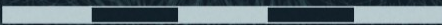


One award per state. Alaska is 552 Rhode Islands.

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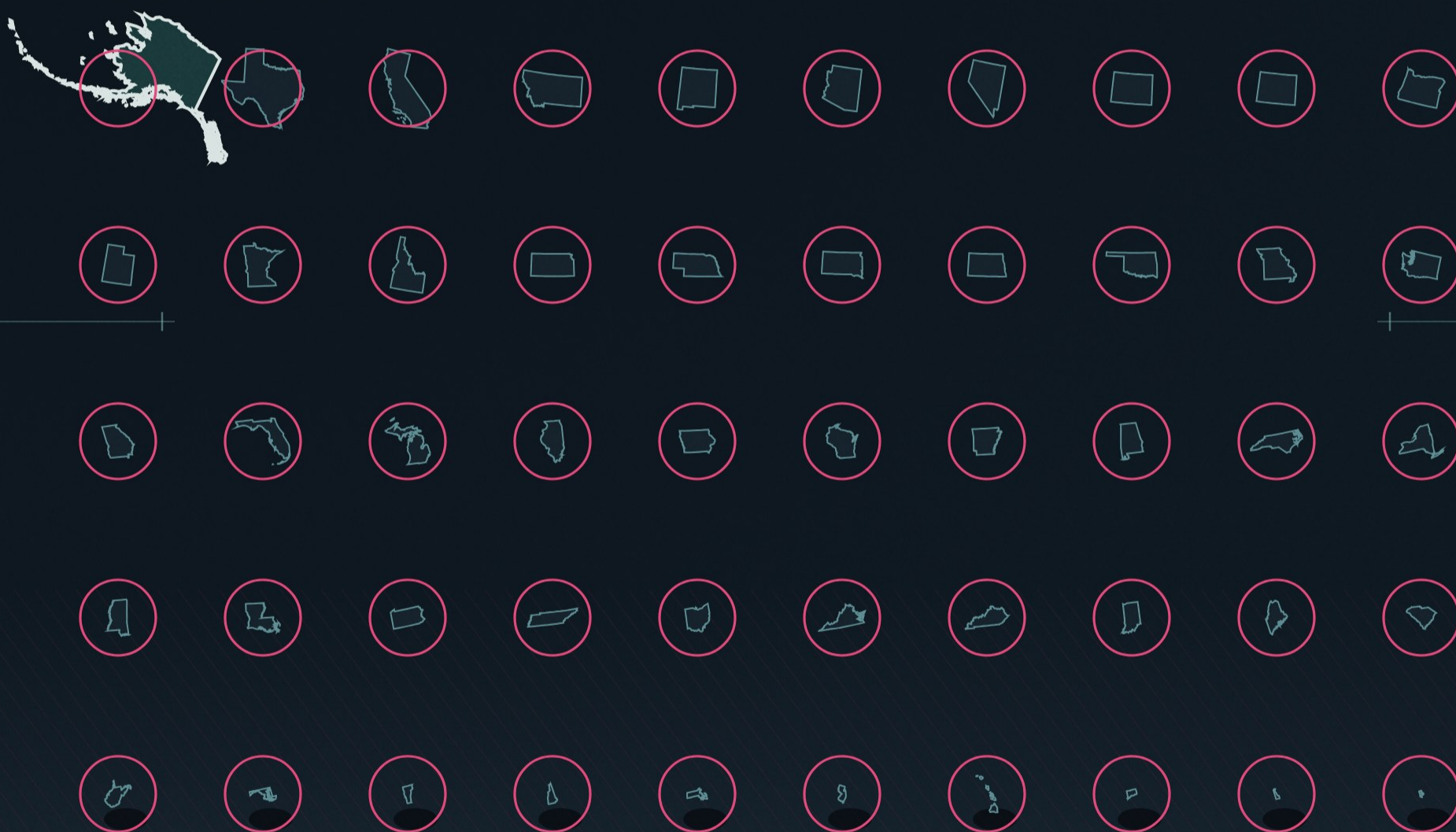


CONIC EQUAL AREA, SP 55N / 65N. AREA PRESERVED.

THE RULE, DRAWN

Fifty states. Fifty identical marks.

Every state is drawn at its true relative area through one projection. Every mark is the same size, because the rule is the same size. NSF anticipates ten awards per cycle.



50 STATES, CELLS TRANSLATED. RELATIVE AREA TRUE.

SOURCE. NSF 26-513 (C01, C02, C12)

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Only one award per state or multi-state region will be made.

An institution may appear as a participant in at most one proposal.

ALL OTHERS WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT REVIEW.

