



Special Call for Coastal Alabama Request for Community Projects



Deadline for Submission: June 21, 2017 at 5:00pm central time

Summary of Funding Opportunity:

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance in collaboration with the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium are seeking proposals from coastal Alabama communities who wish to proactively address their vulnerabilities to coastal hazards. One collaborative project will be selected from coastal Alabama and will involve technical and financial assistance from the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Community Resilience and Habitat Resources Priority Issue Teams. Interested communities should submit a proposal detailing their needs and how these funds would help address the identified needs through the implementation of resilience actions. The overarching goal is to help Gulf of Mexico coastal communities enhance their overall resilience to future coastal hazards. Applicants should be prepared to discuss their proposals and how it relates to community needs at any time during this review period. A meeting or conference call may be arranged if the review panel has additional questions for the applicant.

Eligibility and Geographic Requirements: Local governments, county/parish governments, municipalities, tribes, and regional councils/commissions are eligible. Community projects must be located in Baldwin or Mobile County, Alabama.

Funding Amount and Duration: Total funding available for this competition is \$45,000 with the expectation of funding 1 award in coastal Alabama (Baldwin County, Mobile County). Projects are expected to begin August 1, 2017 and must be completed within 12-18 months.

Match Requirement: Communities must provide nonfederal match of at least 50% of the total funding request through this RFP. For example, if a community requests \$45,000, a match of \$22,500 is required. In addition to non-federal funds, match can also include staff work hours, facilities provided, travel support, equipment provided, or supplies provided.

Funding Priorities:

- 1) Implementation of high priority actions identified in existing community plans (i.e. stormwater management plans, drainage management plans, hazard mitigation plans, comprehensive plans).
- 2) Activities related to entering the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) or improving CRS scores for communities that already participate in the CRS (i.e. developing a Program for Public Information).

Proposal Guidelines: A 4-page proposal (including cover page) describing your cooperative project is required for this competition in order to be eligible to receive funds. The purpose of the proposal process is to inform the review team of project details and commitment of potential participating communities. (See back for details on submission.)

Projects will be viewed favorably if they:

- Directly address gaps/vulnerabilities identified during the Community Resilience Index meeting(s) or other similar vulnerability assessment(s).
- Have strong support from city/county officials and/or other relevant boards and commissions within the community
- Show collaboration with the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Community Resilience and Habitat Resources Team members (see table for state contact)

Submission: Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on June 21, 2017. Proposals must be submitted electronically to Tracie Sempier (tracie.sempier@gomxa.org) in MS Word or pdf format.

Notification: Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision on or before July 31, 2017.

Submission guidelines and contact information on the back.

Submission materials (one-inch margins, single spaced, 12 point font):

1. Cover page (1 page)
 - Project title
 - Community, State
 - Name, title, affiliation and contact information for people submitting the proposal (include full name, title, address, telephone number, fax number and email address)
2. Proposal Narrative (up to 3 pages)
 - Project details
 1. Provide a brief summary detailing the interest of your community or communities in addressing vulnerabilities to future coastal storms and flooding hazards. Include partners for the project and how they will contribute to project success.
 2. Indicate which funding priority will be addressed in the project.
 3. Identify potential experienced staff who will dedicate time to working with the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Team members in their state to support the project.
 4. Describe the vulnerability of the community to storm/climate associated risks and why this project would help address those vulnerabilities.
 5. Include a timeline for completion of activities.
 6. Include a brief budget summary (including required match).
 - Briefly describe any past demonstrated success in implementing resilience practices.
 - List any existing partnerships that could assist in the project.
 - List what funds you plan to leverage or in kind support you will dedicate to complete the project.

Contacts:

Submission Questions (Technical or Budget Questions)	Tracie Sempier, Gulf of Mexico Alliance & MS-AL Sea Grant Consortium	Tracie.Sempier@gomxa.org 228-215-1247
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