

Questions and Answers

Habitat Restoration Planning Grant February 2026

Maine Coastal Program

Q: Can project costs be used to developed initial designs for privately-owned tidal crossings?

A: Typically this BIL funding source does not fund projects involving private property. We are willing to review eligibility on specific proposals with NOAA if a public entity maintains public access rights, but we cannot guarantee approval for use of this funding on any private property.

Q: Can project costs be used to support design work for activities (roadway re-alignment and/or tidal marsh restoration) occurring on privately owned land?

A: Typically this BIL funding source does not fund projects involving private property. We are willing to review eligibility on specific proposals with NOAA if a public entity maintains public access rights, but we cannot guarantee approval for use of this funding on any private property.

Q: Can you clarify where tidal marsh restoration activities (such runnelling, micro-topography, and ditch mediation) are considered "nature-based solutions" for the purpose of this funding opportunity?

A: The funding offer does not specifically spell out tidal marsh restoration activities as specific nature-based solutions in the funding notice. However, the opportunity allows for a wide variety of planning and design, including those designated as 'nature-based'. So, while the activities are not defined in the offer documents, they are qualified activities for funding.

Q: Could you please let me know if there is a match requirement from the applicant and at what percentage?

A: There is no match requirement.

Q: Will partial awards be granted?

Partial awards may be granted if the review committee determines part of the proposal is out of scope and funding is available to support a portion of a project.

Q: For a project that includes two complimentary efforts focused on the same geographical area, can the application specify how funding would be applied if a partial award was granted? For example, for a project with a Part A and Part B, can the components be considered under one application or is it preferred to be submitted in two applications?

An applicant who is working toward a single project outcome that has two or more sub-components should detail how the funds would be utilized for each component within a single application and detail how they support the project outcome.

Q: What is the total amount that MCP anticipates awarding?

A: Total amount is around \$300,000. The maximum grant size per project is \$100,000.