

IOOS Inflation Reduction Act Request for Applications Overview

December 04, 2023



Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Request for Applications (RFA)

Purpose: “Coastal Communities and Climate Resilience”

- **Coastal resilience services** to address community needs and priorities
- **\$100M to the RAs** through the non-competitive IRA RFA
 - Expand the reach of IOOS
 - Establishing and deepening partnerships
 - Increasing equitable service delivery
 - Meaningful stakeholder engagement
 - Increase coastal resilience
 - Frontline and overburdened communities

TITLE IV—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 40001. INVESTING IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,600,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to provide funding through direct expenditure, contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or technical assistance to coastal states (as defined in paragraph (4) of section 304 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1453(4))), the District of Columbia, Tribal Governments, nonprofit organizations, local governments, and institutions of higher education (as defined in subsection (a) of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))), for the conservation, restoration, and protection of coastal and marine habitats, resources, Pacific salmon and other marine fisheries, to enable coastal communities to prepare for extreme storms and other changing climate conditions, and for projects that support natural resources that sustain coastal and marine resource dependent communities, marine fishery and marine mammal stock assessments, and for related administrative expenses.

Links to IRA RFA can be found at:
<https://ioos.noaa.gov/ira-resources-for-ras/>

- **Eligibility Requirements:**

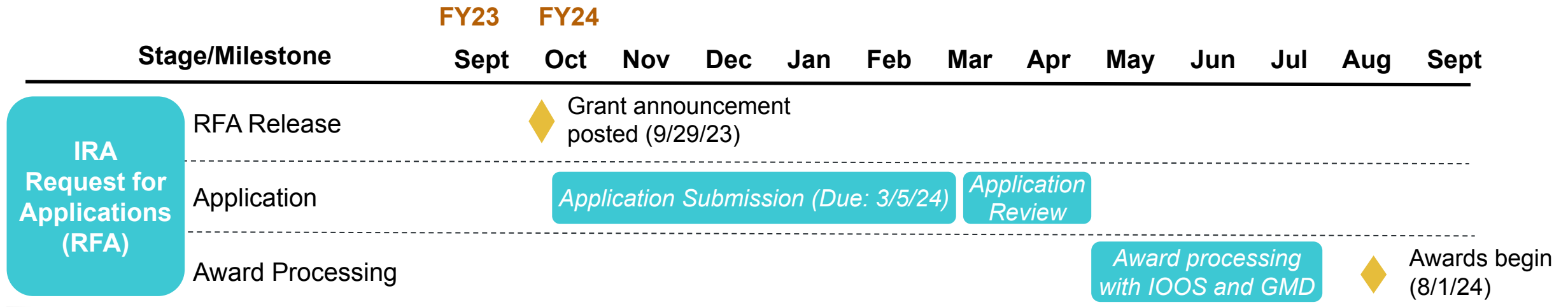
- Only IOOS RAs are eligible to apply
- No cost sharing or matching requirements
- No other criteria that affect eligibility




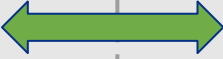
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NOAA Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
Department of Commerce

- **Proposals Due:** 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time on March 5, 2024
- **Mechanism:** Cooperative agreements
- **Project duration:** Up to 5 years
- **Funding:** Total available: \$100M across Topic Areas 1 & 2

