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Overview of IRA Funding for Councils

Council Coordinating Committee
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Process Overview

1. NMFS posts Request for Applications (RFA) for grants
 - a. Councils submit grant applications
 - b. Councils receive initial funding, anticipate \$3M equally divided
2. NMFS solicits project proposals
 - a. Councils submit project proposals (see template)
 - b. NMFS conducts reviews
3. NMFS determines projects to fund
 - a. Councils revise project proposals, as applicable
 - b. Funds added to grant
4. Steps 2 and 3 repeat in FY25



Updated Priorities for Projects

- Operationalizing fish climate vulnerability assessments or other scientific products (e.g., ecosystem status reports, Integrated Ecosystem Assessments, etc.);
- Operationalizing recommendations from climate scenario planning efforts;
- Developing and implementing management changes or processes that address climate vulnerability or improve climate resiliency of fisheries (e.g., potential revisions to harvest control rules to account for changes in ecosystems related to climate change), including those that are important to underserved communities;
- Developing and implementing measures or processes that increase responsiveness of allocations or other management measures to climate impacts (e.g., “frameworking” or establishing predetermined thresholds when management changes occur);
- Developing and advancing climate-related fisheries management planning (e.g., conducting climate scenario planning) and implementation efforts, including those in support of underserved communities.



Review Project Proposal Template



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Questions?



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