



Understanding Funding in your Coastal Management Program

Not every coastal management program operates the same way. For people new to working with Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) funding, this document is helpful because it contains key questions to ask to learn how CZMA funding works in your program. Adding answers to this form creates a summary of foundational knowledge useful for anyone managing CZMA funding or working on CZMA-funded projects.

Note: To complete the worksheet, have on hand the following resources:

- Copies of the past one to three years of your coastal management program's CZMA funding awards.
- The past one or two progress reports provided to NOAA on your CZMA funding awards.
- Your coastal management program's most recent Section 309 assessment and strategy document.

Program supervisors, colleagues, and subject matter experts are also helpful resources.

1. Eligibility, Requirements, Amounts

- a. Is our coastal management program federally approved?
- b. Is the program required to provide match funding? If so, what kind of work does our match funding support?
- c. When does our program receive annual CZMA funding, July 1 or October 1?
- d. How much CZMA funding did our program receive last year?

2. Program Implementation (Section 306)

- a. Does our program use CZMA Section 306 funding?
- b. How much 306 funding did our program receive last year?
- c. What kinds of work does our program support with Section 306 funding? For example,
 - i. Planning, regulatory, enforcement tasks
 - ii. Local community technical assistance and capacity building
 - iii. Education and outreach
- d. Does our program run a competitive pass-through program with CZMA 306 funding?
- e. What are some examples of outcomes of the work supported with Section 306 funding?

3. Coastal Resource Improvement (Section 306A)

- a. Does our program use CZMA Section 306A funding?
- b. How much 306 funding did our program allocate to 306A activities last year?
- c. What kinds of work does our program support with Section 306A funding? For example,
 - i. Land acquisition
 - ii. Public access ways
- d. Does our program run a competitive pass-through program with CZMA 306A funding?
- e. What are some examples of outcomes of the work supported with Section 306A funding?

4. Program Enhancement (Section 309)

- a. Does our program use CZMA Section 309 funding?
- b. How much 309 funding did our program receive last year?
- c. What are our program's current Section 309 strategies that 309 funding is supporting?
- d. What type of program changes are the strategies working toward?
- e. What are examples of completed program changes that have resulted from past strategies?

5. Technical Assistance and Coastal Research (Section 310)

- a. Has our program used CZMA Section 310 funding?
- b. How much 310 funding did our program receive last year?
- c. What kinds of work does our program support with Section 310 funding? For example,
 - i. Technical assistance
 - ii. Coastal management-oriented research
- d. What are some examples of outcomes of the work supported with Section 306A funding?

6. National Estuarine Research Reserve System (Section 315)

- a. Does our state include a National Estuarine Research Reserve? [Find the closest reserve.](#)
- b. Are there examples where our program has leveraged CZMA funding with a reserve's CZMA funding?