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](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](https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities)
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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](https://www.nfwf.org/programs/fishing-energy)
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/](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/)
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”
NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM

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](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/](https://www.fws.gov/coastal/)