Charlotte County
RESTORE Act
Funding Application

The following application is for submitting projects for consideration for inclusion in the Charlotte County multi-year implementation plan to receive funding from RESTORE Act dollars allocated to the County.

Please complete one application per project. Submit the application as one pdf document to _____ by the deadline _____. Direct any questions to _____ at_____.

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Application Checklist

In order for your application to be considered complete please be sure the following are submitted:

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Budget Justification Form (use included form or modify to fit project)
- ☐ Project Narrative (concisely respond to each question where applicable)
- ☐ Additional information (including maps and other back-up materials)

General Project Information

Applicant Name	

Person to be contacted regarding application	Name:
	Title:
	E-mail:
	Phone:

Proposal Title	

Project Executive Summary: Provide a concise project summary or abstract in the space below (250 words max)

Project Location	Street:	
	City:	State:
	Zip Code:	

Project Eligibility

Select the one primary RESTORE Act eligible activity of the project in the first column and any others that apply in the second column by placing an X in the row corresponding to the qualifying eligible activity. Project must fulfill one eligible activity at a minimum to be eligibile for funding.

RESTORE Act Eligible Activity

Primary activity	All others that apply	Eligible Activity
☐	☐	Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region
☐	☐	Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
☐	☐	Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
☐	☐	Workforce development and job creation
☐	☐	Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
☐	☐	Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
☐	☐	Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
☐	☐	Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region including recreational fishing
☐	☐	Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region

Project Eligibility

Select the one primary Charlotte County goal met by the project in the first column and any others that apply in the second column by placing an X in the row corresponding to the appropriate County goal. Project must meet a minimum of one County goal to be eligible for funding.

Charlotte County Goals

Primary Goal Met	All others that apply	Charlotte County Goal
☐	☐	Water Resource Protection: protects or restores water quality and quantity
☐	☐	Efficient and Effective Government: facilitates organization's capacity to govern and manage effectively
☐	☐	Quality of life: enhances community life through the conservation of wildlife, protection or restoration of natural resource and providing community amenties
☐	☐	Fiscal/ Financial Planning: increases effectiveness of local government and maintains strong financial condition
☐	☐	Growth Management: manages growth and change consistent with County's comprehensive plan
☐	☐	Public Safety: maintains a safe and healthy community

	Yes	No
Was the proposed activity included in any claim for compensation paid out by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund after July 6, 2012? If "Yes," the project is not eligible for funding	☐	☐

Range of Project Benefit		
Select the **range of benefit project is** anticipated to **have**	Select One	Range of Benefit
	☐	Local
	☐	County-wide
	☐	Regional
	☐	Gulf-wide

Does project provide added benefit when combined with	Yes/No	List projects in box below
Other **proposed** projects?		
Other **completed** projects?		

Provide brief description of project scale in the space below (100 words max)

Project Cost

Project Cost	Value	Percent of project cost
Total Cost	$	%
RESTORE Request	$	%
Secured Match (include documentation)	$	%
In-kind match value	$	%
Funding Gap	$	%
Anticipated Cash Match	$	%

Project Timeline

Estimated Project Start Date	
Estimated Project Completion Date	

Project Feasibility	
	Yes/No
Does the project require federal, state, or local permits?	

If yes, list permits required below

Permits required	Permit Type (federal, state, local)	Status (obtained, not obtained)

Existing Planning	Yes/No
Is the project part of an existing federally approved comprehensive conservation management plan?	
Is the project part of a County or state plan?	

If yes, list plan below

Budget Justification

Activity/Item	Total Cost	Requested RESTORE Funds	Cash Match	In Kind Match
Project Design				
Project Permitting				
Project Activity				
Monitoring				
TOTAL				

Project Narrative:

1. Describe the scope of work. Include an explanation of the following:
    - Project need and compatibility: Describe the need for the project. Explain how the project is not duplicative of existing efforts and does not interfere with ongoing work. Describe any additional benefits the project may provide when combined with other current or proposed projects.
    - Project eligibility: Describe how the project meets the criteria outlined in the RESTORE Act.
    - Project benefits: Identify how the project will benefit the citizens and natural resources of Charlotte County. Discuss the scale of project benefits and the metric by which project success will be evaluated.

2. Describe project feasibility. Include a discussion of the following:
    - Personnel: Describe who will manage and complete the project and his or her qualifications to do so.
    - Project timeline: Provide a project timeline indicating anticipated start dates, completion dates, and milestones.
    - Progress to date: Discuss any progress made on the project such as planning completion, status of permitting, and inclusion in existing local, state or federal conservation management plans.
    - Cost-effectiveness: Describe why the project is economical in terms of benefits produced by money spent.
    - Project sustainability: Discuss whether maintenance funding will be needed for the project upon completion. If applicable, discuss long-term project planning and identify maintenance and management funding sources.
    - Compliance with local, state, and federal regulations: Describe how the project complies with applicable regulations.

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Project Narrative:

3. Provide best available science as defined in the RESTORE Act if proposed activity is designed to protect or restore natural resources.
    - Best available science is defined in the RESTORE Act as science that:
        a. Maximizes the quality, objectivity, and integrity of information, including statistical information
        b. Uses peer-reviewed and publicly available data
        c. Clearly documents risks and uncertainties in the scientific basis for such projects

      When possible, it is recommended that publicly available data such as that from the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration be utilized.
    - Include a summary of peer-reviewed information that justifies the proposed activity including methods proposed. Please state if peer-reviewed references are not available and describe alternative sources used. If references do not pertain directly to the Gulf region, explain why the reference is applicable and adaptable to the Gulf region.
    - Evaluate long-term uncertainties. Will the project be obsolete or not function as intended in the long-term?
    - For each source cited include the title, journal (if applicable), publication date, and author(s). If relying on public data, cite the source, provide a link to data used, include date of collection, and size of data set.
4. Provide supporting technical information if the proposed activity is one other than the restoration and protection of natural resources (project primarily emphasizes workforce development and job creation, infrastructure projects, tourism promotion etc.).
    - Support all claims of project benefits with analysis, relevant peer-reviewed information, economic studies, and/or publicly available data whenever possible
    - Include a summary of references and data that justifies the proposed activity. Please state if peer-reviewed references or best available science are not available and describe alternative sources used. If references do not pertain directly to the Gulf region, explain why the reference is applicable and adaptable to the Gulf region.
    - Evaluate long-term uncertainties. Will the project be obsolete or not function as intended in the long-term?
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