

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **COASTAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS OPEN**

Coastal Councils in NSW are now eligible to apply for the latest implementation round of the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program, funded by the NSW Government.

Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman said the funding supports councils to undertake the necessary actions identified in their certified Coastal Management Programs (CMPs) and Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) to manage risks within and surrounding their coastal zones.

"Local Government Week 2022 is an opportunity to acknowledge the diverse ways councils maintain our local environment, so this annual funding round is an important step for coastal and estuarine councils," Mrs Tuckerman said.

"Through this program, councils can now apply for implementation funding to protect coastal zones, improve estuarine ecosystems and enhance the scenic, social and cultural values of the coast."

Implementation grants can be used for a variety of actions, including dune management and stabilisation, restoring or enhancing riparian vegetation or other coastal protection works.

"Our coastlines and estuaries are important ecological locations that are often integral to community identity and the local economy," Mrs Tuckerman said.

"These long-term plans and programs will assist councils in ensuring these aspects of our lifestyle are maintained."

The Department of Planning and Environment's 2022-23 funding round for implementation grants closes on 14 September 2022.

The implementation stream is in addition to the planning stream, which councils can apply for at any time during the 2022-23 financial year for funding to prepare a CMP.

Further information regarding the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program is available here.

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