

## **Informational Report on FY17 Saltonstall-Kennedy Federal Funding Opportunity**

NOAA Fisheries announces approximately \$10 million available to support fisheries projects through the 2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy (SK) Grant competition. The solicitation for proposals opened on [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) on July 22, 2016, and will close on December 9, 2016. New for this solicitation is the requirement to submit a pre-proposal in advance of a full proposal submission. The pre-proposal process is intended to provide an indication to potential applicants of the technical merit and the relevancy of the proposed project to the SK program before preparing a full proposal. Pre-proposals for the 2017 SK solicitation are due on September 20, 2016, and should be sent via email [to NMFS.SK.PreProposal@noaa.gov](mailto:to NMFS.SK.PreProposal@noaa.gov).

The goal of the SK program is to fund projects that address the needs of fishing communities, optimize economic benefits by building and maintaining sustainable fisheries, and increase other opportunities to keep working waterfronts viable. The 2017 SK solicitation seeks applicants that fall into seven priorities:

- Marine Aquaculture
- Fishery Data Collection
- Techniques for reducing bycatch and other adverse impacts
- Adapting to climate change and other long term ecosystem change
- Promotion, development, and marketing
- Socio-economic research
- Territorial science

Please see the [solicitation](#) for more information on [how to apply](#).