal watershed county
- FY 2022 funding: approximately \$40 million
- FY 2022 deadlines: TBD
- Contact: Liz Mountz (Elizabeth.Mountz@noaa.gov)

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: National Coastal Resilience Fund

- Goals: nature-based coastal resilience projects that also enhance fish and wildlife habitat
 - Eligible applicants: state, tribal, territorial agencies; municipal governments; non-profits; educational institutions; commercial organizations
 - FY 2022 funding: approximately \$140 million (no maximum limit on award amounts; estimated average \$100,000 to \$10 million)
 - FY 2022 deadlines: Pre-proposals due April 21, 2022
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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Habitat Restoration and Resilience

- Goal: Restore marine, estuarine, coastal, or Great Lakes ecosystems, using approaches that enhance community resilience to climate hazards.
- Lead: NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation
- \$491 million over five years
- FY 2022 deadlines: TBD
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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Marine Debris

- Goals: Provide funding for marine debris assessments, prevention, mitigation, and removal.
- Eligible applicants: state, local, tribal, territory and FAS governments, institution of higher education, nonprofit organization, or commercial organizations
- \$150 million over five years
- FY 2022 deadlines: TBD
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- *Build.gov* provides overview
- Find subsection on resilience under “Climate, Energy, and the Environment”
- Ability to sort and easily see resilience funding opportunities found at bottom of the page

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Questions

Thank you!

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