Data Collection Form

Part A: Project Information
(To be completed by all Proposers)

Okaloosa RESTORE Advisory Committee

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this data collection form is to assist Okaloosa County in prioritizing projects submitted for Direct Component ("Pot #1") funds allocated from the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund through the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).

The following terms are used in this data collection form:

- Applicant - the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
- Project Proposer - the individual or organization completing this form
- Responsible Entity - the Okaloosa County BOCC

Prior to initiating this data collection form, it is recommended the Project Proposer download and review the entire form to understand the range of required information. Tools/data required to complete this form may include: permits, interlocal agreements, comprehensive plans, evidence of property ownership, and estimated project costs. Completing all required information in the collection form may require many hours; this will be a function of project complexity and proposer preparedness.

This data collection form differs from the U.S. Treasury Application Form (RESTORE Act Direct Component Guidance and Application to Receive Federal Financial Assistance; August 2014). This data collection form was designed to assist the Okaloosa RESTORE Advisory Committee (ORAC) in their task of developing a recommended list of potential projects for inclusion in the BOCC's Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP).

Projects that are identified for funding in the MYIP will require additional information from the Project Proposer. Although completion of Part C of this data collection form is not required at this time, the Project Proposer is encouraged to thoroughly review Part C to ensure the ability to fully comply with the minimum information required by the U.S. Treasury for project funding. If a proposed project is ultimately included in the approved MYIP, failure of the Project Proposer to then provide the required project information in Part C may preclude funding for that project.

Per RESTORE Act guidance, the responsible entity shall be solely responsible for the execution of each funded project, including procurement of professional services and/or construction services. The Okaloosa County BOCC (the responsible entity) reserves the right to delegate these services to sub-entities with the demonstrated capability to comply with all County and Federal procurement processes required by the RESTORE Act.

By proposing a project through this data collection form, the Project Proposer acknowledges there is no guarantee the proposed project will be funded. Further, the Project Proposer acknowledges no reimbursement or compensation shall be provided for completing the data collection form or any other activities associated with proposing a project.

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NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered. By submitting this project proposal, the proposer certifies that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. Any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may cause the application to be rejected without the opportunity to re-submit.

A.1 Project Proposer: Provide the name and contact info of the Project Proposer.

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance of Northwest Florida State College
100 College Boulevard
Niceville, FL 32578
cba@nwfsc.edu

A.2 Point of Contact: Provide the name and contact information of the person to be contacted on matters concerning this project (POC).

Alison McDowell
Director, Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
109 Greenway Trail
Santa Rosa Beach, FL
mcdowel2@nwfsc.edu w: 850 200-4173 c: 850 585-0848

A.3 Proposed Activity Name: Provide the name of the Proposed Activity.

Student-led Habitat Restoration in Okaloosa County

A.4 Claimed in Oil Liability Trust Fund After July 6, 2012: Was this proposed activity included in any claim for compensation paid out by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund after July 6, 2012***?***

- ☐ Yes (STOP. This activity is not eligible.)
- ☒ No

A.5 Qualifying Eligible Activity: Please check the primary eligible activity in the first column and then all other eligible activities that apply in the second column by placing an 'X" in the column in the row corresponding to the qualifying eligible activity.

Select Primary Activity (Select only one)	Select All Others That Apply	Qualifying 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
☐	☐	Planning assistance
☐	☐	Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing
☐	☐	Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region

A.6 Location of Activity: Provide the project location. If there is more than one location for the activity, attach a list of the additional locations.

A.6.1 Address: Provide the actual address for the activity (street address, municipality(ies), county/parish, state, zip code). (If there is no street number, provide the nearest intersection or note boundaries on map submitted with Question A.6.2.)

Latitude/Longitude (if available): See attached map and table.

Street address: _____

Municipality(ies): _____

County/parish: _____

State: _____

Zip code: _____

A.6.2 Map: Provide a map of the project location and the area affected by the project.

