

Virginia CZM Program Competitive Grants

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FY17 Focal Area Grants

Grants run from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018

Proposals should be for one year, but should envision three years of work (similar to HRPDC climate projects 2008-2011)

- Funding not guaranteed (depends on funding and success of first year)

VCZMP expects total available funding of \$300,000/year

Grants require a 1:1 match

Proposals due March 24

Building Natural and Community Resilience

These projects will help coastal ecosystems and communities adapt to sea level rise and other predicted impacts of climate change. Proposals may address resilience-building activities that result in:

- Improved coastal community resiliency planning
- Management, preservation, restoration, or monitoring of natural and nature-based features or other habitats that may be impacted by climate change

Preserving the Rural Landscape and Economy

These projects will help rural coastal communities strengthen economic value and sustain ecological assets in the face of multiple stressors, such as decreasing population, declining economic growth and changing landscape exacerbated by sea level-rise. Proposals may address:

- Protection of land and water assets coupled with coordinated economic development initiatives
- Habitat restoration or enhancement to facilitate sustainable economic development

Resolving Near-Shore Use Conflicts

These projects will help manage competing water and land uses such as intensive aquaculture, recreation and waterfront development.

Proposals may involve:

- Updating procedures for managing increased shellfish aquaculture activity
- Providing new tools to help preserve scenic and recreational values while accommodating commercial enterprises
- Research and/or incentives to encourage aquaculture further offshore to reduce shallow water conflicts

Discussion

Past Ideas:

- Wetlands Restoration and Prioritization Tool
- Update to Regional Green Infrastructure Plan

Recent Ideas:

- Analysis of sea level rise impacts on critical infrastructure identified in Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Updating VMRC processes to better address non-commercial uses of state waters

Others?