

2024 eeBLUE Aquaculture Literacy Mini-Grants Program Informational Webinar



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Link to the recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKhPu1NH8jQ>

Speakers:

- T'Noya Thompson, eeBLUE Consultant at NAAEE
- Dr. Brianna Shaughnessy, NOAA Aquaculture Literacy Coordinator at NOAA Fisheries Office of Communications
- Jaime Frungillo, Grants Program Specialist at NOAA Office of Education

Resources

From Brianna Shaughnessy:

here's a link that will take you to some project descriptions and the evaluation of the first cohort: <https://naaee.org/programs/eeblue/aquaculture-initiative/past-awards>

From Brianna Shaughnessy:

here's the pdf listed on the slide: <https://naaee.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/eeBLUE-Evaluation-Report-FINAL.pdf>

From Brianna Shaughnessy:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/contact-directory/regional-aquaculture-coordinators>

From Brianna Shaughnessy:

<https://seagrant.noaa.gov/national-sea-grant-office/>

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if you would like to watch the presentations from the first end-of-grant symposium you can watch them here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxsUml-mMvJYgniV9TLXQqUXOY1iC2eRi>

From T'Noya Thompson:

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Questions

From Jane Harrison:

Will you define informal learning institutions? For example does a community partnership count that involves a seafood festival?

From Brianna Shaughnessy:

Hi Jane - A seafood festival would count as an informal learning partner but could not "double up" as the industry partner as well.

From Lissa James:

If these projects are supposed to begin in June 2024, does that mean we can apply for events up to June 2025?

From Brianna Shaughnessy:

Hi Lissa - I'm going to flag this question for T'Noya

From Mike Blakeley:

So any applicant is dependent on a NOAA-entity agreeing to partner correct? Without that, we would not be eligible.

From Sarah Bodenstein:

Just to clarify, grantees do not receive funds, just an invoice form? How does this work for expenses like hiring undergraduate student workers? Are reimbursements limited to things like travel, supplies, etc?

From Mark Tagal:

If industry donates funds, is it tax deductible

From Kaira Wallace:

If consultants or project partners cannot be PIs or co-PIs, can they still be included in the proposal as part of the budget?

From Barbara Evans:

Could you expand on informal education partners?

From Hector Avendaño Mexicano:

Can foreigners participate in this program?

From Seawan Gehlbach:

Are for profit oyster farms eligible to be the PI?

From Shawon Rahman:

Is there any overhead expenses allowed for university?

From Bridget Anderson:

Can Informal Partner submit reimbursement for employees' time as a PI or PD on the project?

From Sarah Bodenstein:

Can a PI work for a state NOAA office? Will that count as the NOAA partner? What if the PI works for state Sea Grant and a university?

From Alex Maciel:

Is a nonprofit that recycles oyster shells eligible to be the PI if it partners with an oyster farm as the informal?

From Mark Tagal:

How about restoration aquaculture, culture of non food fish? Specifically forage fish

From Ethan Weber:

I know this is aquaculture based but can program include education on marine ecosystems and the connection to aquaculture?

From Mark Tagal:

Im doing work that involves culture of rockfish for restoration, as well as surf smelt . Can two different species be combine into one "restoration"