

Coastal Impact Assistance Program

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Changes to the Program

- 1. Plan (and Amendment) Review Process**
- 2. Interpretation of the Authorized Uses**
- 3. Grant Process**

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Plan (and Amendment) Review Process

Separate Completion Review has been eliminated

- **plans (and amendments) will be reviewed for all aspects (completeness, adequacy, and AU consistency) concurrently during the 90-day review period.**

Executive Review Panel (ERP) created

- **Members of MMS management (and advised by solicitor) will review and rule on questionable projects; all ERP rulings are final.**

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Plan (and Amendment) Review Process

States will be provided review comments that identify:

- missing and/or inadequate general information that should be revised;**
- projects that are consistent with the identified authorized use, but are incomplete and/or inadequate and should be revised;**
- projects that can not be determined consistent with the identified authorized use due to incomplete and/or inadequate information and should be removed from the plan; and**
- projects that are not consistent with the identified authorized use and should be removed from the plan.**

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Plan (and Amendment) Review Process

State may revise and re-submit its plan once in order to address comments:

- **It is the responsibility of the state to provide the incomplete and/or inadequate information with clarity and conciseness.**
- **New projects can *not* be added to the revised plan; Tier 2 projects may be moved to Tier 1 projects.**
- **If a state or CPS does not account for all of its CIAP allocations, it may note the deficiency and submit an amendment for the outstanding allocations.**

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Plan (and Amendment) Review Process

MMS will review a revised plan to confirm that the state sufficiently addressed the plan review comments:

- **If the revised plan sufficiently addressed all of the plan review comments, MMS staff will recommend approval of the plan to the director.**
- **If the revised plan did *not* sufficiently address all of the plan review comments, MMS will provide the state with a list of project(s) that remain incomplete and/or inadequate and therefore must be removed from the plan in order for it to be recommended for approval.**

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Plan (and Amendment) Review Process

If the state removes the requested projects from the plan and submits (within 10 working days) a final copy of the plan, MMS staff will recommend approval of the plan to the director.

If the state does not remove the requested project(s) from the plan, MMS staff will recommend disapproval of the plan to the director.

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Plan (and Amendment) Review Process

Minor changes and amendments to an approved plan can be submitted semi-annually

Minor changes for projects justified under:

AU #1, #2, or #4

- **do not need to be submitted prior to grant application submission**

AU #3 or #5

- **need to be submitted and accepted by MMS prior to grant application submission only if the minor change involves increasing a fiscal year's allocation to the project (due to 23% limit)**

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Authorized Uses of Funds

- 1. Projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetland.**
- 2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources.**
- 3. Planning assistance and the administrative cost of complying with CIAP.**
- 4. Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan.**
- 5. Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure and public service needs.**

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Authorized Uses of Funds

1. **Projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetland.**
 - **must demonstrate how the project *directly* or, as appropriate, *indirectly* benefits the natural coastal environment through the conservation, protection, or restoration of the natural coastal environment.**

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Authorized Uses of Funds

- 2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources.**
 - must demonstrate how mitigating the damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources.**

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Authorized Uses of Funds

- 3. Planning assistance and the administrative cost of complying with CIAP.**
 - **does not include those administrative costs (direct or indirect) associated with the actual performance of the project;**
 - **individual projects may not contain AU#3 budget items; and**
 - **not more than 23% of the amounts received by a state or CPS for any one fiscal year may be used for AU#3 projects *and* AU#5 projects combined.**

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Authorized Uses of Funds

4. **Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan.**
 - **must provide a copy of the referenced plan;**
 - **must demonstrate that the referenced plan is federally approved;**
 - **must demonstrate that the referenced plan meets the definition of AU#4;**

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4. Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan.
(continued)
 - must justify how the project meets the referenced plan's goals and objectives;
 - must include the citation (page number and paragraph) for the above referenced goals and objectives; and
 - must demonstrate how the project *directly* benefits the natural coastal environment.

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Authorized Uses of Funds

5. Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure and public service needs.
 - must demonstrate how mitigating the impact of OCS activities; and
 - not more than 23% of the amounts received by a state or CPS for any one fiscal year may be used for AU#3 projects *and* AU#5 projects combined.

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Grant Process

Separate Completion Review has been eliminated:

- **Grant applications will be reviewed for all aspects (completeness, adequacy, and AU consistency) concurrently.**

Withdrawal Limits:

- **Semi-annual withdrawal limits in the ASAP grant payment system instead of quarterly.**

Reference Documents:

- **A recipient that co-funds a project may now reference in its application the partner's approved documents as opposed to having to provide an additional copy.**

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Grant Process

Photos:

- **No longer require 2 sets of hard copy photos with performance reports; electronic copies may be submitted on compact disk.**

Non-Construction Program Announcement:

- **100% non-construction projects *or* if the construction aspect of the project is a minor component of the whole project.**

Construction Program Announcement :

- **100% construction project *or* if the construction aspect of the project is a significant component of the whole project.**

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