

Regulation 30-18

Beach Restoration Fund

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A. Funding for Projects: Beach restoration projects will follow a cyclical pattern that is conditioned by the availability of funds. The Department will make an initial announcement when applications are to be submitted. The announcement will specify the time of submission and the format to be used. There will be at least a 90 day period for receiving applications. Projects that are not funded during the initial cycle will be eligible for consideration at the next cycle which will start when additional funds become available. Communities will be given the opportunity to update their applications for subsequent cycles to show any changed conditions.

B. Application Process: Applications for beach nourishment must be submitted to the Department. The applications will be reviewed by the staff for completeness and eligibility requirements. Input from the applicant and the public will be solicited and considered. In evaluating the project applications the Department will be guided by the legislated criteria and guidelines, and, the following consideration:

- (1) Environmental impact of the project.
- (2) Public recreational benefit.
- (3) Expected useful life of project.
- (4) Protection benefit of project.
- (5) Extent of support for project.

C. Necessary Permit Application Information: Any eligible local government desiring to submit an application for Beach Restoration Funds should submit a completed permit application to the Department. The following information should be submitted on or attached to the permit application form.

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the local government making the application and the name and telephone number of the designated liaison agent.
- (2) The name, address, and telephone number of the project consulting engineer or other agent.
- (3) A resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body approving the submittal of an application for beach restoration funds, and committing to the local funding requirements necessary to complete the project.
- (4) The Chief Executive Officer of the governing body should sign the application.
- (5) A narrative description of the project to include:
 - (a) Project limits.
 - (b) Quantity of fill.
 - (c) Borrow sites.
 - (d) Expected design life of project.
 - (e) Project construction duration and time of year.
 - (f) Estimated first cost and annual maintenance costs.

(g) A statement as to the source and availability of all local, state, and federal funds for the project.

(h) Benefits to be realized by the project.

(i) Environmental impacts.

(j) Public access to renourished area.

(6) Map or maps showing:

(a) Project site plan and borrow area locations.

(b) Upland ownership of property, indicating federal, state, local, or private ownership.

(c) Public access points.

(d) Public parking areas.

(e) Private parking areas.

(f) Baseline and setback line(s).

(7) Any engineering studies that have been completed concerning the project, and plans for post-project monitoring.

(8) Approved beach restoration plan for the community which includes an analysis of beach erosion control alternatives.

D. Minimum Regulatory Requirements: All applications will be evaluated to determine if the project meets the minimum regulatory requirements and then ranked on a relative basis according to the five considerations listed in R.30-18(E). The minimum regulatory requirements are:

(1) Prior to July 1, 1991:

(a) A state-approved shorefront management plan or a state-approved local nourishment plan, and

(b) A state and locally approved beach access plan with an implementation schedule. The plan must include an inventory of current access and parking, an analysis of current and future demand, and a strategy for enhancing public access and parking, and

(c) A complete application.

(2) After July 1, 1991:

(a) A state approved beach management plan developed in accordance with Section 48-39-350 of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act, as amended, and

(b) A complete application.

E. Project Evaluation Considerations: If the project meets the minimum regulation requirements, the project is then evaluated and ranked using the following considerations:

- (1) Environmental impact of project.
- (2) Public recreational benefit.
- (3) Expected useful life of project.
- (4) Protection benefit of project.
- (5) Extent of support for project.

F. Administration of the Project: The execution and administration of the project will be coordinated by the Department according to regulations of the State Budget and Control Board regarding procurement of architectural/engineering services and for construction of permanent improvements projects.