A.6.3 Property Ownership: If project requires the use of land, provide details of property disposition to include land acquisition, ownership, agreements to use property, permits, easements, etc.

Property to be restored belongs to a variety of owners: The City of Fort Walton Beach, The City of Valparaiso, The State of Florida, The City of Destin, Okaloosa County. CBA holds permits for the Choctawhatchee Bay shoreline restoration sites in Valparaiso's Florida Park, Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park, and Okaloosa's Longwood Park, all of which required a signature allowing access to the property for restoration and inspection (see attached). The proposed Choctawhatchee Bay restoration sites in Fort Walton Beach and Destin public areas are supported by city officials of each municipality (see attached). Dune restoration sites at Henderson Beach State Park are supported by Park management (see attached).

A.6.3.1 Attach documentation (i.e. letter of commitment, Memorandum of Understanding, deed, etc.)

A.7 Project Schedule: Provide a proposed project schedule to include: start date (MM/YY), end date (MM/YY), and major milestones.

Start: 09/15-hire and train Year One AmeriCorps education team and Education Specialist; 10/15-04/15--deliver hands-on education component of program;04/16-05/16--student field trips to restore habitat at selected sites; 06/16-07/16--debut student-developed outreach materials; 09/16; hire and train Year Two AmeriCorps education team; 10/16-04/17--deliver hands-on education component of program;04/17-05/17--student field trips to restore habitat at selected sites; 06/17-07/17--debut student-developed outreach materials; 08/17-09/16 evaluate and complie monitoirng data; End.

A.8 Monitoring: During the project & following its completion, will the project be subject to a monitoring program to evaluate project success?

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes (provide information on monitoring and evaluation)

Salt marsh restoration acres will be tracked by footprint of salt marsh planting area. We will continue to monitor the success of the plantings after the life of the grant by vegetation surveys quantifying percent cover. Dune planting restoration will be tracked by footprint of sea oat planting area. We will continue to monitor the success of planting beyond the grant period by measuring percent vegetation cover and sand accumulation. Outreach success will be tracked by number of park visitors, number of views on social media outlets, number of household who receive mailout, number of students served. Students will be further assessed for heightened environmental literacy through pre- and post-tests.

A.9 Management/Maintenance Program: Will the project be subject to a management/maintenance program to ensure project success?

☐ No

☒ Yes (Provide information on how the project will be monitored and maintained as well as the party (or parties) responsible for performing these tasks.) (240 words max.)

CBA will use the results of this project (both education and restoration components) to leverage future activities such as college and high school student monitoring of sites and community volunteer and educational activities designed to continually sustain and add to the project outcomes, seeking funding as necessary.

A.10 PROJECT SUMMARY

Provide a narrative of your project and why this project should be funded. Discuss the following items as a minimum:

- Economics of the project: Explain how the overall budget supports the proposed work
  - Project Expenditures (long term and short term)
  - Project Revenues (sales, donations, etc.)
- Other funds to be used in addition to Direct Component funds
- Key personnel involved with the project
- Specific objectives
- Permits or land acquisition required
- Design status
- Similar project success or if new technology explain
- Environmental impact (species affected, existing plans supported, etc.)
- Risks to implement and maintain the activity
- Jobs Created (short term, long term, and wage scales)

(1,500 words max)

See attachment "CBA ORAC Project Summary"

A.11 Requested Funding Amount: How much Direct Component (Pot #1) funding is being requested for this project?

$90,000

A.11.1 Other Funding: Is additional funding, outside of this request, being used for the project?

- [ ] No
- [x] Yes (provide information on all additional funding sources and amounts.)

See "Two-year overall Project Budget" Section of "CBA ORAC Project Summary"

A.11.2 Funding Under $90,000: Is the requested funding under $90,000?

- [x] Less than or equal to $90,000 (Application is complete)
- [ ] More than $90,000 (Proceed to Part B)

END OF PART A