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NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants

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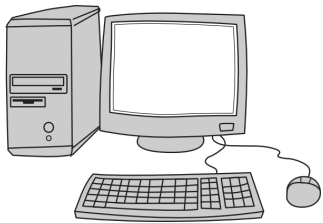


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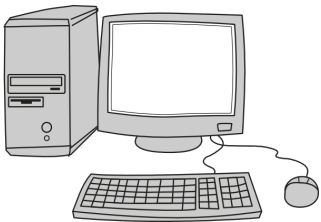


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Funding Opportunity

Executive Summary

- NOAA anticipates at least **\$10M** in total funds to be available for the competition.
- **Proposals** must be received by www.Grants.gov by 11:59 PM Eastern on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022.**





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Program Objective

Section I.A.

Objective: to support habitat restoration projects that contribute to NOAA and the GLRI priorities by restoring habitat for native Great Lakes fish species whose populations have been impacted by habitat degradation.



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Program Priority 1:

Section I.B.

Propose habitat restoration activities that substantially contribute to **GLRI goals** including:

- GLRI Focus Area 1 - Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern
 - Select AOCs
- GLRI Focus Area 4 - Habitat and Species
 - Subset of the Lake Committee Environmental Priorities



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Program Priority 2: *Section I.B.*

Exhibit a capacity to **manage concurrent habitat restoration projects** over multiple years, and an ability to manage federal funds, maintain financial and administrative records, and fulfill reporting requirements. The applicant should demonstrate a willingness to coordinate with NOAA to conduct technically sound restoration projects to address program priorities.



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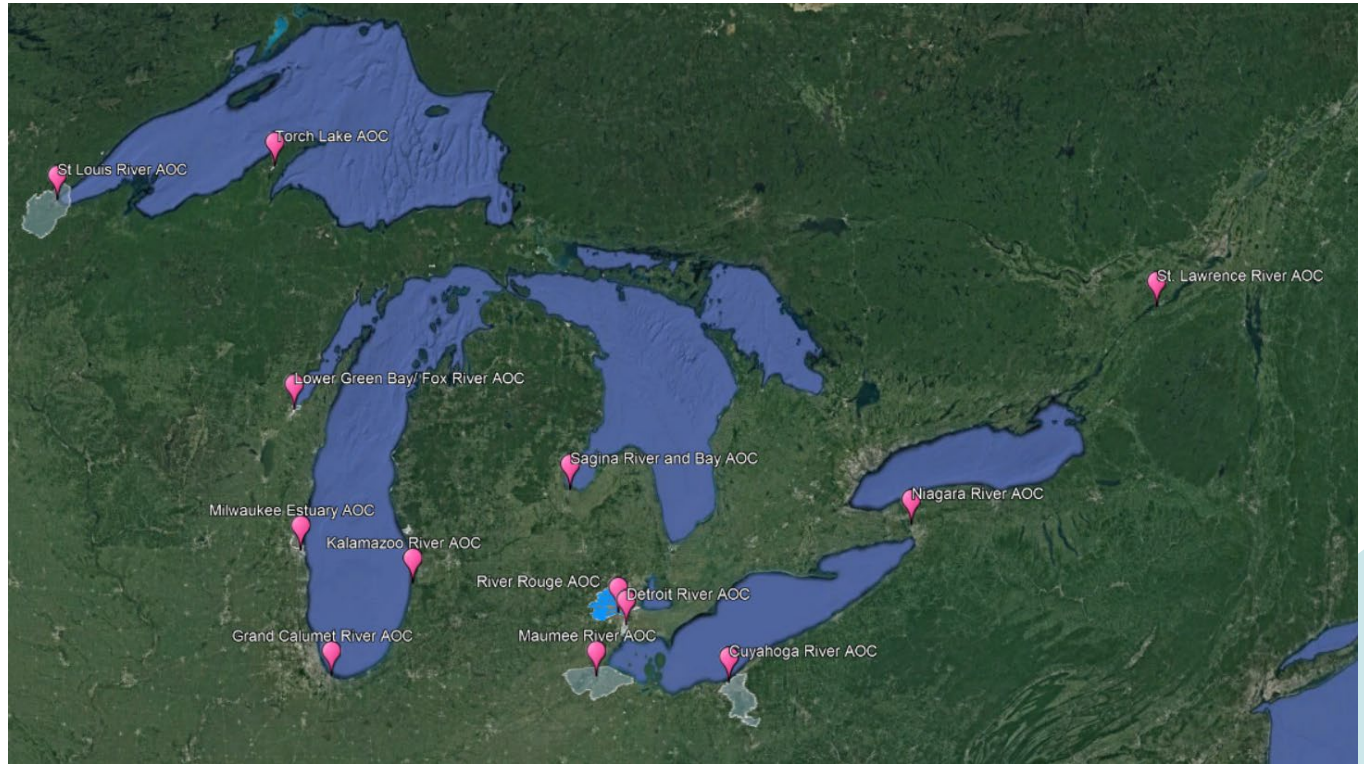
Program Priority 3: *Section I.B.*

