



Illinois Coastal Grants Program

April 2014- Economically Challenged Community Guidelines

- **Local governmental applicants** from Economically Challenged Communities qualify for reduced match requirement. Most applicants are required to provide a 1:1 match. Local governmental applicants from Economically Challenged communities are required to provide a 1:3 match (which means the grant funds 75% of the total project cost).
- Economically Challenged Communities for this round of grants are defined as communities partially or completely within the Illinois Coastal Zone having a 2012 per capita equalized assessed valuation (EAV) below \$15,000 and more than 15% of the population below the national poverty level according to the US. Census Bureau. **For this round of grants, local governmental entities in the following municipalities qualify:**
 - North Chicago
 - Riverdale
 - Calumet Park
 - Calumet City
 - Waukegan
 - Zion
 - Blue Island
 - Dolton
 - Burnham
- The criteria for Economically Challenged Communities are specific to this round of Illinois Coastal Grants. It may be modified in subsequent grant rounds for this program to better assist such communities within the Coastal Zone in accessing this funding program.