



CRCP FMC Grants

Drivers behind revision of entire CRCP Grants Program:

- 2007 external program review
- New CRCP leadership
- Implementation of the *CRCP Roadmap for the Future*
- Establishment of 20-year Goals and Objectives for the program in 2009

Primary objectives for revising the CRCP Grant Program:

- Aligning grants with new CRCP priorities
- maximizing efficiency of the grants process
- increasing flexibility and competition,
- ensuring adequate CRCP 'substantial involvement' in cooperative agreements





Major Changes to CRCP FMC Grants

Existing FMC Cooperative Agreements

- Funding split evenly between Atlantic and Pacific with prescribed amounts for each FMC.
- Total grant program ceiling \$1.05M
- Limited CRCP involvement in drafting and technical monitoring of cooperative agreements
- 12-18 month cooperative agreements
- Scope broadly based on creating or improving Fisheries Management Plans

Proposed FMC Cooperative Agreements

- Defined “base” amount for each Council with the remaining funds competed for projects based on merit of proposals
- Total grant program ceiling up to \$1.5M
- Increased field and HQ CRCP involvement in drafting and technical monitoring of cooperative agreements
- 2-3 year cooperative agreements
- Scope focused on deliverables relevant to CRCP Fishing Impacts Goals and Objectives for the coral reef ecosystems within the FMC management area



Structure of CRCP FMC Grant

Guaranteed “Base” funding (~\$125K) for long-term programmatic support

- e.g. Council staff dedicated to coral ecosystem management and conservation or long-term fisheries research/monitoring/mapping/habitat assessment project

Remaining funding competitively awarded to Councils based on:

- technical merit of the proposed activities
- ability of proposed work to contribute to better management and conservation of coral reef ecosystems and associated resources.