

## NOAA announces matching fund program opportunity Request for proposals and request for interest

Due September 30, 2022

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey and National Geodetic Survey announce the FY2024 Brennan Matching Fund. This program invites non-Federal entities to partner on jointly funded, ocean and coastal mapping projects of interest. Proposers benefit from this opportunity by leveraging NOAA's contracting expertise, including its pool of pre-qualified technical experts in surveying and mapping as well as data management to ensure that the mapping data are fit for purpose and are usable for a broad set of purposes. Proposals will be evaluated based on the review process described in section IX of the Federal Register Notice.

## What's New for FY24?

- Subject to appropriations, NOAA will provide up to 70 percent of the total project cost, with the selected entity providing at least 30 percent of the total project cost.
- New office hours opportunity to discuss proposals in advance of the deadline.
- Cost estimator worksheet available by contacting <a href="mailto:iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov">iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov</a>.

S	Leverage NOAA and non-Federal partner funds to acquire more ocean and coastal mapping collected by qualified contract surveyors during FY 2024  Increase hydrographic surveying and coastal mapping to support:			
$\overline{\triangleleft}$	0	Safer navigation Hazard mitigation for coastal		Coastal and ocean science Deeper understanding of natural
9		resilience Preservation of marine habitats and heritage		resources for sustainable ocean economies  MANY other activities

Successful FY24 Brennan Matching Fund proposals support national priorities for climate and infrastructure as well as strategic mapping goals within three plans:

- Map the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ): National Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, Goal 2.
- Expand Alaska Coastal Data Collection to Deliver the Priority Geospatial Products Stakeholders Require: Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy, Goal 2.
- Map the full extent of waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction to modern standards: Coast Survey Ocean Mapping Plan, Goal 2.

**Eligibility:** Non-Federal entities must demonstrate the ability to provide at least 30% matching funds, for transfer to NOAA by September 2023 via a memorandum of agreement.

## Federal Register Notice at

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/06/10/2022-12513/notice-of-matching-fund-opportunity-for-ocean-and-coastal-mapping-and-request-for-partnership

Informational Webinar on June 28th, 2PM ET, registration at https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5547610530319292942

Office Hours on September 14th, register by emailing <a href="wgocm.staff@noaa.gov">wgocm.staff@noaa.gov</a>

For reference, materials from the previous FY23 Matching Fund Webinar are available at

https://iocm.noaa.gov/planning/contracts-grants-agreements.html

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