NSF 26-513, POSTED JULY 31, 2026 (C15)



SCALE NOT PRESERVED

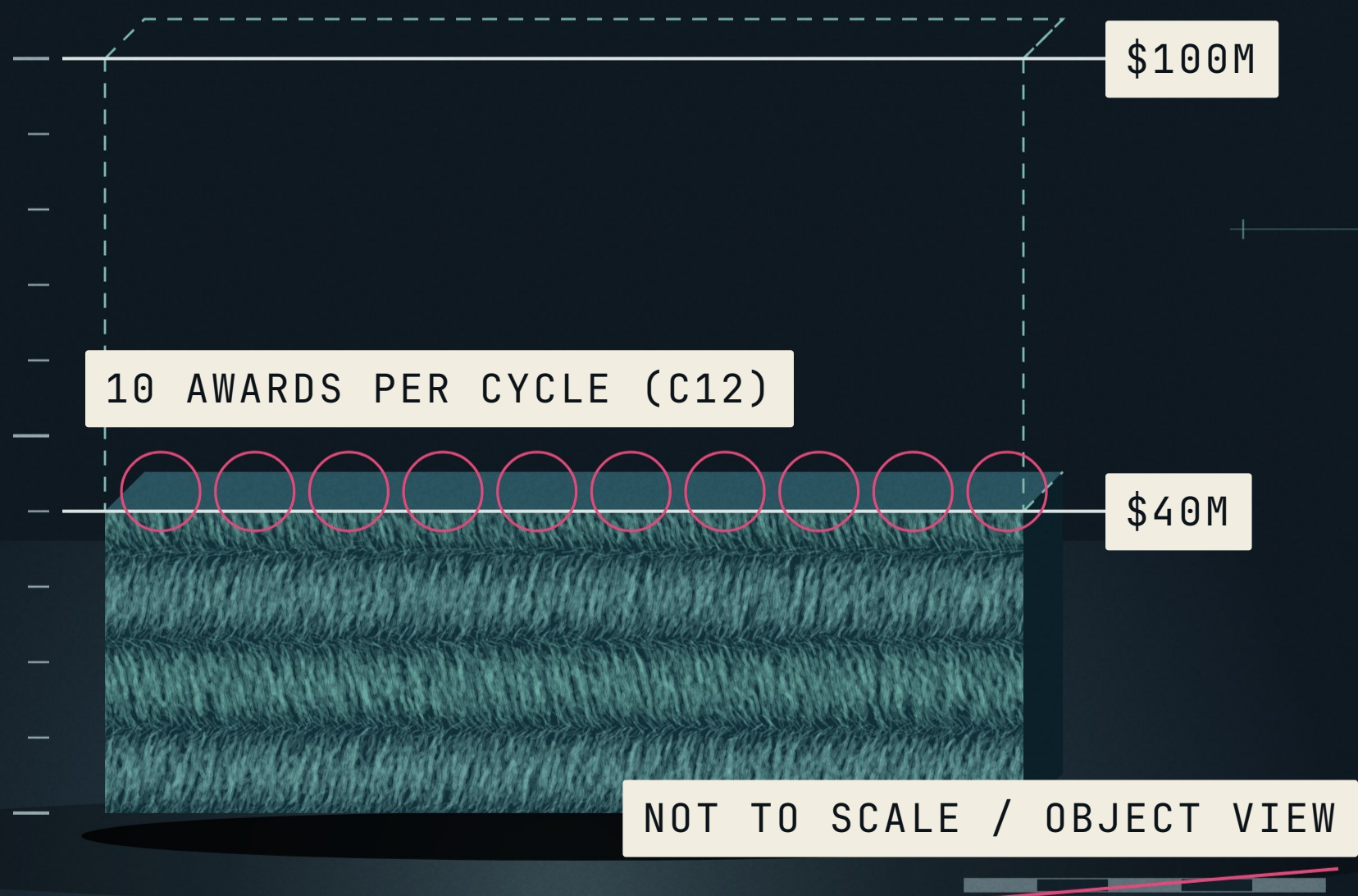
EQUAL-AWARD. 50 CELLS. AREA AND SCALE NOT PRESERVED.

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WHAT ONE AWARD IS WORTH

Ten awards. One cycle.

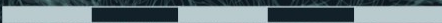
NSF announced the program as a \$100 million initiative. The solicitation puts anticipated funding at \$40 million to \$100 million. It expects a proposal to request \$4 million to \$12 million over five years.



EQUAL-AWARD. VERTICAL IN DOLLARS. HORIZONTAL IN AWARDS.

Today, access to this infrastructure is highly uneven across the nation.

