

S 2633

A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to award grants to certain entities for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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117 HR 3764	Related bill	Dec 30, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 511.
117 HR 4235	Related bill	Jul 24, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish grant programs to support living shoreline projects and research on nature-based infrastructure.

NOAA must award grants to state or local governments, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes to (1) implement climate-resilient living shoreline projects; and (2) encourage innovation in the use of natural materials to protect coastal communities, habitats, and natural system functions.

A grant to carry out a living shoreline project may be used only to

- carry out the project, including administration, design, permitting, entry into negotiated indirect cost rate agreements, and construction;
- monitor, collect, and report data on the performance of the project, in accordance with the standard NOAA develops; or
- incentivize landowners to engage in such projects.

NOAA shall award competitive research grants to eligible entities, including U.S. territories, to carry out projects focused on developing and assessing the effectiveness of innovative approaches to nature-based infrastructure for specified climate-related purposes. NOAA shall award grants to such entities for projects that focus on, among other things

- assessing the effectiveness of installed nature-based infrastructure, or
- novel approaches to nature-based infrastructure and living shorelines.

Actions Timeline

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