

(7) reducing the costs of dredging and dredged material placement or disposal, such as projects that use dredged material for—

- (A) Construction or fill material;
- (B) civic improvement objectives; and
- (C) other innovative uses and placement alternatives that produce

public economic or environmental benefits.

The USACE has developed implementation guidance for carrying out the provisions of Section 1122. That implementation guidance can be obtained at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/>

[Legislative-Links/wrda2016/wrda2016-impguide](http://www.usace.army.mil/legislative-links/wrda2016/wrda2016-impguide). Search Section 1122(a)–(h) for links to the implementation guidance and other Section 1122 information.

The ten recommended projects, listed alphabetically by state/territory follow:

CA	Restoring San Francisco Bay's Natural Infrastructure with Dredged Sediment: Strategic Placement.
HI	Haleiwa Small Boat Harbor Maintenance Dredging and Beach Restoration.
IL	Public Beach Protection Pilot in Four Illinois Coastal Communities.
MS	Deer Island Lagoon Project.
NJ	Beneficial Use Placement Opportunities in the State of New Jersey Using Navigation Channel Sediments: Barnegat Inlet.
PR	Condado Lagoon.
SC	Crab Bank Seabird Sanctuary.
TX	Hickory Cove Marsh Restoration and Living Shoreline.
WA	Grays Harbor South Jetty Sand Placement Pilot Project.
WI	Mississippi River Upper Pool 4, Pierce County Islands and Head of Lake Pepin Backwater Complex—Beneficial Use of Dredged Material.

The USACE process for evaluating all of the 95 proposals received and the decision to select the 10 projects is documented in the EA/FONSI. Further project specific evaluation of the 10 selected projects will be accomplished by the appropriate USACE office in accordance with Section 1122 implementation guidance and applicable USACE policies and regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Chicago Area Waterway System Dredged Material Management Plan Study, Chicago, Illinois

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Chicago Area Waterway System Dredged Material Management Plan Study. The study is sponsored by the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) on behalf of the City of Chicago. The purpose of the EIS is to assess the likely social, economic, and environmental effects of a range of potential alternative plans to ensure that

maintenance dredging activities are performed in an environmentally acceptable manner, use sound engineering techniques, are economically warranted, and provide sufficient confined disposal capacity, as needed, for at least the next 20 years. Based on stakeholder and public concerns voiced throughout the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment, the Corps has determined that an EIS is warranted for the study.

DATES: *Previous Scoping* letters and outreach occurred between February 2, 2018 and March 5, 2018. *Public Workshops* were held on April 28, 2018 and April 30, 2018 to share preliminary analyses and further solicit public input on potential study alternatives.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or questions about this Dredged Material Management Plan and EIS, please contact Mr. Mike Padilla, Project Manager, by *telephone:* 312–846–5427, by *email:* michael.c.padilla@usace.army.mil, or by *mail:* ATTN: Mike Padilla, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District, 231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60608.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chicago District is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to determine the potential impacts of the Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) for the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS). The purpose of the DMMP is to find a new location for a Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) for contaminated sediment in the CAWS, which includes the Calumet River and Harbor and the Cal-Sag Channel. The

current CDF is approaching capacity and will be full by 2022.

Dredged material management planning for all federal harbor projects is conducted by the Corps to ensure that maintenance dredging activities are performed in an environmentally acceptable manner, use sound engineering techniques, are economically warranted, and that sufficient confined disposal facilities are available for at least the next 20 years. These plans address dredging needs, disposal capabilities, capacities of disposal areas, environmental compliance requirements, potential for beneficial use of dredged material, and indicators of continued economic justification. The federal navigation channels in the Chicago Area Waterway System are a vital part of the local and regional economy and the Corps regularly performs maintenance dredging to provide sufficient depths for safe and efficient navigation within Calumet Harbor & River.

