



## **FY2025 Appropriations Talking Points**

### **FY 2025 Ask**

- **We request that you fund Coastal Management Grants at \$108.5 Million for FY 2025. This increase in funding would be an important step towards fully resourcing these programs.**

### **Background**

- Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Programs play a critical role in balancing the demands on the coastal zone while advancing tangible efforts to address coastal community resilience.
- CZM Programs support the Congressionally recognized priority of the effective management, beneficial use, protection and development of our nation's coasts.
- CZM Program activities include from identification of coastal vulnerabilities and hazards; to community risk communication; and on the ground projects to build resilient coastal infrastructure, etc...

### **Current Funding Level and Needs**

- Given the challenging budget situation, we appreciate that Congress has continued to maintain the funding level for coastal management grants at \$81M Thank you.
- We are also incredibly thankful for the additional funding that has been made available through the ILJA and IRA for projects addressing issues like habitat restoration and coastal resilience for the next few years.
- However, there is still a large gap between where we are today and what is needed to ensure these programs are sustainable over the long term and able to meet their goals.
- CZM Programs have identified that it would take at least \$134 M to fully meet Congressional mission mandates and address the ever-increasing demands and challenges on our nation's coasts.

### **Funding Justification**

- Core annual funding appropriated by Congress allows CZM programs to respond to emerging issues, build capacity and improve sustainability.
- This is especially important given the increased administrative demands on programs, such as permitting and ensuring federal consistency, as we work to efficiently implement new projects funded by the ILJA and IRA
- States match the funds provided by Congress nearly dollar-for-dollar to help address coastal management needs.

### **Additional Requests:**

- Please also find included in our request materials details in support of other programs that complement the work of CZM programs and support coastal resilience:
  - A request for additional resources for the NOAA Office for Coastal Management which is the federal partner for the CZM Programs
  - A request to support the National Estuarine Research Reserves, coastal zone management partners, though increased funding for both ORF and PAC
  - A request to support Regional Ocean Partnerships which amplify coastal management efforts and coordinate these efforts on a regional scale.
  - Requests supporting funding for complimentary coastal resilience programs under NOAA including the National Ocean and Coastal Security Act Fund, National Marine Sanctuaries, the Integrated Ocean Observing System, the Coral Reef Conservation Program, and the National Sea Grant Program.
  - Additional funding is requested to support beneficial use of dredge material and the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Coastal Programs and the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the National Estuary Program under the Environmental Protection Agency.