

SECOORA Budget Planning and Risk Assessment Supplemental Information

SECOORA is primarily funded through the NOAA IOOS cooperative agreement ([NA16NOS0120028](#)). Approximately \$40K is also collected annually through membership dues. The SECOORA business model is focused on coordinating and managing the RCOOS network, and therefore, passes as much funding as possible out to the network of coastal and ocean observing programs within the SECOORA domain. SECOORA uses the 10 Year Build-Out-Plan and the 2016-2021 IOOS Cooperative Agreement to identify funding priorities. The 10 Year Build-Out-Plan (page 3) identified Limitations and Assumptions for the Plan. SECOORA also applies to other funding opportunities that fit within the SECOORA Strategic Framework and will enhance the four IOOS observing thematic areas. During the last five years, SECOORA has received funding from federal (non-IOOS) funding sources and donations from the general public that were used to support offshore moorings. Submission of non-IOOS grant proposals must meet SECOORA's [Proposal Development Policies and Procedures](#) agreed upon by the Board of Directors. This assures that the SECOORA is seeking funding based on our core competencies. The SECOORA Board oversees all funding priorities and decisions.

SECOORA strategically leverages the IOOS funding primarily with investments from our Principle Investigators, many of whom purchased observing assets with non-IOOS funding. Additionally, various stakeholders in the community also donate vessel time to cut down on operational costs. SECOORA is constantly looking for ways to diversify our revenue sources while mitigating impacts from funding constraints. In 2016-2017 SECOORA will initiate a strategic fundraising plan.