Demonstrate willingness and ability to work with stakeholders and communities. Applicants should propose projects that were developed through inclusive processes and demonstrate appropriate and diverse stakeholder support. Applicants should also plan to disseminate information about project plans, benefits and results with relevant stakeholders and local communities.



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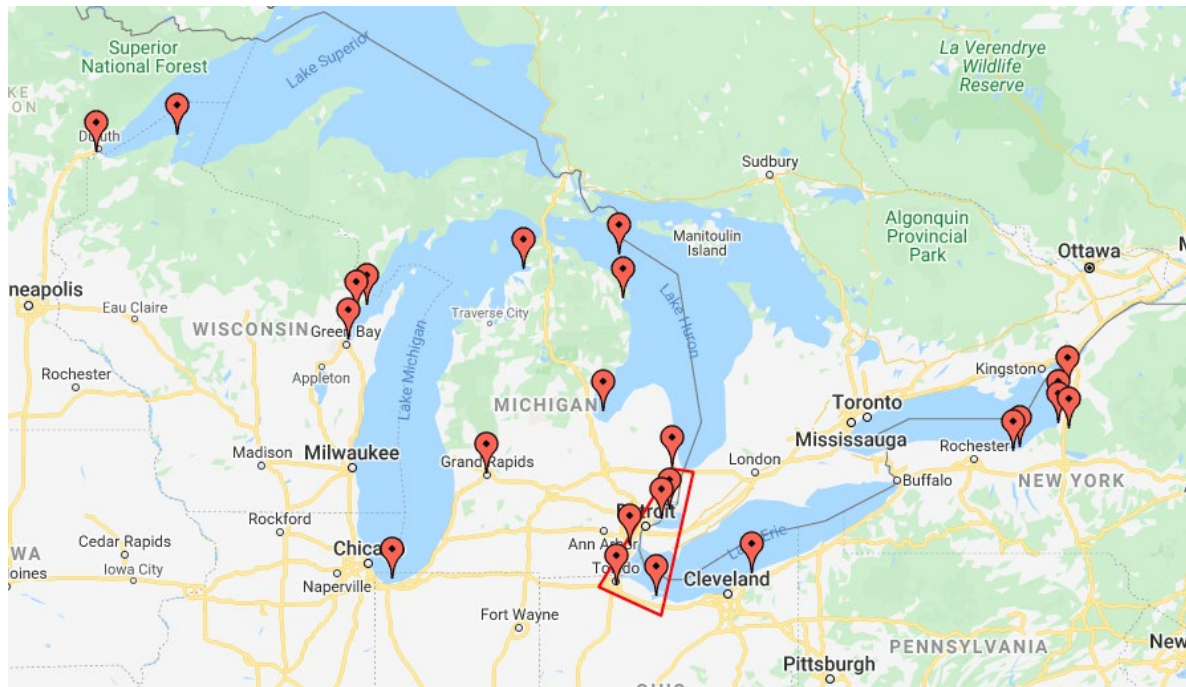
GLRI Focus Area 1-subset of AOCs prioritized for NOAA competition





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GLRI Focus Area 4-subset of Environmental Priorities in NOAA competition





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Funding Availability

Section II

- NOAA will fund **multi-year awards** (FY22 – FY24) under this announcement.
- NOAA anticipates **up to \$10M available in FY22**, with an additional \$20M over FY23 – FY24 to support selected awards (\$30M total).
- NOAA will not accept proposals with a federal funding request of **less than \$300K or more than \$30M** over a three-year period.

