



SANTA ROSA COUNTY GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Gomillion

FROM: Erica Grancagnolo, Grants Manager

DATE: August 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Project Identification for Restoration of Santa Rosa Sound – “Pot 3” RESTORE Act

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend authorization of staff to complete Project Nomination Form for Spill Impact Component Funding, “Pot 3” of RESTORE, with the following project list:

1. Santa Rosa Sound Stormwater Outfall Treatment Program and Retrofit of Under-designed Areas
2. Septic to Sewer Conversion in South Santa Rosa County
3. Navarre Beach WWTF Effluent Discharge Relocation and Regional Beneficial Reuse Project
4. Santa Rosa Sound Water Quality Monitoring in conjunction with State monitoring efforts
5. Study of Santa Rosa Sound in conjunction with UWF

BACKGROUND

Established in 2012 as a part of the RESTORE Act, the Consortium was charged with developing a state expenditure plan (SEP) for Florida to implement economic and environmental restoration projects needed as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The remaining funds available (\$284 million) after a \$4.6 million planning grant award will be distributed evenly among the 23 Florida gulf coast counties. As such, Santa Rosa County can expect to receive approximately \$12.3 million over 15 years for projects identified in the SEP. Projects within the SEP must adhere to RESTORE Act requirements, the Restoration Council Comprehensive Plan, and the Consortium goals; and must be approved by the Consortium, the Governor, and the Restoration Council. At the July 28, 2016 Commission Regular meeting, the Board authorized directing all Pot 3 funding toward the Restoration of Santa Rosa Sound.

FUTURE ACTION

Environmental Science Associates (ESA) has been tasked by the Consortium with conducting a preliminary review of the project submittals received from the member counties, and will present a summary report of project nomination forms received at the September 13, 2016 Gulf Consortium Meeting in Martin County. It is anticipated that ESA and subcontractor Langton Associates will be approved to move forward with the remaining tasks related to the development and approval of the SEP, a process that is expected to take approximately 2 years. Additionally, ESA and Langton will work to identify leveraging opportunities for the SEP, with a goal of a 2:1 match.

Completion of the project nomination form does not bind the County to the projects identified. There will be opportunities to refine, add, or delete projects as the process moves through the evaluation and analysis phases.



Santa Rosa County
“Pot 3” Project Identification
Restoration of Santa Rosa Sound
August 22, 2016

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Gulf Consortium

- The Gulf Consortium was designated as the eligible entity for Florida to receive Spill Impact Component Planning funds “Pot 3” and was tasked with developing the State Expenditure Plan (SEP)
- SEP will be a compilation of projects submitted by the 23 gulf coast counties
- Approx. \$12.3 million per county over 15 years subject to approval of SEP

SEP Development

- July 28, 2016 - Board authorized directing all Pot 3 funding for Santa Rosa County toward the Restoration of Santa Rosa Sound
 - Direction to staff to bring a list of projects back to the Board for completion of the project nomination form.
- Completion of the project nomination form does not bind the County to the projects identified.
 - There will be opportunities to refine, add, or delete projects as the process moves through the evaluation and analysis phases.
 - Approximately 2 years to submittal for approval of SEP.

Additional Approvals Required

- Projects within the SEP
 - Must adhere to
 - RESTORE Act requirements
 - Restoration Council Comprehensive Plan
 - Consortium goals
 - Must be approved by
 - Consortium
 - Governor
 - Restoration Council

Leveraging

- No requirement for the County to contribute matching funds, however, the Board has previously discussed the idea of leveraging with other “Pots”
 - Timing issues
- Consultants will identify leveraging opportunities for the SEP with a goal of a 2:1 match

Potential Projects	Potential Allocation (\$12.3 million)
Study of Santa Rosa Sound in conjunction with UWF	\$200,000 + Match?
Water Quality Monitoring – Santa Rosa Sound	\$200,000 - \$300,000 \$20,000/year + Match?
Navarre Beach WWTF Effluent Discharge Relocation and Regional Beneficial Reuse Project	\$6,000,000 + Match (other utility companies?)
Stormwater Outfall Treatment Program and Retrofit	\$4,000,000 + Match Direct Component (Pot 1) Council Selected (Pot 2) NFWF NRDA
Septic to Sewer Conversion in South Santa Rosa County	\$1,000,000 + Match

Study of Santa Rosa Sound in Conjunction with UWF

Project Details	Proposed Allocation	Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Scientific evaluation using existing data - “Best available Science”➤ Coordination with FDEP and NFWFMD➤ Help identify primary sources of pollution➤ Help match dollars to best solutions➤ Concept development➤ Transparency and accountability with approach	\$200,000 + Match?	Conceptual

Water Quality Monitoring – Santa Rosa Sound

Project Details	Proposed Allocation	Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ In conjunction with State monitoring efforts (FDEP/NWFWMD)➤ Define locations and frequency of sampling➤ Publish results (County Website)➤ “What gets measured get’s done”	<u>\$200,000 - \$300,000</u> \$20,000/year + Match?	Monitoring

Navarre Beach WWTF Effluent Discharge Relocation and Regional Beneficial Reuse Project

Project Details	Proposed Allocation	Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Reduces nutrient loading (nitrogen & phosphorous)➤ Eliminates “upsets” at plant (elevated fecal coliform bacteria and virus levels)➤ Pharmaceuticals, hormones, endocrine disruptors and other constituents of concern pass through the WWTP	<u>\$6,000,000 + Match</u> (other utility companies?)	Planning and Permitting Complete

Stormwater Outfall Treatment Program and Retrofit

Project Details	Proposed Allocation	Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Retrofit Under-Designed Areas (Areas built prior to State and Local regulations) (Concepts needed) ➤ Regional Ponds ➤ FDOT Coordination (US 98 six-laning, JPA) 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>\$4,000,000 + Match</u> Direct Component (Pot 1) Council Selected (Pot 2) NFWF NRDA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conceptual</p> <p style="text-align: center;">County has begun process of identifying specific outfalls and determining priority</p>

Septic to Sewer Conversion in South Santa Rosa County

Project Details	Proposed Allocation	Phase
Coordination with Utility Companies (HNWS, SSUS)	\$1,000,000 + Match	Conceptual

Next Steps

- Staff will
 - Complete project nomination form as directed
 - Continue to work with consultants related to any required modifications, leveraging opportunities, etc.
 - Keep the Board apprised of progress toward approval of SEP

Questions/More Information

- Florida Association of Counties

<http://fl-counties.com/advocacy/gulf-consortium>

- Santa Rosa County RESTORE webpage

- Erica Grancagnolo

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