

**Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways
Beach Erosion Control and Public Beach Restoration Programs**

APPLICATION RANKING METHODOLOGY

Applications submitted for funding under the Beach Erosion Control and Public Beach Restoration programs will be ranked based on the criteria below. A total of 280 points are available. Applications receiving less than 200 points will not be eligible for grant funding. This ranking methodology is based on priorities established in state policy.

Project Benefits

Up to 100 points available

Erosion of shoreline areas and loss of public beaches can create immediate risks to public health and safety, low-cost recreational uses, and irreplaceable natural resources near the shoreline.

- Up to 50 points for **health and safety benefits** the project will directly provide in the 5-20 years following project completion.
- Up to 35 points for **low-cost recreational benefits** the project will directly provide in the 5-20 years following project completion.
- Up to 15 points for **environmental benefits** the project will directly provide in the 5-20 years following project completion. This item assumes environmental compliance will have already been assured through consultation with environmental permitting agencies.

Strategic Planning

Up to 80 points available

Erosion of shoreline areas and loss of public beaches can create long-term risks that are best dealt with strategically, on a regional basis (so a solution in one place does not cause problems elsewhere), and with a realistic vision of future risks in mind. DBW has long funded work of the Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup with this priority in mind, and the Governor's office has directed state agencies to consider sea level rise and coastal resiliency planning in investment decisions.

- Up to 30 points for the proposed project being part of a long-term management plan to provide **erosion control benefits** for the site and/or region, using an approach that will not presuppose additional grant funding at this site from this program in the next 50-100 years.
- Up to 30 points for the project purposefully addressing issues related to **sea level rise planning** within the littoral cell in the next 50-100 years.
- Up to 20 points for the proposed project being described in a **published regional sediment management plan**.

Cost Effectiveness

Up to 75 points available

The limited funds DBW draws from its reserves to fund these programs must be used as impactfully as possible in order for DBW to effectively fulfill all of its mandates, including but not limited to these grant programs.

- 20 points for verification that **federal cost participation** will be 65% of project cost or higher, OR 10 points for verification it will be 50% or higher.
- 20 points if **cost contribution by local and other non-DBW state partners** is 25% of project cost or higher, OR 10 points if this contribution is 15% of project cost or higher.
- Up to 15 points for this project being **superior to or equivalent to other potential solutions**, including no action and managed retreat.
- Up to 10 points for **economically desirable shoreline protection in the next 5-20 years**.
- Up to 10 points for **economically desirable shoreline protection in the next 50-100 years**.

Timeliness of State Participation

Up to 25 points available

If a grant award cannot be encumbered via a grant agreement in the first year it is available, or if it will not be fully utilized within three years, it is likely the requested funds are being requested prematurely, and would be better used elsewhere in the state to address other issues DBW is responsible for.

- Up to 10 points for public hearings having already been conducted and public support obtained.
- Up to 10 points for permitting being complete at time of application.
- 5 points for CEQA / NEPA already complete at time of application (for site and project if both are separately necessary).