



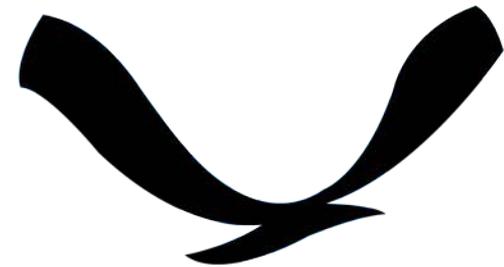
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Pre-Award/Broad Agency Announcement

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- Competitive and Non-Competitive Requests for Application (RFA) are created via Grants Online and have outlined guidance for the documentation required by the applicants.
- Once the RFA has been created, it is then posted on Grants.gov where the applications are then routed through to Grants Online based on the particular program competition.

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- Once the RFA has been published, a task to “Review Reviewer Instructions” will be generated and this will trigger the Financial Assistance Law Division (FALD) review of all events in the competition.
- Applications will be received up until the closing date of the Request for Applications (RFA) at which point the Minimum Requirement review will begin.
- Once the Minimum Requirements have been reviewed, the Competition Manager will need to assign applications to the review event and will receive a task to close the event after the evaluations have been completed.

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- Applications can be reviewed internally or externally. Selection memos should be signed externally and attached to the internal selection package
- “Initiate PO Negotiation” for all Program Officers who have selected applications.
- Next, a task to “Conduct Negotiations” will appear.

Finally, complete the award file documents:

- PO Checklist
- NEPA documentation
- Procurement Request
- All other necessary documentation

FORWARD TO GRANTS MANAGEMENT
DIVISION

- **What is the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)?**

–The BAA is a mechanism to encourage research, education and outreach, innovative projects, or sponsorships that are not addressed through our competitive discretionary programs.

–It is not a mechanism for awarding congressionally directed funds. It is an unsolicited proposal.

- New guidance was released for processing BAA Applications for FY 2016 through FY 2017
- The BAA process has been streamlined because the BAA announcement posted at Grants.gov now has the complete application package of forms.
- There is no longer a need to create a separate Request for Application(s) (RFA) with a complete application package in Grants Online that, in the past, had to also be posted at Grants.gov for their BAA applicants to use.

- Procedure is as follows:

- BAA Applicants will submit unsolicited proposals through Grants.gov

- The Grants.gov RFA includes the BAA and Full Funding Opportunity (FFO)

- Submitted applications will be routed by Grants Online to the appropriate Line Office for processing

- The Line Office Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC) representative will receive the application in their task inbox, who will then reassign to the correct FPO

Applications must address one or more of the following *mission goals*:
(<http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/goals/>)

Climate Adaptation and Mitigation

An informed society anticipating and responding to climate and its impacts;

Weather-Ready Nation

Society is prepared for and responds to weather-related events;

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Applications must address one or more of the following *mission goals*:
(<http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/goals/>)

Healthy Oceans

Marine fisheries, habitats, and biodiversity sustained within healthy and productive ecosystems; and

Resilient Coastal Communities and Economies
Coastal and Great Lakes communities that are environmentally and economically sustainable

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•Project/Award Period

–Anticipated start date, if found meritorious, generally will be 3-6 months after receipt by NOAA.

–Applications should generally be submitted for a one year award period, but this may be negotiated if the application is recommended for funding.

For those applicants without internet access, application forms can be acquired by contacting the individuals listed under the FOR INFORMATION CONTACT section.

Format

Requirements/Content Requirements

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Five Evaluation Criteria (100 points) weights vary

- Importance and/or relevance and applicability of proposed project to the mission goals
- Technical/scientific merit
- Overall qualifications of applicants
- Project costs
- Outreach and education

Review and Selection Process

The review includes determining whether:

- Sufficient funds are available in the budget of the program office;
- Statutory authority exists to provide financial assistance for the project or organization;
- A complete application package has been submitted;
- The Project Description/Narrative is consistent with one or more of NOAA's mission goals; and,
- The proposal falls within the scope of an existing NOAA competitive announcement.

Review and Selection Process continued

- A minimum of three merit reviewers per proposal are required. The reviewers may be any combination of Federal and/or non-Federal personnel.
- Any application considered for funding may be required to address the issues raised in the evaluation of the proposal by the reviewers, Program Officer, Selecting Official, and/or Grants Officer before an award is issued.

References:

DOC Grants and Cooperative Agreements Manual dated 3/1/2013

[http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/grants_management/policy/documents/FINAL%20Master%20DOC%20Grants%20Manual%202013%20\(03.01.13\)_b.pdf](http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/grants_management/policy/documents/FINAL%20Master%20DOC%20Grants%20Manual%202013%20(03.01.13)_b.pdf)

Grants Online RFA Creation Manuals

http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/grantsonline/gol_training_FPO.htm

BAA FFO NOAA-NFA-NFAPO-2014-2003949

Grants.Gov

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/home.html>

Grants Online

<https://grantsonline.rdc.noaa.gov/flows/home/Login/LoginController.jspf>

Reminders:

- All Selection, Transmittal, and Non-Competitive Memorandums must be signed by the appropriate person, not the Federal Program Officer.
- All Merit Reviews must be signed or coded.
- Outside Reviewers must sign a **CD-571**.
- All Noncompetitive Memorandums must reference and justify **one or more** of the conditions noted in the DOC Grants and Cooperative Agreements Manual, dated 3/1/2013. See Chapter 8, Section F, Page 55, Review Process for Applications for Noncompetitive Awards made with Discretionary Funds.

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