



Florida Coastal Management Program Grant Opportunities

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Florida Coastal Management Program





Coastal Partnership Initiative

- **The Coastal Partnership Initiative (CPI) is administered by the Florida Coastal Management Program, in the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.**
- **Funding provided through a partnership with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Coastal Zone Management Program.**





Coastal Partnership Initiative

- **The Coastal Partnership Initiative was developed to promote the protection and effective management of Florida's coastal resources in four specific priority areas:**
 - **Resilient Communities.**
 - **Coastal Resource Stewardship.**
 - **Public Access to Coastal Resources.**
 - **Working Waterfronts.**





Who is Eligible?

- Florida's 35 coastal counties and municipalities within their boundaries that are required to include a coastal element in their comprehensive plan. An entity (a local government or other eligible applicant) may submit one application per funding cycle.
- Florida's public colleges, universities, regional planning councils, national estuary programs and nonprofit groups may also apply provided that an eligible local government agrees to participate as a partner and signs the application.





CPI Priority Areas

Resilient Communities



Vulnerability analyses and risk assessments; coastal wetland restoration; improving community resiliency to coastal hazards.

Public Access to Coastal Resources



Small-scale capital improvements like walkovers, boardwalks, and facilities; land acquisition and management planning.

Coastal Resource Stewardship



Coastal clean-ups; environmental awareness initiatives; resource restoration; invasive species management.

Working Waterfronts



Small-scale construction projects that renew or promote interest in waterfront districts; developing vision plans.





CPI Awards

- Financial awards are limited to no more than \$60,000 for construction projects, habitat restoration, invasive exotic plant removal or land acquisition, and no more than \$30,000 for planning, design and coordination activities. The minimum award is \$10,000 and requires 100% (1:1) cash or in-kind match from the recipient.
- **Funding Cycle**
 - The funding year typically begins July 1 and ends June 30 the following year. Projects are to be completed within 12 months. Awards for this cycle would begin **July 1, 2027.**





CPI Application Process

- **Application Window and Deadline**
 - A Notice of Funds Availability will be published in the Florida Administrative Register (target: mid June) to open the application period. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. EDT on the day identified in the notice, via email (preferred) or hardcopy. (@late Summer 2026)
- **Application Review**
 - Eligible CPI applications are reviewed and ranked by a committee of coastal resource experts, using the criteria listed in the application. The highest ranked projects will be considered for funding as available. All information required for application evaluation must be submitted in the CPI grant application.





CPI Application Form

- **Application Form**
 - An application form must be completed by the applicant.
 - Construction and restoration projects also require a completed 306A Questionnaire.
 - The application form and 306A Questionnaire can be downloaded from the Grants webpage: <https://floridadep.gov/rcp/fcmp/content/grants>
 - The application form and 306A Questionnaire can also be provided via email upon request.





Federal Environmental Compliance under the National Environmental Protection Act

- Required for construction and soil disturbing projects, including restoration and invasive species management/removal.
- Applicants must complete 306A Questionnaire.
- Permits do not need to be in place prior to application, but applicant must conduct preliminary consultation with regulatory authorities
 - Project timeline must include adequate time for permitting.
- Additional review by NOAA for NEPA compliance.

