



ACTION TEAM – Finance

Terms of Reference

Note: The Council is not permitted to apply for and received external grant funding. Recommendations developed for Finance need to consider this limitation.

- 1) Develop an inventory of financial needs for the Program to support general administration/operation of the Program, database management/technology, project support, and training/outreach, etc.
- 2) Develop an inventory of Program partners that could facilitate and administer cooperative funding agreements for citizen science projects under the Program.
- 3) Develop recommendations for long-term administrative funding for the Program.
- 4) Research options and opportunities for short-term project funding.
- 5) Explore options and develop recommendations for utilizing online “kickstarter” campaigns to support projects under the Program.
- 6) Research the operation and infrastructure of existing governmental foundations used to support the activities of other agencies similar to the Council (i.e, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, “Friends Of”-type groups, etc.).
- 7) Research options and develop recommendations for initiating a “hackathon”-style funding opportunity to engage technology experts in developing mobile applications for use in fisheries citizen science projects.
- 8) Coordinate with Data Management, Communication/Outreach/Education A-teams as needed on developing recommendations that may be complementary to the Projects/Topics Management A-Team.