

Fiscal Year 2025 NOAA Marine Debris Removal (NOAA-NOS-ORR-2025-25974) & Interception Technologies NOAA-NOS-ORR-2025-25572) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Notices of Funding Opportunity

Grant Applicant Cost-sharing Guidance

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

There is no non-federal matching requirement for this funding and reviewers will not evaluate proposals based on the presence or absence of cost-sharing. However, cost sharing, leveraged funds, and in-kind support are important to ensuring these projects are impactful and meaningfully supported by other project partners and are acceptable. For applicants planning to incorporate cost-sharing into their proposal please consider the following guidance:

1. For funded applications that include non-federal match funds within the proposed budget, the ratio of approved NOAA funds to non-federal match funds will be legally binding within the award document signed by NOAA's Grant Management Division (GMD). NOAA is under no obligation to amend the match contributions once the award document is signed by the recipient, unless the amount is amended based on extenuating circumstances.
2. Applicants should refer to 2 C.F.R. 200.306 for cost sharing or matching policies. Applicants with approved indirect cost rates planning to provide cost sharing may propose a portion or all of their indirect costs as match, since the valuation of such costs has already been federally approved and documentation is readily available. Refer to Section IV.F "Funding Restrictions" for information on indirect costs.
3. The goal of incorporating match contributions is to encourage the involvement of different groups in meaningful ways, and there are a variety of ways to do this including but not limited to:
 - Public or Private partnerships
 - Funding for project activities provided by a private organization
 - Funding received from non-federal agency grants
 - Volunteer time

- Calculate the expected volunteer hours to be spent on project activities and multiply by your state's volunteer rate (suggestion to find your state's rate at <https://independentsector.org/value-of-volunteer-time/>)
- ***(Please note if fewer volunteer hours are worked than expected, you may be expected to find additional sources of non-federal match funding)***
- Project Team not supported by federal funding
 - Calculate the percentage of time personnel will spend planning, coordinating, participating, etc. in proposed project activities and calculate that percentage of their salary and fringe benefits costs
- Vendor providing free alternative disposal services
 - Document standard open market cost of similar services (eg. transportation/fees)
- Travel
 - Report cost of travel to/from proposed sites covered by applicant/project partner
- Use of existing equipment/facilities; equipment is considered any item that has a per-unit value of \$5,000 or greater
 - e.g. A boat is provided by a project partner at no cost
 - Document local open-market cost of renting a boat and fuel costs for the boat time donated
 - e.g. A State Park provides lodging at the proposed project site at no cost to project team members
 - Document standard lodging rate per room/per night