

Narragansett Bay Estuary Program
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Long-Term Plan

Implementation of this Narragansett Bay Estuary Program (NBEP) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Long-Term Plan will support local partners with the expertise and agency to advance more projects from idea to construction that reduce pollution, enhance habitat and climate resilience, improve public access to nature, and advance environmental equity. The long-term goal is to establish human infrastructure that can sustain a pipeline of high-quality projects consistent with NBEP’s CCMP and local priorities. NBEP will use §320 funds to support implementation of this program. Any allocation of funds per this plan requires approval by NBEP’s [Steering Committee](#) per the program’s [bylaws](#).

| Award Year | Project Development Steps ⁽¹⁾ | Delivery Mechanism | Description ⁽⁶⁾ | Amounts | Additional Funding ⁽⁶⁾ | Project Period | Outputs | Outcomes | |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | | | Shorter (1-5 years) | Longer (5-10 years) |
| FY2022 ⁽²⁾ | Steps 1-8 | Direct Awards | For 1 year, funded 5 local organizations to advance projects in their services areas along Steps 1-8, two organizations to complete Steps 6/7 for 2 specific projects, and one organization to pursue step 1. | \$909,800 | A comprehensive list of federal and state government sources is provided here ; municipal funds; community foundations; private donors. | 10/1/22-9/30/23 | 42 steps advanced Two plans 45 people engaged | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More stable network of local staff and expertise. - More leverage funds obtained. - Larger pipeline of projects close to or at construction. | Project pipeline operating that constructs more high-quality projects consistent with the NBEP CCMP and local priorities. |
| FY2023 ⁽²⁾ | Steps 1-8 | Direct Awards ⁽³⁾ | Continue to fund up to 4 organizations funded in FY2022 and at least 1 more organization to advance projects along Steps 1-8 in their service area. | \$459,800 | See above | 10/1/23-9/30/24 | 50 steps advanced | | |
| | Steps 6-8 | RFP | Fund development of projects that advance freshwater and estuarine habitat quality and public access in the Study Area. | \$450,000 | See above | 10/1/23-9/30/25 | 2-8 plans | | |
| FY2024 ⁽⁴⁾ | Steps 1-8 | Direct Awards | Fund local organizations to advance projects along Steps 1-8 in their service area. | \$459,800 | See above | 10/1/24-9/30/25 | 60 steps advanced | | |
| | Steps 6-8 | RFP | Fund development of projects that advance the NBEP CCMP in the Study Area. | \$450,000 | See above | 10/1/24-9/30/26 | 2-8 plans | | |
| FY2025 ^{(4),(5)} | Steps 1-9 | Direct Awards | Fund local organizations to advance projects along Steps 1-9 in their service area. | \$459,800 | See above | 10/1/25-9/30/26 | 60 steps advanced | | |
| | Steps 6-9 | RFP | Fund development of projects that advance the NBEP CCMP in the Study Area. | \$450,000 | See above | 10/1/25-9/30/27 | 2-8 plans or construction projects complete | | |
| FY2026 ^{(4),(5)} | Steps 1-9 | Direct Awards | Fund local organizations to advance projects along Steps 1-9 in their service area | \$459,800 | See above | 10/1/26-9/30/27 | 75 steps advanced | | |
| | Steps 6-9 | RFP | Fund development of projects that advance the NBEP CCMP in the Study Area. | \$450,000 | See above | 10/1/26-9/30/28 | 2-8 plans or construction projects complete | | |

(1) See NBEP’s Project Development Process graphic below.

(2) See approved [FY2022-FY2023 NBEP BIL Workplan](#) for more specifics.

(3) Approval from the Steering Committee will be sought in 2023 to amend the FY2022-FY2032 NBEP BIL Workplan to subaward \$459,800 to up to five local organizations.

(4) NBEP’s Steering Committee will approve Workplans for FY2024-FY2026 will specify use of funds for direct awards, project RFPs, or other purposes based on past performance deploying NBEP BIL funds, local needs, and program priorities.

(5) The project period for FY2025 and FY2026 funds may be extended based on the expenditure of prior year funds and projects expected to be funded.

(6) Coordination with potential partners and funders will be handled by those developing projects.