PROGRAM SOLICITATION NSF 26-513 (C08)



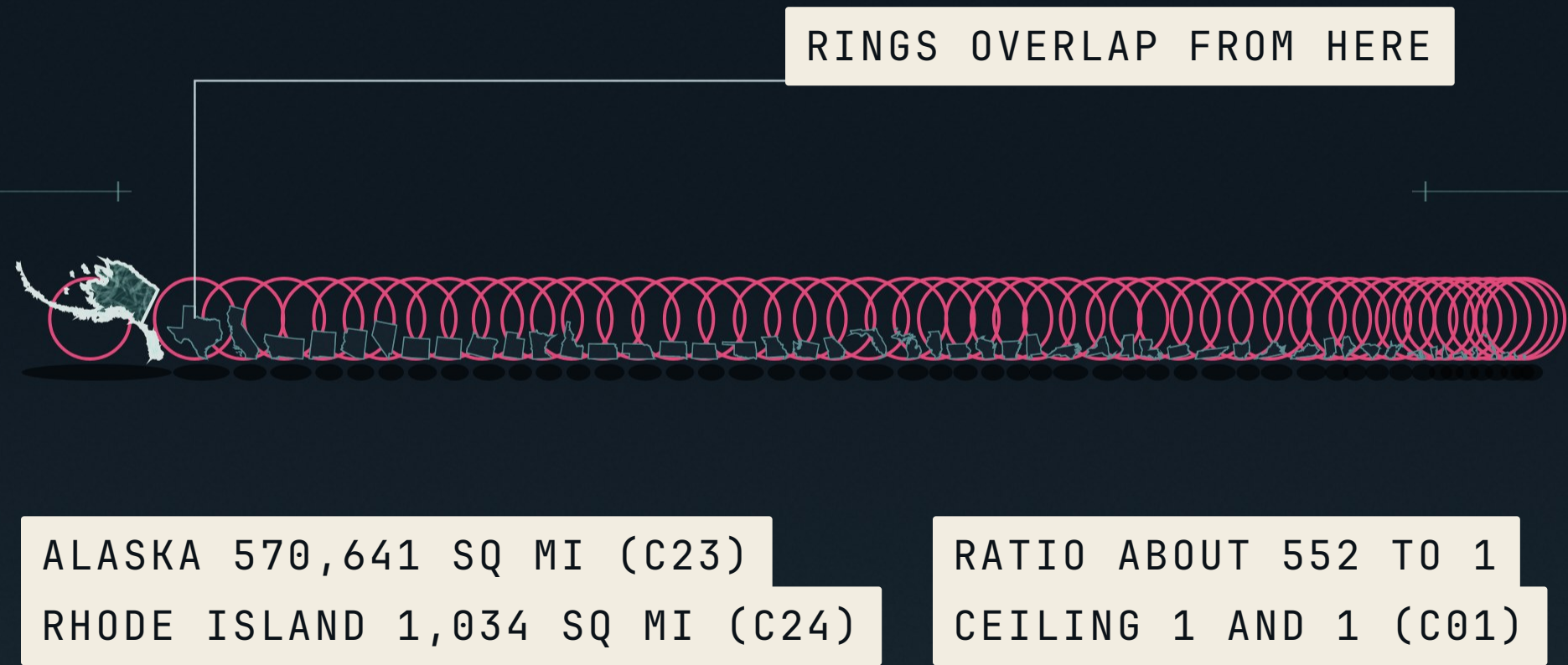
CONIC EQUAL AREA. FORM SHADING, NOT ELEVATION DATA.

FIFTY STATES, RANKED BY LAND AREA

570,641

SQUARE MILES

Alaska's land area. The largest of any state. About 552 times Rhode Island's 1,034 square miles.



CONIC EQUAL AREA, RANKED BY LAND AREA. AREA PRESERVED.

SOURCE. CENSUS (C23, C24) / NSF 26-513 (C01) 06 / 09

THE CASE FOR THE RULE

Spreading it is the point.

Spreading a national program across the whole country is a defensible thing to want, and it is the reason the cap exists. It also makes the largest state and the smallest one the same unit of need.

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GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD. FIFTY UNITS, EVENLY SPACED.



TWO PROJECTIONS SUPERIMPOSED. DEFORMATION IS THE ARGUMENT.

SOURCE. NSF 26-513 / CENSUS (C01, C08, C23, C24) 07 / 09

CORRECTION STAMP

82 days to the deadline.

Subsequent deadlines fall on the first Wednesday in November. A state that misses this cycle is not shut out, it waits a year. That is the difference between a ceiling and a cliff.



ONE TICK PER DAY. TODAY IS GOLD.



CONIC EQUAL AREA. CORRECTED THROUGH AUGUST 14, 2026.

SOURCE. NSF 26-513 (C06, C07, C22)

Save this. The deadline is November 4th.

SOURCES IN COMMENTS



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ONE MERIDIAN, 154W. SHEET CLOSED.

SOURCE. NSF 26-513 (C06)