
NOAA Grants

"NOAA's work touches the daily lives of every person in the United States and in much of the world. From weather forecasts in the Midwest to fisheries management on the East Coast, from safe navigation to coastal services in the Gulf, from remote sensing to climate research and ocean exploration, NOAA's products and services contribute to the foundation of a healthy economy and affect approximately one-third of the nation's gross domestic product."

- Dr. Jane Lubchenco
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
and NOAA Administrator

NOAA's Mission and Vision

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is a science-based federal agency within the Department of Commerce with regulatory, operational, and information service responsibilities. NOAA manages a \$4.37 billion (FY 2009) budget and has about 12,800 employees with a presence in every state and our territories.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment and to conserve, protect, and manage coastal, marine, and Great Lakes' resources to meet our nation's economic, social, and environmental needs. NOAA's comprehensive system for acquiring observations – from satellites to ships to radars – provides the quality data and information critical for the safe conduct of daily life and the basic functioning of a modern economy. Americans rely on NOAA for an incredible variety of products: providing local weather forecasts, keeping coastal waters safe and vibrant, maintaining a sustainable supply of quality seafood, ensuring the safe transport of waterborne cargo, as well as keeping a close eye on the ever-changing affects of our sun on space weather.

NOAA's vision is an informed society that uses a comprehensive understanding of the role of the oceans, coasts, and atmosphere in the global ecosystem to make the best social and economic decisions. Success in achieving our vision depends upon how well we understand Earth's dynamic, natural systems and how well we assess the affects of human activities upon those systems. NOAA warns of dangerous weather, charts our seas, protects and guides our use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes' resources, and conducts research to improve our understanding and stewardship of the environment, which sustains us all. To learn more about NOAA, please visit <http://www.noaa.gov>.

NOAA Grants Management Division

The Grants Management Division (GMD) supports NOAA's mission by reviewing solicitations for applications, processing applications after program selection, negotiating awards, managing administrative and financial aspects of awards, monitoring progress against expenditures, resolving audit problems, and closing out awards when the projects are completed. The GMD sponsors workshops and training sessions for recipients and program officials to keep the NOAA grants community current on procedures and requirements relating to grants and cooperative agreements.

In fiscal year 2009, **GMD processed 2,136 awards** to support research and conservation initiatives coordinated by state and local governments, non-profits, and colleges and universities. **GMD awarded funds totaling \$1.174 billion to over 800 recipients.** That is almost 27 percent of NOAA's annual budget committed to making progress in understanding the link between our global economy and our planet's environment.

NOAA Grant Opportunities at Grants.gov

All NOAA grant opportunities are listed at <http://www.grants.gov>. [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all federal grant-making agencies, including NOAA. [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) is the central storehouse of information on over 1,000 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies, and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. In addition to finding grant opportunities at [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), you can register yourself or your organization, apply for a grant, and track the status of your application.