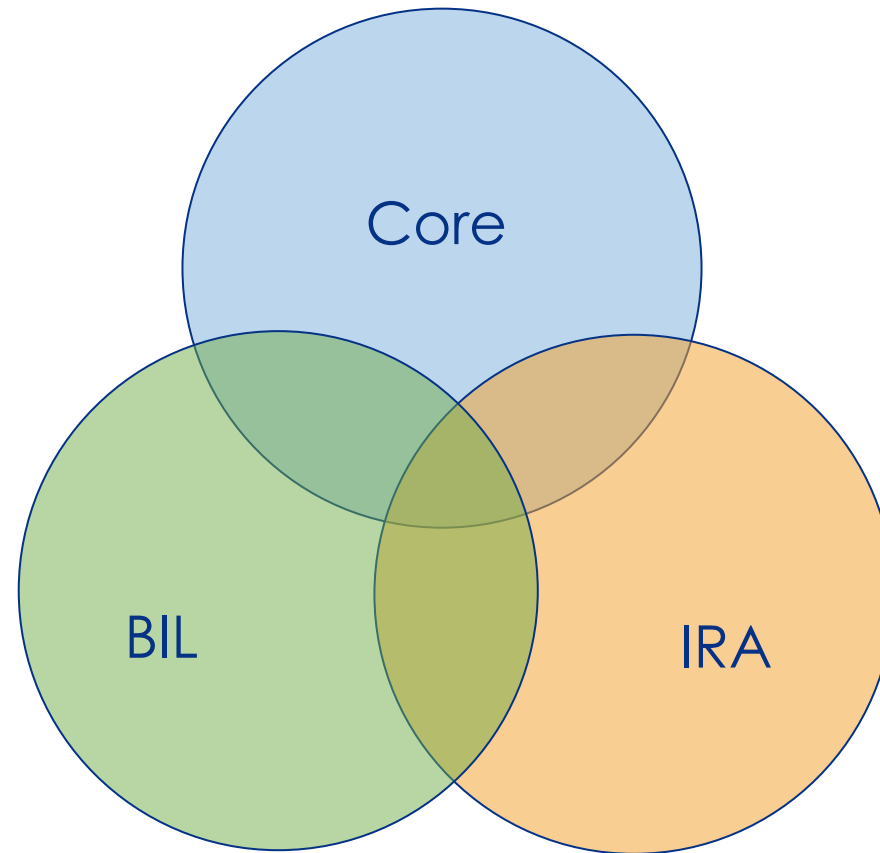
RFA Timeline



IRA RFA Complements Core and BIL

	Core 	BIL 	IRA
Activity	Observations, tools, modeling, O&M, governance	Recapitalization of infrastructure, assets	Equitable service delivery
Geographic range	Within the region	Within the region	Within and across regions
Outcome	Sustained coastal ocean information	Fortified, enhanced core assets	Coastal community climate resilience
End beneficiary	decision makers, managers, scientists	Regional system	frontline, overburdened, coastal communities
Project length	Ongoing	One-time infusion	Finite project, lasting impact

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IRA RFA Basics - Topic Areas 1 & 2

	Topic Area 1	↔	Topic Area 2
\$ amount	\$55 M		\$45 M
Applications	1 per Regional Association		Optional, separate, 1 RA leads
Geographic range	Within an RA		Across multiple or all RAs
Activities	Individual RA efforts		Collaborative efforts across RAs
Strengthen	RA longevity & relevance		Pan-regional, national integration
End beneficiary	Coastal communities particularly underserved, frontline, & overburdened communities		
Goals	Improve coastal resilience Advance equitable service delivery		

IRA Topic Area 2 Components

A successful proposal will address at least one of the following:

1. Improve, link and leverage capacity to address coastal resilience at the pan-regional and/or national scale
 - a. Integrated priorities:
 - i. Water levels, wave buoys, subsurface monitoring and modeling
 - ii. Ecosystem monitoring
2. Establish and/or expand service delivery and stakeholder engagement to communities that are disproportionately overburdened, underserved, economically distressed, and facing coastal and climate impacts, including indigenous groups and tribes.

What's different about this opportunity?

- Not an extension of the RA regular 5-year cooperative agreements
- Not business as usual
- IOOS Office will engage with RAs as they develop your proposals
- Finite projects with lasting impacts
- Build on what's working and improve it
 - Expanded membership and audiences
 - More collaboration
 - An integrated national system

Questions?

General questions: ioos.regions@noaa.gov

Review the IOOS IRA RFA webpage:
<https://ioos.noaa.gov/ira-resources-for-ras/>