

Project Application for
Franklin County's RESTORE Act Multiyear Implementation Plan

SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION: (This section must be completed)			
Applicant Name			
Point of Contact (POC) for this Application	POC Name		
	POC Title		
	POC Email		
	POC Phone		
Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project			
1. Qualifying Eligible Activity			
Please select the primary eligible activity in the first column, and select all other eligible activities that apply in the second column.	Select Primary Activity	Select All Others That Apply	Qualifying Eligible Activity
			1. Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region
			2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
			3. Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
			4. Workforce development and job creation
			5. Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
			6. Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
			7. Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
			8. Planning assistance
			9. Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing
			10. Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region
2. Was this proposed activity included in any claim for compensation paid out by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund after July 6, 2012? If "Yes," this activity is not eligible for a Direct Component grant.			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Location a) Please provide the actual location for the activity as street address, nearest intersection, or note boundaries. Provide location on a submitted map. If there is more than one location for the activity, attach a list of the additional locations, city/town, county/parish, state, and zip code.		Location	
		City/Town	
		County	
		State	
		Zip code	
b) Describe the location of the proposed activity. Attach a map to support your response.			

SECTION B – PROGRAMMATIC CRITERIA: (This section must be completed)
1. Proposed Scope of Work
1a. Project Description and Need – Provide an overall description of the proposed project that clearly explains how the project/program meets the identified primary activity designated in A1. Include references to the specific needs addressed, goals to be achieved, performance metrics, and quantifiable benefits provided by the project. (500 words maximum)
1b. Project Timing – Provide a brief project schedule identifying specific tasks, milestones, and related timeframes showing that the proposed project can be implemented and quantifiable benefits realized within a reasonable and acceptable timeframe. Additionally, schedule information can be provided as a PDF attachment. Please enter “See attached” here if you are submitting a schedule as an attachment. (250 words maximum)
1c. Project Feasibility – Provide a total budget breakdown for the proposed project, including all reasonable and justifiable costs. Additional budget breakdown information can be provided as a PDF attachment. Please enter “See attached” here if you are submitting a budget as an attachment. (250 words maximum)
2. Project Budget – Provide the project budget as a total dollar amount, explaining in detail how the proposed budget supports the proposed scope of work. Include a description of all funding sources and what tasks/activities will be funded by each source. Provide specific justification for ALL budget categories that apply, including an explanation of the necessity, allowability, reasonableness, and allocability of proposed costs. Please complete the budget table in Section E to support your response. (250 words maximum)
3. Partnerships and Leveraging – Provide a short narrative describing how the project is supported by multiple partners. Explain how the proposed project leverages funds by including cash or in-kind matching funds towards the project. (250 words maximum)
4. Monitoring Plan – Provide a short narrative describing the comprehensive monitoring and success measurement plan for the proposed project. Include a maintenance plan, if applicable. (250 words maximum)
5. Sustainability and Efficiency – Provide a brief narrative describing how the project approach utilizes efficiency measures and provides long-term benefits. Explain how the proposed project builds on existing assets; links outcomes, partners, or lands; and does not produce negative environmental impacts. (250 words maximum)

6. Best Available Science, if applicable

Directions: If the answer to the following question is “yes,” complete this section. If the answer is “no,” then skip to B7.

Is one of the eligible activities of the proposed project to protect or restore natural resources (in Section A1)? Yes No

The RESTORE Act requires activities designed to protect or restore natural resources to be based on the “best available science,” which is defined in the Act as science that a) maximizes the quality, objectivity, and integrity of information, including statistical information; b) uses peer-reviewed and publicly available data; and c) clearly documents risks and uncertainties in the scientific basis for such projects.

Please clearly state the protection or restoration objective(s) of the project, describe the methods that will be used to achieve the objective(s), and explain how these methods are based on best available science. The response must be sufficiently detailed to evaluate the reasonableness of the applicant’s determination that the project is based on best available science. In addressing the three-pronged test in the definition of “best available science,” the applicant must cite, when available, peer reviewed, objective, methodologically sound literature sources that support the conclusion that the proposed scope of work is an effective way to achieve the stated objectives. (500 words maximum)

For each literature source cited, the applicant must provide sufficient citations, including:

- Title;
- Journal in which the literature source appeared, if applicable;
- Publication date;
- Author(s); and
- Web address if downloaded or available online.

7. Possible Material Risks to Implement and Maintain the Proposed Activity

Directions: List the possible material risks, e.g., operational, legal, regulatory, budgetary, or ecological risks, with a brief discussion of mitigation strategies that the applicant may need to address in order to implement and/or maintain the proposed activity. If the applicant determines that there are no material risks to implement and maintain the proposed activity, then put “None” in the Risk column below.

Risk (100 words maximum each)	Mitigation Strategy (150 words maximum each)

8. Permits, Land Acquisition, Construction, and Relocation Assistance

Directions: Answer the following items concerning permits, construction, land acquisition, and relocation assistance, if applicable.

