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Request for Proposals Informational Webinar

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Webinar Agenda

- Sanctuary Community Fund Overview
- Priorities and Grant Cycles, and Funding Availability
- Eligibility
- How to Apply and Submission Materials
- C-STARR Walk Through



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Needs

- Coastal Resilience
- Barriers to Access
- Loss of Cultural Heritage

Solutions

- Community Engagement
- Scientific Advancement
- Managed Spaces



The Funding Opportunity

People are the heart of sanctuaries

- Conservation
- Heritage
- Stewardship
- Restoration
- Visitation
- Recreation
- Preservation of history
- Celebration of cultures



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Timeline

- \$1 million available
- Funding will be distributed over 2 cycles
- Future cycles (if available) will be leveraged by private investment



Round 1
Application
Deadline:
November
13, 2024

Round 2
Application
Deadline:
December 19,
2025

Possible future
grants supported
by Federal
partners
bolstered by
private
investment



Locations

- Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary
- Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary
- Papahānaumokuākea National Marine Sanctuary



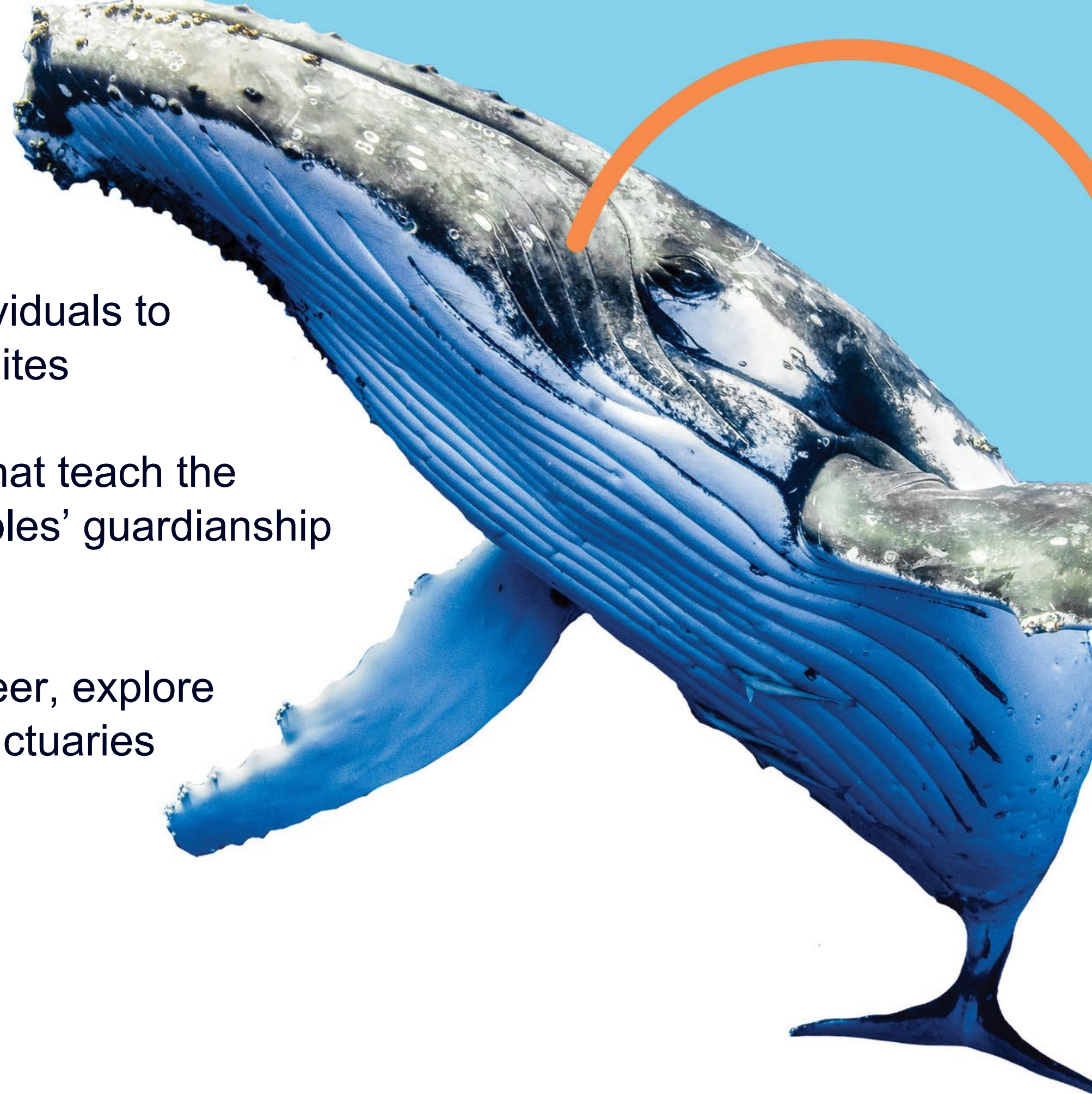
Objectives

- Add capacity to community groups advancing conservation efforts in sanctuaries
- Increase awareness of the value of sanctuaries
- Create opportunities across sectors of the community to be ambassadors for the sanctuaries they care about
- Increase access to nature through sanctuaries
- Build trust and familiarity between sanctuaries and communities who are impacted the most by them



Priorities for Projects

- Engage fellow community groups and individuals to build engagement in recently designated sites
- Led by Indigenous serving organizations that teach the broader community about Indigenous peoples' guardianship and legacy with sanctuary waters
- Develop opportunities for people to volunteer, explore science, or access and experience our sanctuaries
- Raise awareness of the value of individual sanctuaries as well as the entire system





Eligibility

Non-profit organization, Indigenous or Indigenous-serving organization, formal or informal education institution, and/or non-federal government entity.

Must not have a paid staff member serving on the Foundation's Board of Trustees

Not a federal government agency, a foreign entity/organization, or an individual.

Project work is conducted in the United States.

APPLY!



Letters of commitment from partner organizations **are required** if they have a role in completing the proposed project

Letters of support from people or groups who advocate on behalf of your organization but do not have a role in completing the proposed project **are optional**



How to Apply

<https://marinesanctuary.smartsimple.com/>

Login

[Forgot Password?](#)

Learn more about our

New to the System?

Welcome to C-STAAAR, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation's Collaborative System for Tracking Activities, Awards, and Reporting

The Foundation is a leading voice for U.S. protected waters, working with communities to conserve and expand those special places for a healthy ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes. Working together, we safeguard species and the places they call home and preserve America's maritime resources.

The C-STAAAR portal supports the Foundation's mission-based initiatives by providing a platform for new and existing partners to apply for funding, grantees to submit progress reports and updates, and staff and colleagues to manage project budgets and milestones.

How To Use C-STAAAR

3 Click to register as an Organization

Registration Options for C-STAAAR

Organizations
Check your organization status or add your organization to the system

Individuals
For individuals not associated with an organization or an LLC

4 Enter "Full Legal Name"

parent entity, please add as a new organization.

After submitting, please check your email for your user ID and password.

Please list your organization's full legal name as it appears on your W-9 or W-8BEN form.

Organization Full Legal Name

* Address

Helpful Links

RFP

<https://marinesanctuary.org/sanctuary-community-fund/>

Application Instructions

https://scribehow.com/shared/Sanctuary_Community_Fund_Grant_Application_6-JQDAYyQWy9EpwULpPbGw

For Application Assistance/Troubleshooting
support@marinesanctuary.org





Questions?

Check out FAQs on website and RFP

Reach out to support@marinesanctuary.org



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