



# FY2021 Funding Opportunities

# U.S. EPA Funding Opportunities

## Geographic Program Funding

- Marine litter-focused RFAs in the Gulf of Mexico and Great Lakes Watersheds
  - FY19 Waterway Trash Reduction Grant in the Gulf funded 17 projects totaling \$7.8 million (FY21 RFA expected)
  - FY20 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative TFW Grant funded 7 projects totaling \$2.1 million (FY21 RFA TBD)
- Marine litter/stormwater as one of several priorities in other geographic program funding sources expected to be announced in FY21
  - South Florida Geographic Program (\$4.6 million total expected to be awarded in early 2021, some of which could be trash-related)
  - NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund
  - NFWF Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program/ Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant
  - San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund

# NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM

## Marine Debris Research Projects:

- **Open:** September 15, 2020; **Close:** November 4, 2020 (Letter of Intent)
- **Total funding:** Up to \$2M available for 3-5 awards
- **Typical award amount:** \$150,000 - \$300,000
- **Eligible organizations:** State, local, tribal, and territory governments; institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; commercial (for-profit) organizations
- **Topic:** Investigate and identify input pathways for marine debris introduction into the coastal zone
- **More information:** <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

# NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM

## Marine Debris Removal Projects:

- **Open:** July 15, 2020; **Close:** September 4, 2020 (Letter of Intent)
- **Total funding:** Up to \$2.5M available for 8-15 awards
- **Typical award amount:** \$50,000 - \$150,000
- **Eligible organizations:** State, local, tribal, and territory governments; institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; commercial (for-profit) organizations
- **Topic:** Remove derelict fishing gear, abandoned and derelict vessels, and other medium- and large-scale debris
- **More information:** <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

# NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Fishing for Energy Partnership: Projects and Bin Proposals

- **Open:** Spring 2021 (TBD)
- **Total funding:** TBD
- **Typical award amount:** \$10,000 / port (Bin Proposal); \$100,000 - \$300,000 (Fishing for Energy Projects)
- **Eligible organizations:** State, local, tribal, and territory governments; institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; commercial (for-profit) organizations
- **Topic:** Prevent derelict fishing gear from entering the environment
- **More information:** <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/fishing-energy>

# NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM

Sea Grant-Marine Debris Special Projects Competition:

- **Open:** TBD
- **Total funding:** \$300,000
- **Typical award amount:** \$10,000-\$50,000
- **Eligible organizations:** State Sea Grant programs
- **Topic:** Prevention
- **More information:** <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/>

# NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM

## USMCA Environment Chapter

### Article 24.12: Marine Litter

3. "...the Parties shall cooperate to address matters of mutual interest with respect to combatting marine litter, such as addressing land and sea-based pollution, promoting waste management infrastructure, and advancing efforts related to abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear."

## USMCA Implementation Act

DOC/NOAA For an additional amount for "Operations, Research, and Facilities", \$16,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023: Provided further, **That \$8,000,000 shall be available to carry out section 3 of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1952) during fiscal years 2020 through 2023 in the North American region"**

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North America Marine Debris Prevention and Removal:

- **Open:** TBD (plan is for November); **Close:** TBD
- **Total funding:** Up to \$5M available for 6-12 awards
- **Typical award amount:** \$150,000 - \$750,000
- **Eligible organizations:** State, local, tribal, and territory governments; institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; commercial (for-profit) organizations; certain eligible organizations in Mexico and Canada
- **Topic:** Marine debris prevention and/or removal; priority for activities in border regions/shared waters with Mexico or Canada and with int'l collaboration
- **More information:** <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

# USAID CLEAN CITIES, BLUE OCEAN PROGRAM

Grants Under Contract Program for Reduced Ocean Plastics Pollution:

- **Open:** Opportunities currently available in Maldives, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam (to be announced in Dominican Republic, Peru, Indonesia); **Accepting on rolling basis**
- **Total funding:** Up to \$10M Available (over 5 years) for 40 - 60 awards
- **Typical award amount:** \$100,000 - \$250,000
- **Eligible organizations:** NGO, civil society, and community-based organizations; private foundations and universities; research institutions; business associations; and private companies.
- **Topic:** Support for locally-led solid waste management and reduce, reuse, recycle practices implemented in close collaboration with local governments to combat marine debris
- **More information:** [www.urban-links.org/ccbo-grants](http://www.urban-links.org/ccbo-grants)

# USFWS Funding Opportunities

Although USFWS does not have marine debris specific funding, marine debris has been funded as part of larger restoration projects.

- Coastal Program
  - Provides technical assistance or smaller amounts of funding to be leveraged by partner contributions on public or private lands for habitat restoration or improvement projects.
- National Coastal Wetland Grants:
  - Available to U.S. states and territories and has matching requirements with non-federal funds.
  - Applicable to long term conservation projects providing restoration, enhancement, or management.
- For More information: <https://www.fws.gov/coastal/>