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**Subject:** RESTORE Project Proposals Request for supplemental information by July 5th

On June 21, 2013, the RESTORE Project Evaluation committee performed a cursory review of the 35 project proposals the County has received for possible funding with RESTORE funds. The committee also discussed RESTORE funding eligibility requirements (i.e., types of projects that would be eligible by Federal legislation for funding), project evaluation criteria, and the completeness of the projects submitted. ***The purpose of this e-mail is to provide project proposers notice that they may submit supplemental information that will allow the committee to evaluate proposals more accurately.*** I have summarized key concepts the committee discussed in order for proposers to evaluate their submittals in light of this discussion and provide supplemental project proposal information if desired.

#### Federal Eligibility Criteria

- The Federal RESTORE Act limits the location of projects eligible for funding to within 25 miles of the coastal zone. The coastal zone is essentially the shoreline of gulf waters and the shoreline of tidal waters within estuaries and tidally influenced rivers. County staff is in the process of mapping this area and will provide a map within the next week.
- The legislation also identifies specific activities that may be funded. There are several proposals that are educationally based and this activity is not clearly identified in the legislation. The County Attorney's office is evaluating whether this activity will be eligible for funding.

#### Project Completeness

- The committee, in its cursory review of projects, found that many proposals were lacking information and that unless supplemental information is submitted, the committee would have a difficult time scoring the proposal. Accordingly, the committee agreed to have proposers submit additional information and suggested that the project proposal, *Habitat Island Construction*, be a model for information that the committee needs to have in its evaluation process. This proposal can be accessed through: <http://www.colliergov.net/RESTOREAct>.
- Key information needed by the committee includes:
  - Identification of total cost, requested funds and how much is being provided in matching funds
  - Statement as to how close the project is to being "shovel-ready".

#### Evaluation Criteria

- The committee evaluated the attached draft evaluation form and directed staff to make various refinements. These refinements include:
  - Scoring points addressing environmental uses and benefits should be 50% of the total project score.
  - Shovel-ready projects should receive 25 points.
  - Criteria/examples should be given for what constitutes “allowable uses” and “job creation” and other definitions on the form.
- County staff will work with representatives from The Conservancy of Southwest Florida to prepare another draft of the evaluation form for the Committee’s consideration at their July 19, 2013 meeting.

**The deadline for supplemental information is 5:00 pm, July 5, 2013.** Electronic submittal of the information in pdf format is preferred. Please submit to [williamlorenz@colliergov.net](mailto:williamlorenz@colliergov.net). The information will then be forwarded to the committee and be posted on the County’s website.

The next meeting of the Committee is Friday, July 19, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Room 609/610. At this meeting the Committee intends to begin scoring the proposals with the revised evaluation form. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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