



NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership



Application deadline: 10/28/2024



Total funding for 2025: ~\$12M

Tribal funding for 2025: \$0M

NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitation Restoration Partnerships support habitat restoration projects and sustain healthy populations of native fish in the Great Lakes region



Goals and merit criteria for Fish Habitat Restoration Grants:

Applications will be evaluated according to NOAA program priorities, including:

- **Contribution to GLRI Focus Area 1 (Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern)** – implementation of management actions within Areas of Concern
- **Contribution to GLRI Focus Area 4 (Habitats and Species)** – restoration of habitat for native Great Lakes fish species whose populations have been impacted by habitat degradation

Applicants are encouraged by NOAA to propose one or more projects that are identified on an AOC management list and/or a Lake Committee Environmental Priorities list.

NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership details

Match funding
requirement: 0%

Project funding targets

- Focus on projects which meet NOAA’s mission to restore coastal habitats (e.g., restore functional coastal wetland)
- Support the Great Lakes Restoration Initiatives (GLRI) Focus Areas 1 and 4
- Sustain healthy populations of native fish species in the eight Great Lakes states
- Identify projects within GLRI Focus Area 4 aligned to the Lake Committees as Environmental Priorities goals for habitat restoration

Eligible functions

- Project preparation (e.g., project development, feasibility studies, engineering design; permitting)
- Stakeholder engagement and capacity-building of new and existing restoration partners
- On-the-ground construction and restoration (noted priority for FY25 award selections)

Award amounts

- Award size** Awards may range from \$250K to \$30M over one to 3 years
- Additional considerations** FY25 funding expects to make 5-10 awards, with potential future rounds of funding in FY26 and FY27.

High level requirements to apply for an NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership grant



Eligible Entities

Eligible entities may be located anywhere, but must propose work within the Great Lakes basin and one of the eight U.S. Great Lakes states:

- Institutions of higher education
- Non-profit entities
- For-profit entities
- Tribal Nations
- State and local governmental entities
- Territories



Key Grant Application Components¹

Specific page limits for each application section in the FOA

Full application including:

- Project overview (20-page limit; e.g., relevance to program priorities, feasibility)
- Budget justification (10-page limit; e.g., personnel, fringe benefits, travel)
- Supplemental materials and project design (45-page limit; project designs or maps, resumes for key personnel)

Prioritized subset of habitat restoration projects for GLRI Focus Area 4 in NOFO

Subset of prioritized geographies for GLRI Focus Area 4, each with unique environmental priorities:

- Lake Superior
- Lake Michigan
- Lake Huron, specifically:
 - The Thunder Bay Reefs
 - The Saginaw Bay Reefs
 - The Northern Main Basin
- Lake Erie
- Lake Ontario

1. Not the requirements to apply for TAC support. Not inclusive of all documents required to apply; please refer to upcoming NOFO for the full requirements and details

2. U.S. Great Lake states are New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.