



CALL FOR PROJECT

Deadline for submission: **May 15, 2026**

ABOUT

The Gulf of America Alliance (GOAA) is a partnership of the five Gulf states, federal agencies, academic organizations, businesses, and other non-profits in the region. Our goal is to significantly increase regional collaboration to enhance the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of America. The five Gulf states have identified specific priority issues that benefit from a regional approach and we address those priorities by bringing together diverse talent, coordinating capabilities, and maximizing the impact of the public and private funding available to us.

The priorities include:

- Coastal Resilience
- Education and Engagement
- Habitat Resources
- Marine Debris
- Water Resources
- Wildlife and Fisheries

To address these priorities, GOAA typically funds a total of 10 to 15 projects per year through public and private sources, based on availability and various levels of funding. We believe that collaboration brings exponential results and our approach to projects is much like a cooperative agreement, requiring active participation on both sides. The Priority Issue Teams serve in an advisory capacity on the project and the applicants must be active in the Priority Issue Teams.

For more information about the Gulf of America Alliance, the Priority Issue Teams, and the types of projects that we support, visit <https://gulfofamericaalliance.org/what-we-do/projects/>.



PURPOSE OF THIS CALL FOR PROJECTS

This Call for Projects is intended to identify high-quality project concepts that GOAA may advance by seeking public or private funding opportunities to address our priority issues. The Alliance does not currently have dedicated funding associated with this call. Submission of a project concept does not guarantee funding.

Selected project concepts will be developed further as applicable funding becomes available. Should a project idea be selected, applicants will be asked to develop a detailed scope and budget for consideration under a specific funding source. Applicants will be notified of the status of their submitted project concept within six months, but no later than November 2026.

PRIORITIES

We invite eligible organizations to submit ideas for projects that align with the specifications listed below. For additional information about team priorities and examples of previously funded projects, please visit the team pages linked below.

Coastal Resilience

The [Coastal Community Resilience Team](#) seeks project concepts that strengthen Gulf community infrastructure, planning systems, and resilience strategies to better withstand coastal hazards. Projects should advance tools, knowledge, and resources that improve preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation while supporting ecosystem restoration, nature-based solutions, and sustainable development.

Education and Engagement

The [Education and Engagement Team](#) seeks project concepts that increase environmental literacy and stewardship of Alliance priorities through education and engagement. Projects should support the development and delivery of high-quality educational programs and resources, professional development, and training that aligns with state educational standards and workforce needs.

Habitat Resources

The [Habitat Resources Team](#) seeks project concepts that advance living shoreline efforts and strengthen regional sediment management. Projects should focus on expansion of site suitability modeling to unmodeled Gulf areas in TX, AL, MS, LA (please reference [GOMOD](#) site-suitability theme map), living shoreline implementation, living shoreline inventories including project cost-estimates, cost-share, and cost-assistance programs, as well as spatial inventory of existing and historic projects to support planning and implementation. Regional sediment management needs include workplan development focused on sand availability and needs in Texas (ex. USACE SAND),



development of a Gulf-wide dredging atlas, and guidance (shared via workshops or webinars) on Clean Water Act Section 404 compliance and dredged sediment testing protocols to improve project permitting and execution.

Marine Debris

The [Marine Debris Team](#) seeks project concepts that prevent, reduce, and remove marine debris across the Gulf and its watersheds. Projects should support prevention, research, removal efforts, and improved communication to better understand sources, impacts, and solutions while strengthening stewardship and collaboration among stakeholders and organizations.

Water Resources

The [Water Resources Team](#) seeks project concepts that protect and improve water resources across the Gulf and its watersheds. Projects should support monitoring, research, partnerships, education, and innovative science and technologies that address stressors to water quality and emerging threats to human and aquatic life.

Wildlife and Fisheries

The [Wildlife and Fisheries Team](#) seeks project concepts that improve understanding of the status, trends, threats, and habitat linkages of fish and wildlife species in the Gulf. Projects should support coordinated monitoring and management actions, applied research, data sharing and stakeholder outreach, and decision-support tools that advance science-based management.

PROJECT BUDGETS

Throughout the years, GOAA has awarded projects in a range of funding levels. Currently, we are seeking small, foundational projects that serve to address the priorities above and demonstrate success that can be replicated on a larger scale or in other areas of the region. Therefore, for this Call for Projects, budgets should fall into the following estimated ranges:

- Up to \$30,000
- \$30,000 to \$50,000
- \$50,000 to \$75,000

Project concepts with budgets less than \$25,000 will not be considered.

Budgets should include cost for at least one project team member to give updates on quarterly virtual GOAA Team meetings as well as one GOAA in-person Priority Issue Team meeting.



Budgets cannot include costs incurred prior to an official project start date. However, proposed activities may build upon or expand existing efforts. Cost sharing or matching is not required, but is viewed favorably.

DURATION AND START DATE

Projects should be 12-24 months in duration. Anticipated start date is March 1, 2027.

ELIGIBILITY

State and municipal agencies, academic and research institutions, federally recognized tribes, businesses, and non-governmental organizations are eligible to submit project concepts.

If a project concept is selected for advancement, the applicant organization must:

- Be an active (or become an active) member of the relevant GOAA Priority Issue Team
- Participate in GOAA meetings and/or conferences
- Provide regular project updates
- Submit semi-annual progress reports

EVALUATION

Project concepts will be evaluated based on:

- Alignment with Alliance priorities
- Demonstrated need
- Project approach
- Plan for sharing results to end-users/key stakeholders
- Project team, total budget, and timeline

Submissions will be reviewed by evaluation committees of the GOAA Priority Issue Teams. GOAA's Alliance Management Team will make the final selection regarding funding of the projects. The GOAA Alliance Management Team reserves the right to make selections based on the evaluation criteria and their own deliberations.

DATA AND INFORMATION SHARING

If a project concept is selected for advancement, the applicant organization must ensure all relevant project-derived material (data, metadata, reports, products, etc.) are publicly available by the completion of the project; an appropriate data management plan may also be required. At that time, applicants will be required, as appropriate, to consult with GOAA to determine appropriate data discovery, access, dissemination, and archival measures.



SUBMISSION

Project concepts should be submitted using the online submission form link available on GOAA's funding opportunities webpage linked below. The form requires:

- Project title
- Point of Contact / Principle Investigator
- Project location
- Statement of need
- Brief project description, anticipated outputs or outcomes, and alignment with Alliance priorities
- Estimated budget
- Project duration

Project concepts must be submitted electronically no later than **5:00 pm US Central Time on May 15, 2026**. The Gulf of America Alliance will notify the applicants of their selection status within six months, no later than November 2026. Project start date is anticipated to be March 1, 2027.

GOAA's Call for Project Concepts and online submission form:

<https://gulfofamericaalliance.org/announcements/funding-opportunities/>

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding priority issues should be directed to the point of contact for the specific Priority Issue Team (noted below). For questions about the proposal format or submission process, please contact Ali Robertson at Ali.Robertson@gulfalliance.org.

For questions regarding

- Coastal Community Resilience, contact Lauren Pourciau at Lauren.Pourciau@gulfalliance.org
- Education and Engagement, contact Carley Zapfe at Carley.Zapfe@gulfalliance.org
- Habitat Resources, contact Lauren Pourciau at Lauren.Pourciau@gulfalliance.org
- Marine Debris, contact Katie Wallace at Katie.Wallace@gulfalliance.org
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