

# Fiscal Year 2024 NOAA Marine Debris Removal Competition (NOAA-NOS-ORR-2024-2007993) & Interception Technologies under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOAA-NOS-ORR-2024-2007991)

## ***Letter of Support/Commitment Guidance***

*Please reach out to the NOAA Marine Debris Program grants team ([grants.marinedebris@noaa.gov](mailto:grants.marinedebris@noaa.gov)) with any questions*

Applicants must follow the application requirements stated in the Notice of Funding Opportunity, or they may not be considered. Section IV.B. of the Notice of Funding Opportunity describes the submission and content requirements. Please visit the [NOAA MDP Funding Opportunities webpage](#) to view additional guidance resources available to assist your application submission.

Letters of support are strongly encouraged and do not count toward the narrative page limit, although supplementary materials should not exceed 20 pages.

1. Instructions to share with any entities you ask to provide letters of support:

Letters of support should be included as part of the submitted application materials in grants.gov and addressed to the NOAA Marine Debris Program Director, Nancy Wallace as follows:

**Address heading:**

Nancy Wallace  
NOAA Marine Debris Program  
1305 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

2. Suggested guidelines to share with entities you ask to provide letters of support (these are not requirements as not all entities will have the same information to share):

Letters may come from:

- Project partners
- Local, state, and federal government agencies
- Natural resource agencies
- Waste management agencies
- Industry

- Congressional representatives
- Other entities that would be helpful in demonstrating support for the project and if applicable, how project results will be applied to their management objectives.

The following are suggested components for letters of support/commitment:

- *Introduce your organization/entity and how your organization's work is connected to the proposed project work*
- *Identify the applicant organization and proposal title you are writing a letter in support of*
- *Describe the need for the proposed project work and the direct benefits you expect from the project*
- *Describe your connection to the proposed work and any specific financial or in-kind contributions you will be making if applicable. Some examples could include but are not limited to:*
  - *Community group that will have new opportunities for connecting with the environment once safety hazards related to the targeted debris have been removed*
  - *Organization that will be a project partner describes the personnel and their contributions to project activities and/or materials they will be providing*
    - *When possible, it is helpful to explicitly state cost-share or match contributions that are described in the project narrative and/or budget*
  - *A for-profit company describing the donation of their product they will be providing as part of the non-federal match*
  - *A homeowner providing permission for proposed project work to take place on access to water on their property*
- *Summarize the importance of funding the proposed project and documenting your connection to/support of the proposed project activities/outcomes on the environment and communities surrounding the proposed project location*