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**NOAA Announces Funding through Saltonstall-Kennedy grant program for 2014-2015**

NOAA is announcing the availability of approximately \$18 million to support research projects under the FY2014/2015 Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program. The solicitation will be open for 60 days, and closes in early December, with final decisions coming in June 2015.

Research priorities for 2014/2015 include to maximize fishing opportunities and jobs, improve the cost effectiveness and capacity for fishery observations, increase the supply, quality and diversification of domestic seafood, and improve the quality and quantity of fishery information from the U.S. territories. Details about these priority areas can be found in the grant solicitation.

The Saltonstall-Kennedy Act established a fund used by the Secretary of Commerce to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries research and development projects addressing aspects of U.S. fisheries, including, but not limited to harvesting, processing, marketing and associated business infrastructures. The objective of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program is to address the needs of the fisheries and fishing communities in optimizing economic benefits by building and maintaining sustainable fisheries and practices.

A Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) document is associated with this competition and is available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) (FFO# - NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2015-2004246) along with the full application for download. The FFO provides important information for grant applicants, including program priorities, eligibility requirements, amount of available funding, instructions for submitting proposals, review criteria and review process, and more. Prior to submitting proposals, the FFO should be read in its entirety.

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For further information on research priorities and details on how to apply, please visit the Grants.GOV weblink at:

**<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=Saltonstall-Kennedy>**