

## MICHIGAN COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

### PROJECT INTEREST FORM

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP) promotes efforts to enhance the preparedness and resiliency of coastal communities and their capacity to mitigate the impacts of coastal hazards. Coastal communities are facing steadily increasing coastal hazards, making it imperative that efforts to effectively prepare for, mitigate impacts of, and quickly recover from these hazards are taken. The MCMP supports strategic investments with:

- Promoting resilience to the impacts of coastal hazards through outreach and enhanced engagement, development of educational materials or community events, update Master Plans and local policies with resiliency principles; conduct MCMP Coastal Leadership Academy (CLA) technical training workshops to address coastal hazards such as erosion, flooding, storm water management to “slow the flow,” and reducing urban heat.
- Evaluating regional climate change and coastal issues with recommendations to improve coastal community resilience through delivery of technical assistance and developed tools.
- Promoting barrier-free accessibility to the coastal areas through public access and planning, engineering, and design; as well as construction of structures that are low impact to coastal resources and demonstrate resilience to the changing Great Lakes water levels and storm events.
- Promoting and supporting diversity, equity, inclusion, environmental justice, and barrier-free accessibility in coastal communities.

This Project Interest Form will help the MCMP team gain an understanding of our coastal stakeholders needs and provide an opportunity to request follow up with one of the Focus Area Coordinators. The MCMP team is here to help!

### PROJECT TYPES

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#### Planning Projects

Planning projects may include a variety of proposed actions that meet the needs of coastal communities and typically result in the development of a Master Plan, conservation, or recreational plan, or plans that prioritize water-dependent uses of coastal areas and expand upon the related coastal values and characteristics. Planning projects can also focus on capacity building, improved outreach and communication, and community engagement to achieve collaborative plans and strategies. Projects that conduct natural resource inventories, conduct sampling, or deploy drones are also considered planning projects.

#### Feasibility, Engineering, and Design

Feasibility, engineering, and design projects include site specific investigations such as feasibility studies, creation of conceptual designs, and/or final engineering plans that lead to a low-cost construction, habitat restoration, or other on-the-ground implementation work. These types of projects may include outdoor activities such as in-field site inventories, topographic surveys,



geotechnical analysis, soil sampling, or sediment characterizations. All funded grants must adhere to local, state, and federal permit conditions for proposed actions.

### **Low-cost Construction**

Low-cost construction projects are those that physically alter publicly owned property for site specific enhanced public access, habitat restoration, installation of bioengineering and green infrastructure practices, and installation of signage. These projects must use low-impact development techniques and meet the federal “Buy American” provision for purchase of materials, if applicable. All funded grants must adhere to local, state, and federal permit conditions for proposed implementation actions.

### **Land Conservation through Acquisition**

Under federal guidelines, only units of government or public entities are eligible for funding for land acquisitions. All proposed purchases must demonstrate a significant ecological value, need for protection, and be managed and protected in perpetuity by the local jurisdiction purchasing the property. Projects submitted under this project type must involve acquisition of land from willing sellers of fee-simple or other public interest in the parcel. Projects may include land acquisition, purchase of easements, and purchase of development rights. All projects must provide passive public access or provide other public benefit.

## **PROJECT LOCATION**

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Site-specific, low-cost construction projects, and land acquisitions must be located entirely within the approved MCMP coastal boundary. Coastal zone boundary maps are available through the MCMP’s website, [Michigan.gov/CoastalManagement](https://Michigan.gov/CoastalManagement).

The MCMP has flexibility with planning grants that may extend outside the coastal boundary when there is a clear demonstration that the proposed project leads to improved coastal management within the boundary.

## **GRANT AND MATCH**

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- Planning grants can be no less than \$10,000 and no greater than \$75,000.
- Feasibility, design, and engineering grants can be no less than \$10,000 and no greater than \$150,000.
- Low-cost construction grants can be no less than \$10,000 and no greater than \$250,000.
- Land conservation through acquisition grants can be no greater than \$500,000.

All applicants must demonstrate the ability to provide a 1-to-1, non-federal match and provide documentation of committed funds and the source of such funds. Match may be in the form of cash, in-kind services, or donations.

## **GRANT FUNDING SCHEDULE**

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- Grant Funding Opportunities are released in October of each year.
- Grant awards announcement typically the following Summer with awards beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> of the respective funding round for project periods running 12-15 months.





5. Please provide your contact information so that one of our Project Coordinators may follow up on your project.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*For more information, please visit the Michigan Coastal Management Program's website at [www.Michigan.gov/CoastalManagement](http://www.Michigan.gov/CoastalManagement). To submit your form electronically, please submit your completed form to Ronda Wuycheck, Program Manager at [WuycheckR@Michigan.gov](mailto:WuycheckR@Michigan.gov). For any questions or inquiries, please contact Ronda Wuycheck, Program Manager at [WuycheckR@Michigan.gov](mailto:WuycheckR@Michigan.gov).*

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