

Annual Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO)



Ocean Exploration and Research

By leading national efforts to explore our ocean and making ocean exploration more accessible, the NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research is filling gaps in the basic understanding of U.S. deep waters and seafloor, providing critical deep-ocean data, information, and awareness needed to sustain and accelerate the economy, health, and security of our nation.

One mechanism by which OER achieves these goals is through an annual grant competition (“Federal Funding Opportunity”). OER funds 1-2 year ocean exploration projects that must take place in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The scope of the call varies between years, but generally follows the themes of:



EXPLORATION Acquisition of ocean environmental information of unexplored and poorly explored areas of the deep ocean and unknown phenomena below 200 meters)



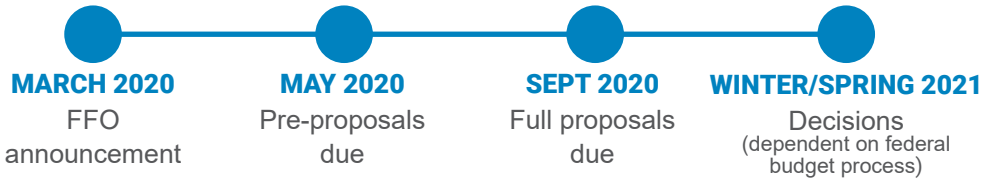
TECHNOLOGY Application of new or novel use of existing ocean technologies or innovative methods that increase the scope and efficiency of acquiring ocean exploration data (technologies applicable to water depths >200 meters, though lab-based and shallow water testing allowed)



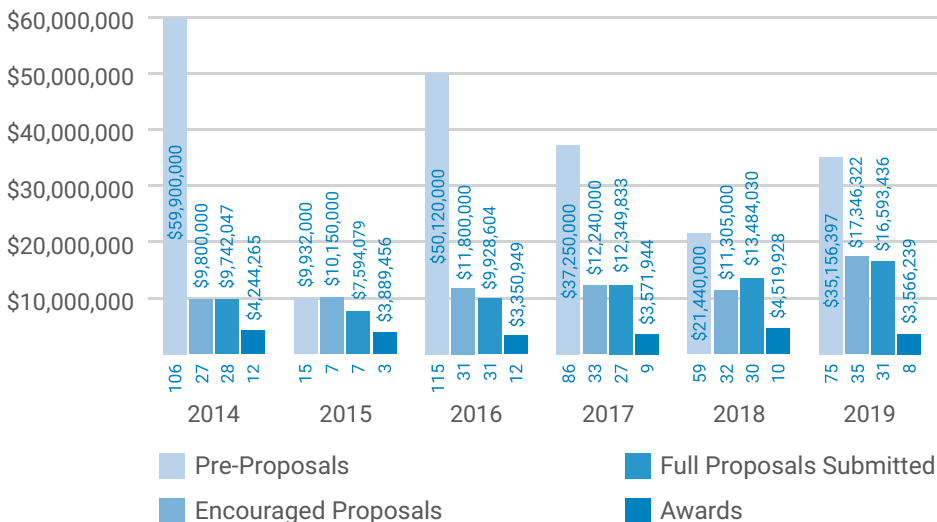
MARINE ARCHAEOLOGY Discovery and initial characterization of underwater cultural heritage at any water depth

TARGET DATES* FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 GRANTS

*Subject to change



NUMBER OF PROPOSALS & AWARDS WITH FUNDING SUMMARIES



TIPS FOR PREPARING A GRANT PROPOSAL TO NOAA OER

- Details matter! - Read the full proposal announcement and application requirements thoroughly before getting started
- Ensure alignment with the ocean exploration mission: ocean exploration differs from hypothesis-driven and applied science in that it supports novel discoveries and reveals previously-unknown knowledge
- Reach out to the Program Manager if you have questions:
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