

## **Charlotte County RESTORE Act Funding Application Narrative**

**To assist with completion of the application, please read the following:**

**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.
  - **Achievable Permitting:** Describe how this project is permitted. Discuss where the project is in the permitting process.

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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.
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