

Coastal Access Improvement Grants: Q & A

1. When does DHEC-OCRM anticipate announcing the grant award recipients?
Answer: DHEC-OCRM plans to announce the grant award recipients by November 1, 2015.
2. Are coastal access improvement funding opportunities announced on an annual basis?
Answer: Coastal access improvement grant opportunities are typically announced annually though subject to available funding.
3. Can projects be bundled together into one application?
Answer: Yes, projects can be bundled together. However, applicants should provide a separate budget for each access site showing the state funding requested and the local match.
4. Does a pier or dock have to be ADA accessible to be considered for funding?
Answer: No, a pier or dock does not have to be ADA accessible to be considered for funding; however, ADA compliance is a factor considered during project proposal review.
5. Are the following items acceptable to apply for? (1) Roll-Out (non-permanent) Mats and (2) Beach Wheelchairs to improve accessibility for multiple beach access locations (3) Trash and recycling receptacles to reduce litter and improve waste management at our access points
Answer: Yes, it would be acceptable to apply for all three items. Applicants should be aware that certain activities may require a state permit (s).
6. Is there a standard application that must be used?
Answer: No, there is not a standard application form; however, applicants must include the required information listed in the request for applications and should use the budget form included on the last page when submitting a proposal.