

## CORAL REEF PROTECTION AND RESTORATION GRANT

### Call for Suggestions

The information below is general information about the coral reef protection and restoration grant funding opportunity.

Any information submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will become a public record, subject to disclosure in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Article 1, §24 of the Florida Constitution. Please note that submittal of a suggestion does not create an agreement, nor does it guarantee funding.

#### ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Local governmental entities in Florida, as described in Subsection 287.012(14), F.S., as well as public universities/colleges and other non-state entities. Learning institutions that qualify under Section 1000.21, F.S. are eligible.

#### TIMEFRAME FOR SUBMITTING A PROJECT SUGGESTION

Solicitation of projects for 2020-21 funding is open for 30 days; however, projects can continue to be submitted at any time for consideration in subsequent years. Check <https://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/Grants> for additional project suggestion timeframes.

#### AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

\$10,000,000 Fixed Capital Outlay under line item 1641B, General Appropriations Act.

#### LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED

Match is not required but is a consideration during project selection.

#### TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE

Planning and implementation projects focused on: Technical, facility, and personnel capacity support for Florida's Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD) outbreak response related research, education and outreach, data management, intervention, coral rescue, coral propagation and restoration activities. Projects may also focus on Florida's priority management efforts to restore coral reef ecosystem resilience including the reduction of local coral reef stressors with priority focus on water quality and land-based sources of pollution (including urban wastewater and stormwater) reduction in Southeast Florida (Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties). Projects may include dedicated positions to coordinate with reef managers and partners/stakeholders in the creation of consensus-based action plans.

#### KEY FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

- Project must clearly support coral reef ecosystem management priorities and/or key aspects of the collaborative management response to the SCTLD outbreak;
- Project must demonstrate collaborative partnerships that share data and products freely between project collaborators and disease/management response partners;
- Project should, where possible, incorporate innovative techniques or technology that lead to expanded capacity or knowledge;
- Projects that support large-scale/multi-jurisdiction management objectives within state waters of Florida's Coral Reef will be prioritized.



# PROTECTING TOGETHER

## FUNDING PROCESS STEPS

Once information is received through the [project suggestion sheet](#), DEP will evaluate the project. If the project is selected to move further in the review process, you will receive a follow-up call or email to discuss the project and additional information will need to be provided.

Final selections will be made this fall and will be posted on <https://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/Grants>.

## SELECTED PROJECT NEXT STEPS

If your project is selected for funding, you will receive an email requesting a scope of work for the project including tasks to be accomplished, budget information, timelines and deliverables. The funding is provided as a fixed price grant with DEP.

For questions about the Coral Reef Protection and Restoration grant program, please contact [FLCoralFunding@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:FLCoralFunding@FloridaDEP.gov)

