

Western Pacific Community Demonstration Project Program

Western Pacific Region Fishery
Management Council

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- Council was created in 1976 by the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.
- One of eight Councils, WPRFMC was granted authority and responsibility for the conservation and management of fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the US Pacific Insular areas - American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii and the US Pacific Remote Island Area.
- The Council is made up of 16 members. Half of the Council is made up of representatives of the communities and governments of the US Insular area. The other half are members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to represent commercial, recreational and subsistence fishing interests.

Seven Principles

- Establish a precautionary approach to fishery conservation and management.
- Support quality research and obtain the most complete data and scientific information available.
- Emphasize broad participation of industry and the public in disseminating information and developing consensus on issues.
- Promote sustainable fisheries that provide broad opportunities for participation and long-term economic growth and stability.
- Develop technologies and methods to achieve the most effective level of enforcement.
- Recognize the social and cultural implications of fishery management decisions.
- Promote an ecosystem based conservation ethic.

Western Pacific Region Fishery Management Council Community Development Advisory Panel

- **Created in 1997 by the WPRFMC;**
- **Consists of eight members, 2 from each island area;**
- **Panel developed eligibility criteria for CDP and CDPP;**
- **Panel has the responsibility to rank CDPP proposals for recommendation to the WPRFMC.**

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Program Goals

- **To promote the involvement of western Pacific communities in western Pacific fisheries by demonstrating the application and/or adaptation of methods and concepts derived from traditional indigenous practices.**
- **To promote the development of social, cultural and commercial initiatives that enhance opportunities for western Pacific communities to participate in fisheries, fishery management or conservation.**
- **To benefit the indigenous community who have not had capability for substantial participation in the fisheries or marine resource management in their native lands.**

104-297, sec 111(b), M-S Act subsection 305 note

“(1) The Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the the Interior are authorized to make direct grants to eligible western Pacific communities, as recommended by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, for the purpose of establishing not less than three and not more than five fishery demonstration projects to foster and promote traditional indigenous fishing practices. The total amount of grants awarded under this subsection shall not exceed \$500,000 in each fiscal year.”

Definitions –

For purposes of the Community Demonstration Project Program the following definitions apply

- **Community** – Means a population of non-transient people descended from the aboriginal people indigenous to the area who share a common history based on social, cultural and economic interactions and a functional relationship sustained by participation in fishing and fishing related activities.
- **Economic barriers** – Means barriers which add to the difficulty and cost of participation in a fishery by descendants of the aboriginal people of each area. They include, but are not limited to, the degradation of marine habitat, localized over fishing of targeted stocks, and loss of access to long-fished grounds because of closure and lack of capital and expertise to compete for marine resources.
- **Subsistence fishing** – Means harvesting of of marine resources for personal, family or community use or for gifts of food to extended family members and friends that perpetuate community relationships and identities.

Definitions, cont'd. –

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- **Traditional fishing practices and indigenous fishing practices** – Means methods of fishing and fishery utilization developed from aboriginal customary and traditional uses and practices that can be conducted within existing regulations.
- **The cultural and social framework relevant to the fishery** – Means the cultural and social framework for each community that is the accumulation and perpetuation of ancestral knowledge and behavioral characteristics that have resulted from historical dependence on marine resources as a principal source of food for the aboriginal people indigenous to the area.

Priorities

- **Promote fishery resource stewardship by indigenous communities**
- **Promote economic growth and stability in indigenous communities**
- **Promote self-determination in indigenous communities**
- **Promote solidarity in indigenous communities**

