

NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, Financial Assistance Awards for Fiscal Year 2018

Project Title	Applicant	Applicant Type	Region	Location	Federal Funding	Matching Funds
State and Territorial Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements						
USVI Coral Reef Management Initiative	USVI DPNR, Division of Coastal Zone Management*	Territorial Government	Atlantic/Caribbean	U.S. Virgin Islands	\$495,000	\$248,989
Puerto Rico Coral Reef Conservation 2017-2018	Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources*	Comonwealth Government	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico	\$480,000	\$234,259
Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreement	Florida Department of Environmental Protection*	State Government	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$770,000	\$671,381
Hawaii FY17-18 Coral Reef Management Grant	Hawaii DLNR, Division of Aquatic Resources*	State Government	Pacific	Hawaii	\$760,000	\$810,086
CNMI's FY17-18 Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreement	CNMI Division of Environmental Quality*	Comonwealth Government	Pacific	CNMI	\$475,000	\$0
Guam's FY 17-18 Coral Reef Conservation Program Cooperative Agreement Application	Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Coastal Management Program*	Territorial Government	Pacific	Guam	\$400,000	\$51,454
Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreement	American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources*	Territorial Government	Pacific	American Samoa	\$560,000	\$16,340
<i>* At the recipient's request, a portion of the funds were held back for the All Islands Committee Secretariat and other specific tasks.</i>						
Fishery Management Council Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements						
FY18 Monitoring Surveys of Mesophotic Habitats	Caribbean Fishery Management Council	FMC	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico, USVI	\$365,546	\$0
Coral Reef Conservation Program Fishery Management Council Coral Reef Conservation Agreements	Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council	FMC	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida, Gulf of Mexico	\$190,247	\$0
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Coral Reef Conservation Activities to Conserve and Manage Fishery Resources and Essential Fish Habitat	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council*	FMC	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$358,646	\$0
Western Pacific Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Resource Assessment and Management, FY 17-19	Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council	FMC	Pacific	AS, HI, GU, CNMI	\$335,000	\$0
<i>* At the recipient's request, a portion of the funds were held back for specific work conducted by NOAA Principal Investigators.</i>						
Domestic Coral Reef Conservation Grants						
HIMARC Phase II: Estimating indicators and reference points in support of effectively managing Hawaii's nearshore marine resources	University of Hawaii	Academic	Pacific	Hawaii	\$56,549	\$56,552
Village-based planning in American Samoa to address threats posed to coral reefs by climate change.	Marine Applied Research Center	Small Business	Pacific	American Samoa	\$79,939	\$80,067
Integrating Visual Ecological Surveys, Passive Acoustics and Habitat Photogrammetry to Characterize Reef Fish Assemblages, Spawning Activity & Resilience across Coral Reef Management Zones Post-Hurricane Irma	North Carolina State University	Academic	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$65,053	\$72,301
Human and natural drivers of coral reef resilience to climate-induced coral bleaching in Guam; identifying potential climate refugia	SymbioSeas	NGO	Pacific	Guam	\$79,975	\$80,532
Addressing land-based sources of pollution affecting listed coral species in Guanica, Puerto Rico	Protectores de Cuencas, Inc.	NGO	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico	\$79,581	\$84,933
Delineate, Designate, and Demonstrate Stream Riparian Buffers in Wahikuli, West Maui	The Coral Reef Alliance	NGO	Pacific	Hawaii	\$70,223	\$70,223
Scaling up production capacity for Hawaiian coral reef restoration: few large or many small?	University of Hawaii	Academic	Pacific	Hawaii	\$69,454	\$69,483
Assessing the impacts of the invasive seagrass, Halophila stipulacea, and two major hurricanes on the distribution of native seagrass communities of Culebra Island, Puerto Rico	Coastal Survey Solutions LLC	Small Business	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico	\$63,386	\$64,087
Establishing the catchment to sea connection: spatial and temporal patterns of terrestrial pollution sources and impacts to herbivorous fish assemblages	James Cook University	Academic	Pacific	American Samoa	\$40,364	\$43,545
A scientific analysis and decision framework for the standardization of citizen science ecological monitoring methods for community based fishing areas (CBFA)	Conservation International Foundation	NGO	Pacific	Hawaii	\$40,971	\$41,023
Equipping U.S. Virgin Island managers with high and low-tech options for native reef fish and seagrass conservation: mitigating impacts of the invasive seagrass, Halophila stipulacea	William Marsh Rice University	Academic	Atlantic/Caribbean	Virgin Islands	\$69,167	\$69,170
Effect of Hurricane Maria on resilience of Puerto Rico's Coral Reef	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Academic	Atlantic/Caribbean	Puerto Rico	\$70,926	\$70,926

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Assessment and Restoration of the Pillar Coral <i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i> on the Florida Reef Tract	Nova Southeastern University, Inc.*	Academic	Atlantic/Caribbean	Florida	\$69,000	\$69,498
<i>*This project was awarded in FY 2017 and transferred at the original recipient's request.</i>						
International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements						
Building MPA management capacity in the wider Caribbean region with special emphasis on MPA implementation in the eastern Caribbean	Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute	NGO	Wider Caribbean	Caribbean MPAs	\$290,126	\$290,290
Advancing science-to-management feedback loops to prioritize stressors on coral reef ecosystems in support of the Micronesia Challenge	Micronesia Conservation Trust	NGO	Micronesia	Palau, FSM, Marshall Isl.	\$300,000	\$300,000
Expanding Community Marine Managed Area Networks and Institutional Capacity to Support Coral Reef Conservation in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands	Conservation International Foundation	NGO	South Pacific	Papau New Guinea, Solomon Isl.	\$132,060	\$132,060
Increased Resilience to Climate Change through Socio-ecological Resilience Analysis of prioritized Marine Protected Areas of the Mesoamerican Reef	World Wildlife Fund, Inc.	NGO	Mesoamerica and Wider Caribbean	Belize, Honduras, Mexico	\$70,000	\$70,000
Other Competitive Awards						
Promoting Local Action for Global Coral Reef Conservation: Supporting Effective Management of Coral Reefs through partnerships in priority U.S. Geographies	The Nature Conservancy, Regional	NGO	Domestic	Domestic	\$805,000	\$787,202
A Cooperative Agreement to Reduce Fishing Impacts and Effectively Conserve Coral Reefs in the Hawaiian Islands	Conservation International Foundation	NGO	Domestic	Domestic	\$59,903	\$57,811
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation--Coral Fund Competitive Grants	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Competitive Programs	Public-Private Partnership	Domestic & International	Domestic & International	\$680,000	\$680,000
					\$8,381,116	\$5,222,212