



Summer 2013 Illinois Coastal Grants

Coastal Grants Program- Summer 2013

The Illinois Coastal Management Program (ICMP) is announcing the Summer 2013 Coastal Grants for outstanding environmental education projects within Illinois Coastal Zone communities. Applicants can request between \$30,000 and \$100,000 to fund one-year projects to support community education, outreach, teacher development, permanent education displays. Projects must focus on one or more environmental priorities within the Illinois Lake Michigan Coastal Zone. Competitive grants will be available for innovative, thoughtful approaches to education and outreach on coastal environmental topics.

Application packets will be available on the ICMP website starting on May 15, 2013.

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/grants.aspx>

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Deadline: July 1, 2013

Informational Grant Workshop: June 4, 2013. Contact DNR.CMP@illinois.gov for more information.

Grant Period: October 1st 2013 through September 30th, 2014.

Grant Focus: Lake Michigan Coastal Education and Outreach

Grant Amounts: \$30,000 to \$100,000

Total Funding Available: Approximately \$500,000

Requirements: Applicant must be a unit of government or a 501(c)3. Project must be located within a Coastal Zone community. 50% match required (25% match required for disadvantaged communities)

Award Criteria Include:

Quality of proposal, anticipated outputs and outcomes, feasibility, timeline, cost effectiveness, qualification of applicants, partnerships, and innovation

GRANT PRIORITIES

Educational Priorities:

- Formal and/or informal educational and community outreach programs
- Teacher development projects which train educators on how to teach environmental education
- Permanent educational displays (access must be free to the public)

Environmental Priorities: The priorities identified in the Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan will be the focus of this grant program: Habitat, Ecosystems and Natural Area Restoration; Nonpoint Source Pollution; Sustainable Development; Persistent Bio-Accumulative Toxins; Public Access and Recreation; Invasive Species; Climate Change; Economic Development; and Priority Waterways

