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Upcoming Grant Opportunity Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program (Formerly CPR Plus)

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) will issue a Request for Response (RFR) for the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Source (Coastal NPS) grant program (formerly CPR Plus) in November of 2003. The RFR, with an enclosed application, will be posted on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Procurement Access & Solicitation System at: <http://www.comm-pass.com>. **A Pre-RFR informational meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00, at the CZM Office: 251 Causeway Street, 8th Floor, Boston.** Potential respondents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss the details of proposed projects, particularly since CZM can only offer general information to respondents after the RFR is posted.

Grants issued under the Coastal NPS Grant Program, as well as the Coastal Pollution Remediation grant program (CPR), serve to implement portions of the Massachusetts Coastal Nonpoint Source Control Plan (http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/pdf/6217ma_fnl.pdf). The Plan includes measures to address nonpoint source pollution problems from each of the following sources: urban areas, marinas and recreational boating, agriculture, forestry, hydromodification, wetlands, and riparian areas. The primary goal of both of CZM's grant programs is to improve coastal water quality by reducing or eliminating nonpoint sources of pollution through measures and strategies consistent with the Coastal Nonpoint Source Control Program.

It is important to distinguish the differences between the CPR and Coastal NPS programs. CPR, funded through State legislative appropriations from Environmental Bonds, only funds municipal projects that deal with stormwater discharges from roads, highways, or parking areas or for municipal boat sewage management efforts. The funding available for CPR is typically greater than that available under Coastal NPS (on average: \$650,000 for CPR vs. \$250,000 for Coastal NPS). The Coastal NPS grant program was developed to complement CPR and to address more general areas of nonpoint source control. Through this grant program, CZM seeks to fund the following types of projects: assessment, identification, and characterization of nonpoint sources; the development of transferable tools (nonstructural best management practices), such as guidance documents, model by-laws, and land use planning strategies to improve nonpoint source control and management; and the implementation of innovative and unique demonstration projects that utilize nonpoint source best management practices. Funding for Coastal NPS grants is provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through annual congressional appropriations for the National Coastal Nonpoint Program.

The Coastal NPS grant program is open to any Massachusetts public or 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organization, including, but not limited to: cities and towns, regional planning agencies, watershed organizations, and public schools. Projects must be located within the boundaries of the Massachusetts coastal watershed (all eligible municipalities are listed at <http://www.state.ma.us/czm/twnscws.htm>). CZM administers the grants on a reimbursement basis, and projects selected for funding must be completed by December 31, 2004. Additional information can be found on the CZM web page at: <http://www.state.ma.us/czm/jobsandgrants.htm>. If you would like to discuss a potential project, contact Julie Keane, Coastal NPS Grants Coordinator, at (617) 626-1235, or e-mail julie.keane@state.ma.us.

