



**NOTICE OF: Mote Marine Laboratory "Protect Our Reefs"
2016 License Plate Grant Funding Availability - Request For Proposals
for 2017**

<p>GRANT TITLE/LINK</p>	<p>➤ Protect Our Reefs http://www.mote.org/4reef</p>
<p>FUNDING SOURCE And LINK</p>	<p>➤ Mote Marine Laboratory – Protect Our Reefs License Plate www.mote.org/reef-plate www.motereefplate.com</p>
<p>WHO CAN APPLY?</p>	<p>➤ Eligible organizations shall be based in Florida and engaged in reef research, education and/or conservation. Applicants must be a public agency, educational institution or a non-profit entity as designated by the IRS.</p>
<p>HOW CAN THE GRANT MONEY BE USED?</p>	<p>➤ Eligible organizations may apply for funds to support projects related to research, education (and outreach) and/or conservation of the Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem. Priorities of the POR program will help address goals and priorities outlined by the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Science Plan, the NOAA-Coral Reef Conservation Program, and the Water Quality Protection Program, among others. The primary focus of the 2017 POR grant program will be on Coral Reef Restoration projects that significantly enhance the capabilities of coral reef ecosystem resource managers to more effectively utilize science-based information in promoting and implementing the restoration and long-term sustainable use of these ecosystems in an increasingly high temperature and more acidic marine environment.</p>
<p>GRANT AMOUNTS and Number of Awards</p>	<p>➤ It is forecast that approximately ten start-up grants of up to \$10,000 each will be available for funding in 2017 and that a few higher funded grants of up to \$25,000 are anticipated.</p> <p>➤ The program has the intent of granting some innovative start-up grants to new young investigators.</p> <p>➤ All proposals will be reviewed by the Grants Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations for awards to the President of Mote Marine Laboratory who will make the final decision on all awards.</p>
<p>MATCH/LEVERAGE REQUIREMENT</p>	<p>➤ None required, but matching funds and partnerships with entities, such as: Mote Marine Laboratory; Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary; Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, or other relevant organizations are strongly encouraged.</p>
<p>KEY DATES</p>	<p>➤ Request For Proposals (RFP): December 1, 2016. ➤ Proposals due: March 1, 2017. ➤ Notifications: mid-late April, 2017. ➤ Grants Awarded: early May, 2017.</p>

**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION: On the website at;
WWW.MOTE.ORG/4reef**

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