



Chapter 268 Cranberry & Coastal Wetlands Grant Bid Request Questions and Answers

Q1: If a proposed study area includes restoration of a former cranberry bog as well as management of adjacent coastal wetlands outside of the formerly farmed area, could the combination of both areas be eligible as a cranberry bog restoration?

The applicant must designate a wetland category based on their knowledge of the site and the project's goals. DER recognizes that multiple wetland restoration resource areas may be associated with a project, and the inclusion of adjacent Coastal Wetlands associated with a Cranberry Bog Project does not preclude eligibility as a Cranberry Bog Restoration Project. However, if an applicant is seeking funding to address a specific Funding Type, associated with a specific Project Type, it is advised that an application should be submitted for individual projects – one for the Cranberry Bog portion and one for the Coastal Wetlands portion with scopes and budgets for each. Duplication of information on the application forms is acknowledged as a potential occurrence. If both applications are successful, they would be funded through Coastal Wetland Restoration and Cranberry Bog Restoration funding streams accordingly. Please note that regardless of Restoration Project Type, the focus of this grant opportunity is ecological restoration, and as such, projects that focus on land management may not be eligible for funding. Please refer to the Eligibility sections of the RFR.

- Per **Section 1.1**
 - *This is a single Request For Responses (RFR) developed to grant funds to two Restoration Project Categories: 1) Cranberry Bog Restoration 2) Coastal Wetland Restoration Projects.*
- Per: **Section 1.12**
 - *Applicants may apply for multiple projects. Applicants seeking funding for multiple projects must submit one application per project with all required and recommended forms for each in separate submissions, see section 3.2.*
 - *Each project application may only receive funding for one Project Type (i.e., Cranberry Bog or Coastal Wetland) - Funding Type (i.e., Planning & Design or*

Construction) combination; for example: Cranberry Bog - Planning & Design, see section 1.7)

- **Per Section 3.1**
 - *For each Application Form, Applicants must specify only one Project Type (i.e., Cranberry Bog or Coastal Wetland Restoration Project) and only one Funding Type (i.e., Planning & Design or Construction) by checking the appropriate boxes.*

Q2: Is there any guidance for selecting a grant category when a study area includes restoration of both a cranberry bog and other coastal wetlands?

It is up to the applicant, based on the knowledge of their site and the applicant / project team's primary goal(s) for restoration, to designate and select the grant category. If an applicant is seeking funding to address a specific Funding Type, associated with a specific Project Type, it is advised that an application should be submitted for individual projects – one for the Cranberry Bog portion and one for the Coastal Wetlands Portion with scopes and budgets for each. Duplication of information on the application forms is acknowledged as a potential occurrence. If both applications are successful, they would be funded through Coastal Wetland Restoration and Cranberry Bog Restoration funding streams accordingly.

Q3: Are contractor quotes required or recommended to support proposed budget information?

Contractor quotes are not required but may be submitted as supporting evidence for the budget.