



**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

Offers a variety of fellowship and grant opportunities to enhance oil system safety and the protection of human health and the environment in the Gulf of Mexico and U.S. outer continental shelf regions.

Funding for research projects and programs that will develop and refine methods, protocols, techniques, and/or strategies to enhance the production of one or more life stages of aquaculture species with the overall goal of improving the efficiency, output, and profitability of commercial coastal or coastal aquaculture businesses.

*Letters of Intent due January 17, 2024*

Projects should restore, conserve, or preserve priority aquatic habitat designated by the Southeastern Conservation Adaptation Strategy Conservation Blueprint, or those that protect/enhance recreational fisheries, or conserve conservation needy species.

*Applications due January 19, 2024*

Support projects that address urgent, emerging, and challenging issues threatening the well-being of estuaries within the 28 NEP location boundary areas.

*Letters of Intent due January 26, 2024*

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