

COASTAL & HEARTLAND NATIONAL ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

2026 Funding Opportunities

The Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP) is part of the US EPA National Estuary Program and is comprised of local, state, and federal governmental entities, non-profits, private sector entities and the public. Its mission is to unite Central and Southwest Florida to protect water and wildlife. The CHNEP is non-regulatory, science-based, and citizen-supported, and its work is supported by a professional team who works to pair funding opportunities and resources with the communities and partners in the CHNEP's 10-county service area.

Funding Opportunities

FDEP Land and Water Conservation Fund Program

Funding projects that safeguard our natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and provide recreation opportunities to all Americans.

floridadep.gov/lands/land-and-recreation-grants/content/land-and-water-conservation-fund-program Applications due December 15, 2025

Gulf Ecosystem Initiative 2026

Funding synthesis science working groups and postdoctoral research focused on projects related to climate, fisheries, or the ecological impact of management actions in the Gulf.

https://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/gulfeco

Applications due February 20, 2026

Gulf Partnership for Land Conservation Project Assistance Fund

Funding to support the upfront due diligence costs our land trust partners need to fully develop land conservation projects in the coastal region with important public recreation, wildlife habitat, resilience, and water quality benefits for local communities within the Gulf States.

Funding projects up to \$50,000

https://gulfpartnership.org/project-assistance-fund-1

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

<u>Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Florida One Million Dollar Habitat Pledge</u>

Funding 20 coastal habitat focused projects statewide for \$50,000 each.

https://ccaflorida.org/one-million-dollar-habitat-pledge/

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Uniting Central and Southwest Florida to Protect Water and Wildlife

Funding Opportunities Continued...

Gulf of America Alliance (GOAA) Gulf Star Program

The Gulf Star Program provides funding for projects that support healthy beaches, clean waters, productive ecosystems, and thriving coastal communities. https://gulfofamericaalliance.org/gulf-star/

EDA FY25 Disaster Supplemental Fund

Funding to assist communities recovering from a disaster.

Funding projects up to \$50 Million

https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/359225

Applications accepted on rolling basis until funds have been expended





















