

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grant Program

On June 15, 2016, NOAA announced the Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grant Program, which is currently accepting applications for projects that will strengthen the resilience of U.S. Marine and coastal ecosystems and decrease the vulnerability of communities to extreme weather, and support sustainable fisheries and contribute to the recovery of protected resources.¹ Proposals must be submitted by August 16, 2016.² NOAA anticipates that it will contribute up to \$8.5 million, divided between grantees in amounts ranging from \$250,000 to \$750,000, and applicants must match NOAA funds with non-federal funding at a 2:1 ratio.³

Indiana Compliance

To be considered for this grant program, NOAA requires applicants gain approval from the State's governor.⁴ The governor of Indiana has publicly denied climate change, and would likely not support a grant program requiring him to repudiate that position. This could cost the state up to \$750,000.

¹ <http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/index.html>

² *Id.*

³ <http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/pdf/FY16ResiliencyFFO.pdf> (A 2:1 ratio means that if an applicant requests \$500,000 in federal funding, it must provide at least \$250,000 in non-federal matching).

⁴ *Id.*