The Calumet Harbor and River navigation project is the third largest by tonnage among Great Lakes harbors, with shipments and receipts totaling 14 million tons annually. Commercial navigation activities at the Calumet Harbor & River and Cal-Sag Channel are locally and regionally significant, supporting more than 3,700 jobs and \$600 million in annual sales in the Chicagoland area. If a plan for managing the dredged material is not identified, sediment would accumulate in the federal channel, reducing the safe depth at which vessels can operate, forcing ships to carry less cargo. Shipping costs would increase, impacting businesses at the harbor. The project requires annual dredging of approximately 50,000 cubic yards (CY) to maintain deep draft navigation. Dredged material is currently placed in the Chicago Area

Confined Disposal Facility (CDF). With over 1.3 million CY placed since inception in 1984, the CDF will reach capacity in 2022. The plan will include disposal management of more highly contaminated dredged sediment and beneficial use planning for material that is deemed suitable for various identified uses. The study is identifying and analyzing potential locations along the Calumet harbor and River to construct a new sediment management facility, as well as the feasibility of expanding the existing CDF to provide the required capacity for safely handling material that is too contaminated for beneficial use.

The Corps has hosted a number of stakeholder engagements and public workshops up to this point and is continuing to coordinate with stakeholders and resource agencies to identify and assess any potentially significant adverse impacts to human health and the environment associated with the study. Availability of the Draft Dredged Material Management Plan and EIS is anticipated in the spring of 2019 for a 45-day period of public review. A public hearing(s) will be conducted following public release.

Additional information about the Chicago Area Waterway System and the Dredged Material Management Plan is available on the study website at: <https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works-Projects/Calumet-Harbor-and-River/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants to State Entities

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2019 for CSP—Grants to State Entities, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.282A.

DATES: *Applications Available:* December 28, 2018.

Date of Pre-Application Webinar: January 3, 2019, 2 p.m., Eastern Time.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 12, 2019.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2018 (83 FR 6003), and available at www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-02-12/pdf/2018-02558.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Gardner, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 4W216, Washington, DC 20202–5970. Telephone: (202) 453–6787. Email: ashley.gardner@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The major purposes of the CSP are to expand opportunities for all students, particularly traditionally underserved students, to attend public *charter schools*¹ and meet challenging *State* academic standards; provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of *charter schools*; increase the number of *high-quality charter schools* available to students across the United States; evaluate the impact of *charter schools* on student achievement, families, and communities; share best practices between *charter schools* and other public schools; encourage *States* to provide facilities support to *charter schools*; and support efforts to strengthen the charter school authorizing process.

Through the CSP Grants to State Entities (CSP State Entities) competition (CFDA number 84.282A), the Department awards grants to *State entities* that, in turn, award subgrants to *eligible applicants* for the purpose of opening and preparing for the operation of new *charter schools* and *replicated high-quality charter schools*, and *expanding high-quality charter schools*. Grant funds may also be used to provide technical assistance to *eligible applicants* and *authorized public chartering agencies* in opening and preparing for the operation of new *charter schools* and *replicating and expanding high-quality charter schools*;

and to work with *authorized public chartering agencies* in the *State* to improve authorizing quality, including developing capacity for, and conducting, fiscal oversight and auditing of *charter schools*.

Background: The CSP State Entities program provides financial assistance to *State entities (SEs)* to support *charter schools* that serve elementary and secondary school students in a given *State*. *Charter schools* receiving funds under the CSP State Entities program also may serve students in *early childhood education programs* or postsecondary students.

The CSP State Entities program is authorized under Title IV, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. 7221–7221j).² This notice contains information regarding eligibility, priorities, definitions, application requirements, and selection criteria under the CSP State Entities program.

All *charter schools* receiving CSP funds must meet each element of the definition of *charter school* in section 4310(2) of the ESSA, including the requirement to comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), and part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Priorities: This notice includes six competitive preference priorities. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), these priorities are from section 4303(g)(2) of the ESSA.

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2019 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award:

- An additional two points to an application that meets competitive preference priority 1; and
- Up to an additional 16 points to an application that meets one or more of competitive preference priorities 2 through 6, depending on how well the application addresses the priorities.

² Prior to enactment of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the ESEA, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), authorized the Secretary to make awards to *State educational agencies (SEAs)* to enable them to conduct charter school subgrant programs in their *States*. *State entities*, which include *SEAs*, are eligible applicants under the ESSA. In December 2015, Congress enacted the ESSA, which reauthorized the ESEA, as amended by NCLB.

¹ Italicized terms are defined in the Definitions section of this notice.