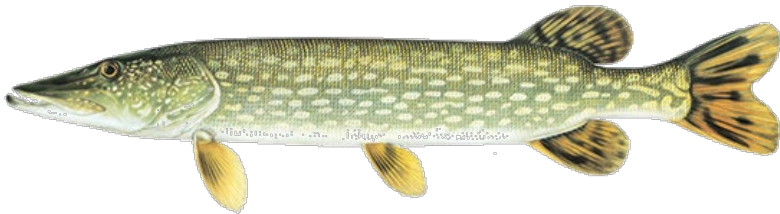


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Eligibility

Section III

- Eligible: institutions of higher education; non-profit and for-profit organizations; U.S. territories; and state, local, and Native American tribal governments.
- Eligible applicants may be located anywhere but must propose work within the Great Lakes basin and within one of the eight U.S. Great Lakes states.



(In)Eligibility

Section III



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- Examples of **ineligible projects**:
 - Ineligible activities related to water quality improvements include, but are not limited to, proposals addressing hard infrastructure only for water quality improvement, wastewater treatment plant upgrades, elimination of combined sewer outfalls...
 - Marine debris prevention/removal
 - Acquisition of real property
 - Legally required mitigation; compensatory restoration; consent decree; court orders, etc.
 - Focus on invasive species removal only
 - Reef restoration projects that propose the use of molluscicides only

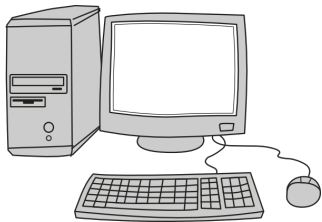
Submission Information

Section IV



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- Application packages, federal forms, and instructions on www.Grants.gov.
- Applicants should be registered in SAM, provide a DUNS number, and maintain active registration.
- Content and format outlined in Section IV.B.





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Application Review

Section V

Evaluation Criteria

1. Importance and Applicability (30 pts.)
2. Technical/Scientific Merit (30 pts.)
3. Applicant Qualifications (10 pts.)
4. Project Costs (20 pts.)
5. Outreach and Education (10 pts.)





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Importance and Applicability

a) Relevance to Program Priorities (15 pts.)

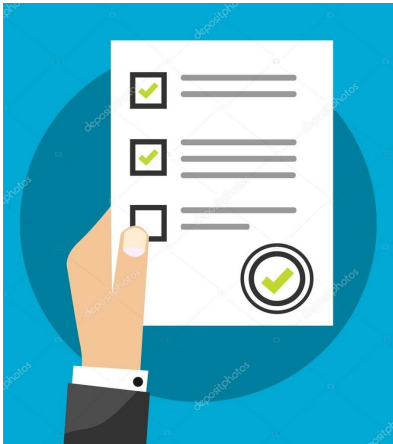
Applicant Qualifications

b) Management Capacity (5 pts.)

Outreach and Education

(a) Stakeholder Engagement and Support (5 pts)

(b) Community Outreach (5 pts)





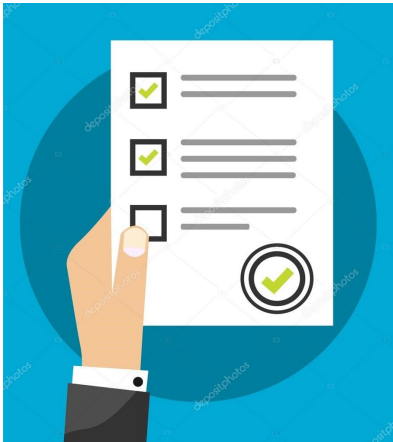
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Application Review

Section V

Review and selection:

- Eligible submissions will undergo technical review, ranking, and selection based on program priorities and evaluation criteria.
- Applicants will receive notification regarding funding by **October 1st, 2022**. The earliest anticipated start date for awards will be **October 1st, 2022**.





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Reminders and Tips

- Start registration now, if you are not yet registered/active! (SAM, DUNS, Grants.gov)
- Don't wait until the last minute to submit - Grants.gov can take up to two business days to validate or reject applications.
- Read the entire announcement and verify all requirements are complete.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will matching funds / cost-share be required?

A: While there is no statutory match or cost-share requirement for this funding, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate a 1:1 non-federal match for NOAA funds requested to conduct the proposed project.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will there be another Great Lakes competition issued next year (FY22)?

A: We anticipate issuing a funding opportunity for Great Lakes habitat restoration partnership grants in FY23. Next year, funding will also be used to support the multi-year partnerships awarded under this competition.



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Questions?

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