

Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Themes for Open Solicitation – applicable to all projects considered under the open solicitation (30%)

Approximately 70% of the CIAP allocation will be used for state initiated projects. Approximately 30% of the allocation will fund projects identified through an open solicitation process and will include both state and non-state initiated projects. In order to ensure that non-state initiated projects still focus on state priorities while addressing community needs, the Ocean Policy Cabinet and Department of Natural Resources/Division of Coastal and Ocean Management identified five themes. All non-state initiated projects must address one of these themes. In addition, those state projects that did not make the state-initiated (70%) project cut are automatically bumped into the open solicitation (30%) process and must also meet one of the five themes to be considered.

Themes

1. Waste Management and Clean Up
 - a. Marine debris clean-up projects (e.g., projects to collect, transport and dispose of marine debris from shorelines, etc).
 - b. Clean harbor projects to improve water quality at harbors (e.g., sewage pump-out stations and waste oil collection facilities, etc.).
 - c. Waste management projects (e.g., projects to collect, consolidate, transport, and dispose of household hazardous waste present in remote communities, etc.).
2. Data Collection, Data Analysis, Planning, and Mapping
 - a. Community-based assessment and monitoring of environmental and habitat variables in order to evaluate and/or mitigate impacts of development (e.g., water quantity and quality monitoring; collection of traditional knowledge regarding changes in natural ecosystems; data collection and/or analysis; habitat mapping for baseline information, long-term monitoring, and/or detection of change in order to evaluate impacts of development, etc.).
 - b. Collection and/or analysis of baseline data on fish or wildlife and/or their habitat that is needed to evaluate or develop mitigation strategies for potential impacts from oil and gas, mining, and other development activities.
 - c. Projects that would analyze or prepare for the impacts of climate change or natural hazards on communities.
3. Habitat Restoration and Rehabilitation Projects
(e.g., stream bank restoration projects, prescribed burning to restore moose habitat, replacement of culverts that impede fish passage, wetland restoration projects, etc.).
4. Mitigation Projects
Projects to mitigate impacts from development activities and/or climate change.
5. Community Environmental Education Projects, Not to Exceed \$35,000
Projects to educate the public about environmental issues/topics (e.g., educational materials, signage, targeted conferences, etc.). Projects proposed under this category will be evaluated separately from the other project categories. Up to \$1,500,000 will be allocated to this category.