Eligibility Criteria -

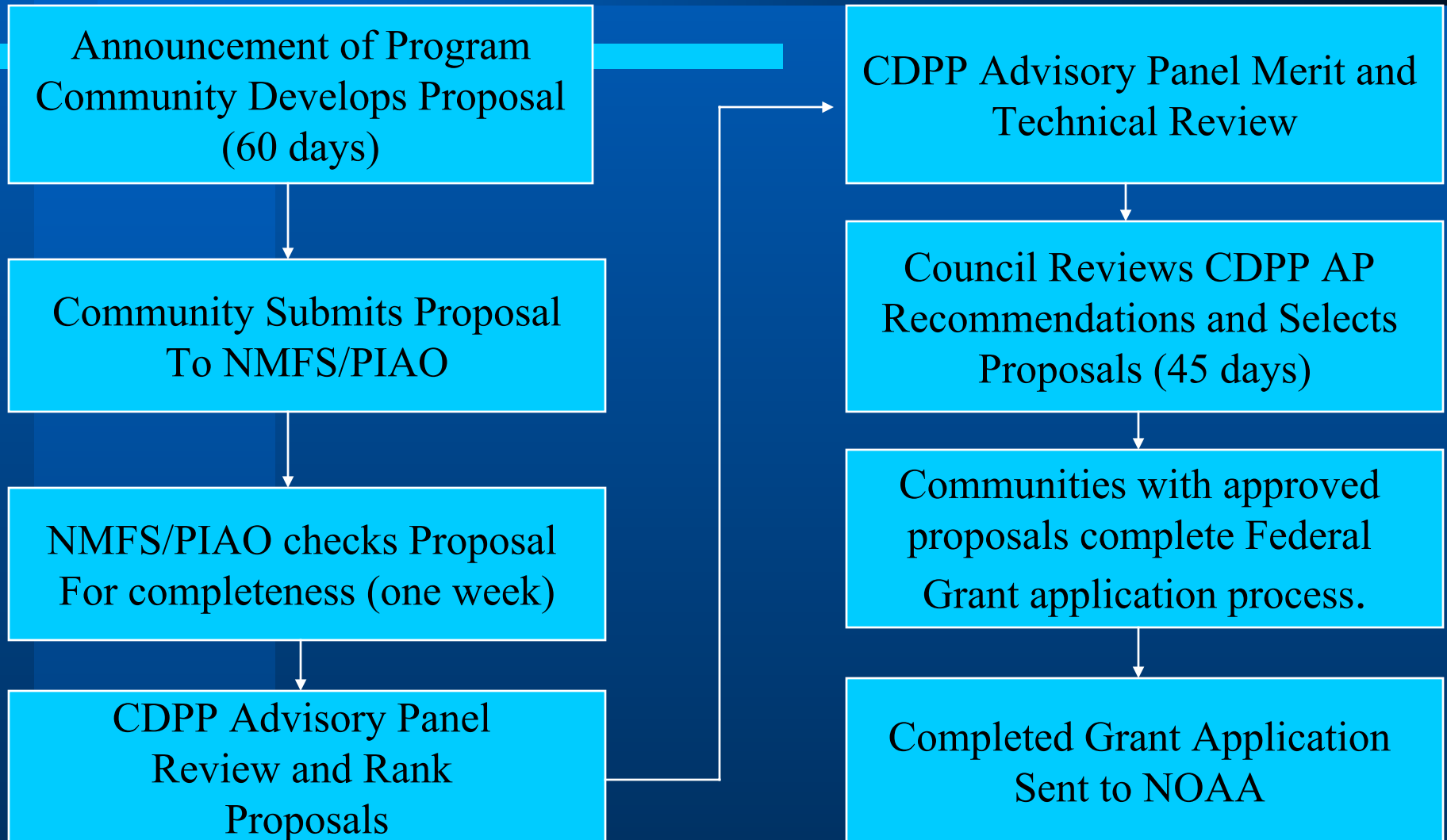
To be able to participate in a western Pacific Community Demonstration Project a community shall:

- Be located in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam or Hawaii (Western Pacific Area);
- Consist of community residents descended from the aboriginal people indigenous to the western Pacific area;
- Consist of community residents who reside in their ancestral homeland;
- Have knowledge of customary practices relevant to fisheries of the western Pacific;
- Have a traditional dependence on fisheries of the western Pacific;
- Experience economic or other barriers that have prevented full participation in the western Pacific fisheries and have not had harvesting, processing or marketing capability sufficient to support substantial participation in fisheries in the area; and
- Develop and submit a Community Development Plan to the Western Pacific Council and the National Marine fisheries Service.

Procedure

- **Announcement of Demonstration Project Program – 60 days to submit proposal.**
- **Proposals reviewed by Advisory Panel and submitted for technical and/or merit review.**
- **Proposals ranked and the top five, subject to funding limitations, transmitted to Council for approval.**
- **Council reviews proposals and approves proposals to be to be recommended for award.**
- **Applicants notified of the Council action.**
- **Successful applicants sent Administrative Application package and provided with Grants Application Workshop.**
- **Completed applications sent to NMFS PIAO for administrative review process.**
- **NOAA may request additional information from the applicant to complete the package.**

CDPP Application Procedure



Two-step Application Process - First Step

● Proposal

- Introduction (statement of problem)
- Goals and Objectives (what is to be achieved?)
- Procedures (how will objectives be met?)
- Schedule (timeline for activities)
- Budget (Personnel, travel, equipment, supplies, direct and indirect costs, total costs)
- References (citations make a stronger proposal)
- Letters (of commitment and support)
- Resume' (of applicant and other personnel)
- Cover letter (name and location of requesting community, project title, summary of project)

Grant Application Package- Second Step

● Administrative Requirements

- Cover letter
- SF 424 (Application for Federal Assistance)
- SF 424B (Assurances-non-construction programs, SF 424D for construction programs)
- CD 511 (Certifications regarding debarment, suspension, lobbying, drug-free workplace)
- Statement of Work (Proposal)
- SF 424A (Budget information, SF 424C for construction programs)
- Milestone Chart (project trajectory in monthly increments)
- Description of Project team (resume of applicant(s), point of contact for financial and performance reporting)
- Justification of purchases (Budget justification statement, justification of “sole source contractors”)

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