8a. Permits

Does the proposed activity require any federal, tribal, state, or local permits? For potential federal permits needed, see:

<https://www.permits.performance.gov/tools/federal-environmental-review-and-authorization-inventory>

Yes No

If yes, provide a short narrative describing how the proposed project will conform to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and codes, including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, U.S. Access Board, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Davis-Bacon Act, Florida Building Code, and Franklin County Land Development Code. List all specific federal, state, or local permits required for this project, the status of the permits, and the anticipated time until permits are obtained. (500 words maximum)

8b. Land Acquisition and Construction Activities

Will land be improved? Yes No If yes, answer questions i–vi

Will land or interest in land be acquired? Yes No If yes, answer questions i–viii

i. What are the legal rights that will be acquired?

Fee Title Easement Other (please explain):

ii. If an easement, what is the life of the easement?

iii. Will the applicant hold title to the land? Yes No

iv. What is the total acreage of the proposed property interest to be acquired (easement or fee title)?

v. Has the applicant obtained a recent certified appraisal of the property? Yes No
If yes, attach a copy of the appraisal.

vi. Has the applicant obtained a recent title opinion or certificate? Yes No
If yes, attach a copy of the title opinion or certificate.

vii. Attach a signed statement from the seller(s) that he/she is a willing seller and has not been coerced into selling or conveying the property interest.

viii. Attach the legal description of the property and the tax parcel number.

8c. Relocation Assistance

Will the proposed project cause the displacement of any persons, businesses, or farm operations? Yes No

If yes, as required by Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, explain: the number of displaced persons, including businesses and farm operations; what fair and reasonable relocation payments and advisory services will be provided to any displaced persons; and what provisions will be made to ensure that safe, decent, and sanitary replacement dwellings will be available to such persons within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement. (500 words maximum)

SECTION C – LOCAL SELECTION CRITERIA: (Complete all that apply)

Section C1 - Restoration and Protection of Natural Resources

1. Water Quality – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will improve the water quality of Apalachicola Bay and/or its tributaries. (500 words maximum – 8.5 points maximum)

2. Estuarine Habitat – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will improve, enhance, or restore the structure and function of estuarine habitats, including oysters, seagrasses, and marsh. (500 words maximum – 8.5 points maximum)

Section C2 - Workforce Development and Job Creation

1. Enhancement of Existing Assets – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will enhance the potential of existing workforce development and/or job creation assets within Franklin County. (350 words maximum – 6.4 points maximum)

2. Attracts and/or Expands New Industries – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will directly contribute to expansion of existing industry/business or siting of a new industry/business, particularly if it is in one of the targeted industries identified in recent economic development studies, such as the Apalachee Regional Planning Council’s “Apalachee Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2013-2017” or the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s “Franklin County Long-term Economic Diversification Strategy” (2013). (350 words maximum – 9 points maximum)

3. Workforce Gaps – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will identify and/or improve workforce gaps (350 words maximum – 2.6 points maximum)

Section C3 - Infrastructure Benefitting the Economy or Ecological Resources
1. Stormwater Management and/or Flooding Controls – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will enhance stormwater management and/or flooding controls. (350 words maximum – 9.6 points maximum)
2. Technology and/or Technology Access – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will improve components of existing technology access or provide new technology access, via broadband internet service or other means. (350 words maximum – 4.8 points maximum)
3. Waterway Navigation/Access – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will improve waterway navigation and/or access, including marking or dredging of navigational channels, removal of hazards to navigation, and construction or improvement of public boat ramps, etc. (350 words maximum – 6.6 points maximum)
Section C4 – Coastal Flood Protection and Related Infrastructure
1. Disaster Planning, Response, and Recovery – Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project will provide for disaster planning, response, and/or recovery. (350 words maximum – 6.4 points maximum)
2. Flood Protection/Mitigation – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will provide flood protection and/or flood mitigation. (350 words maximum – 7 points maximum)
3. Emergency Services – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will provide enhanced emergency services. (350 words maximum – 4.6 points maximum)
Section C5 - Tourism, Recreational Fishing, and Seafood
1. Enhances and/or Markets Existing Assets – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will enhance the potential of existing assets within Franklin County for tourism, recreational fishing, and seafood. (250 words maximum – 3.7 points maximum)
2. Tourism – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will provide new tourism destinations and/or opportunities. (250 words maximum - 7 points maximum)
3. Oyster Recovery and/or Improvement – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will provide for oyster recovery and/or improvement. (250 words maximum – 6.2 points maximum)

4. Public Waterfront Access – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will provide public waterfront access, including parking. (250 words maximum – 6.8 points maximum)
5. Fisheries – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project will provide fisheries attraction (e.g., reefs) and/or fisheries monitoring. (250 words maximum – 2.3 points maximum)
SECTION D – BONUS CRITERIA: (Complete all that apply)
1. Public Interest – Provide a short narrative explaining how the proposed project clearly demonstrates public benefit. (500 words maximum - 12 points maximum)
2. Leverages Funds – Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project will provide for in-kind or other supplemental funding, thereby increasing leveraging of funds. Include the dollar amount of leveraged funds, the portion of the project budget supported by leveraged funds, and the level of commitment of leveraged funding sources. (500 words maximum – 8 points maximum)

SECTION E – BUDGET BREAKDOWN: (This section must be completed)					
Activity/Item	Anticipated RESTORE Funding	Cash Match	In Kind Match	Total Cost	Source of Match
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Total by Source	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Total Project Cost				\$	

Estimated Cost by Year	
Year 1	\$
Year 2	\$
Year 3	\$
Year 4	\$
Year 5	\$