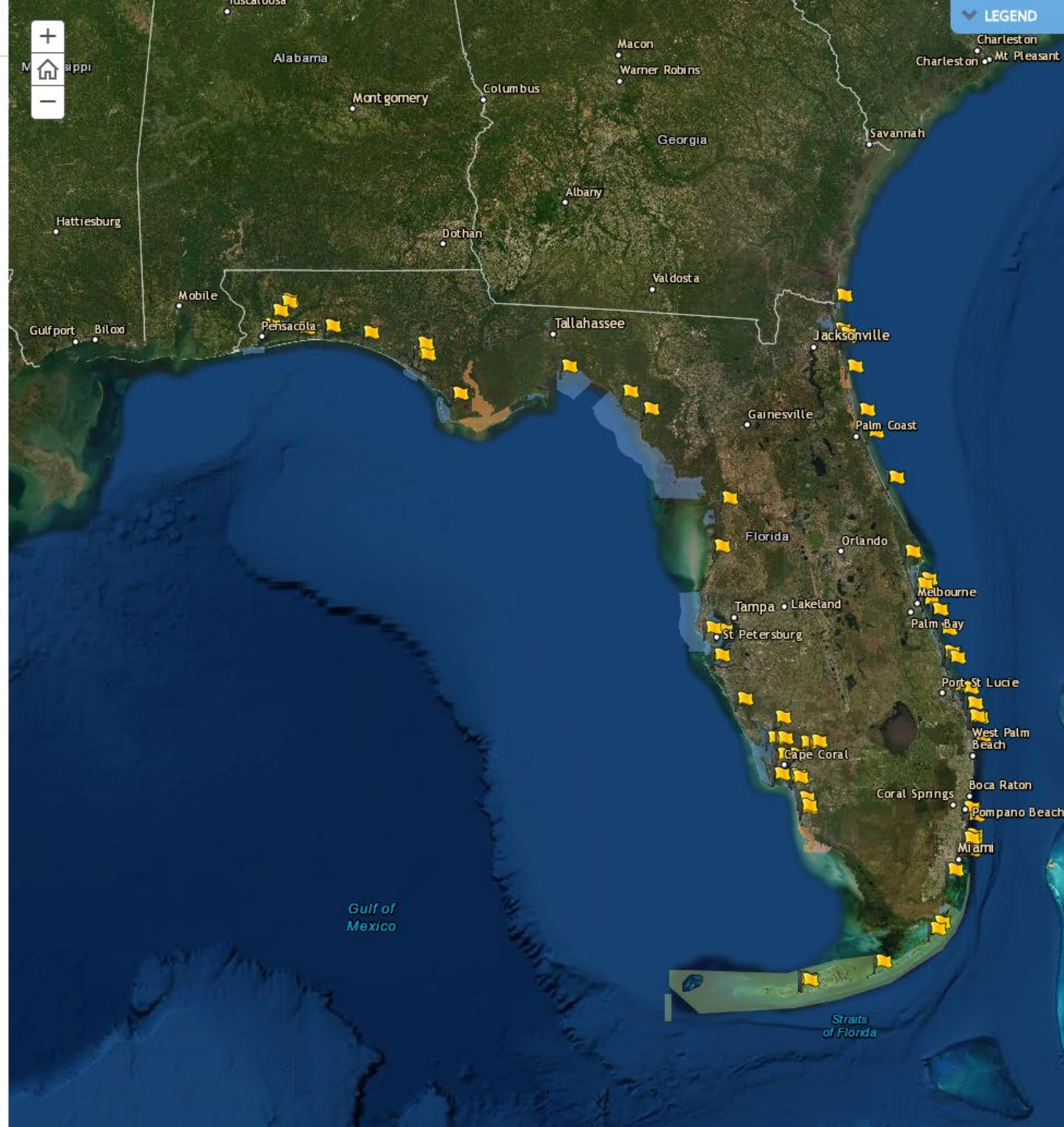




Florida's Coastal Partnership Initiative

The Florida Coastal Management Program is based on a network of agencies implementing 24 statutes that protect and enhance the state's natural, cultural and economic coastal resources. The goal of the program is to coordinate local, state and federal agency activities using existing laws to ensure that Florida's coast is as valuable to future generations as it is today. Florida's Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for directing the implementation of the state-wide coastal management program. Each year, the FCMP publishes a CPI Brochure and a "Notice of Availability of Funds" in the *Florida Administrative Register* to solicit CPI applications from eligible entities. CPI grants provide support for innovative local coastal management projects in four program areas:

- Resilient Communities
- Public Access
- Working Waterfronts
- Coastal Stewardship





Questions?

Information relating to the notice for availability of funds, grant applications and the Grant Rule 62S-4, FAC, and more, can be found on the Coastal Partnership Initiative webpage at:

<https://floridadep.gov/rcp/fcmp/content/coastal-partnership-initiative>

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Thank you!

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