

Topic: Eligibility

Question (E1): Are for-profit organizations eligible to receive funds through this funding opportunity?

Answer (E1): No. For-profit organizations are not eligible to receive funds through this funding opportunity; however, they may participate as project partners.

Question (E2): Do Project Directors need to be from a Gulf-based institution?

Answer (E2): No. Project Directors may be from academic institutions outside of the Gulf Region in the United States.

Question (E3): Are non-profit organizations eligible for this funding opportunity?

Answer (E3): Non-profits are eligible to receive funding as sub-awardees for this RFA and/or participate as project partners. Non-profit organizations are not eligible to serve as the “Applicant” and individuals from non-profit organizations are not eligible to serve as a “Project Director.”

Question (E4): Would I be eligible to apply for the funding opportunity if I do not submit a Notice of Intent?

Answer (E4): No. A Notice of Intent is required to be submitted by interested “Applicants.”

Question (E5): What is the difference between an “Applicant” and a “Project Director?”

Answer (E5): An “Applicant” is defined as the applying organization. A “Project Director” is defined as the individual who will lead the proposed project.

Topic: Overhead Charges

Question (OC1): My organization charges a greater overhead rate than 20%. Can we exceed this amount in our application?

Answer (OC1): No. To best serve residents of the region, overhead charges for this funding opportunity cannot exceed 20%. This limit also applies to sub-awardee budgets.

Topic: Focus Areas

Question (FA1): Can applicants propose work that spans more than one Focus Area?

Answer (FA1): Applicants may only apply to one of three Focus Areas. It is strongly recommended that the proposed work aligns directly with the Focus Area in which an application is submitted.

Topic: Offshore Waters

Question (OW1): How are State waters defined for this RFA?

Answer (OW1): State waters are defined for Louisiana to be 3 nautical miles and for Texas to be 9 nautical miles from the mean low-water line along the shoreline.

Question (OW2): How are coastal waters defined for this RFA?

Answer (OW2): Coastal waters are defined for this RFA to be waters directly connected to the Gulf of America, including nearshore Gulf waters, tidal passes and inlets, the Gulf-facing portions of bays and estuaries, and the tidal marshes and wetlands immediately adjacent to these waters.

Question (OW3): The RFA is focused on oil and gas wells in State, Coastal, and/or Bay waters. Can proposals also focus on oil and gas wells in federal waters?

Answer (OW3): Oil and gas wells in federal waters may be used to support tool-development; however, this funding opportunity is focused on advancing the understanding of the status and location of oil and gas wells in State, Coastal, and/or Bay waters of the Gulf Coast. End-products (e.g., mapping tools, decision-support tools, risk assessment models, etc.) from this funding opportunity should thus focus on oil and gas wells in State, Coastal, and/or Bay waters of the Gulf Coast and not those in federal waters.

Topic: End-Users

Question (EU1): How are end-users defined for this RFA?

Answer (EU1): For the purposes of this RFA, an end-user is defined as an entity that manages or uses information on orphaned and non-orphaned oil and gas wells for environmental management or other decision-making purposes.

Question (EU2): How should applicants engage end-users for this RFA?

Answer (EU2): End-users are expected to be partners in the co-design and co-production of projects and results.

Topic: Additional Questions

Question (AQ1): Whom should I contact if I have questions about the funding opportunity or RFA?

Answer (AQ1): Please email gulfgrants@nas.edu