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RESTORE Application Deadline Extended

Santa Rosa County has extended the deadline to submit RESTORE project proposals to Friday, April 3, for inclusion in the county's multi-year implementation plan. The complete request for proposals, project guidance and new resources are available at www.santarosa.fl.gov/bocc/restore.cfm. Approximately \$4.3 million is available to Santa Rosa County in the first round of the direct component funding offered through the RESTORE Act.

The RESTORE Act requires Santa Rosa County to create a multi-year implementation plan that is submitted to the U.S. Treasury Department for review and approval. All project applications submitted for inclusion in the county's plan will be ranked by a technical team and reviewed by the Santa Rosa County Local RESTORE Council who will develop the multi-year implementation plan to present to the board of county commissioners for approval. Once developed and approved by the commission, there is a 45-day public comment period before the plan is forwarded to the U.S. Treasury Department for final acceptance.

This initial release of funding is a small part of an estimated \$20-60 million Santa Rosa County is expected to receive once litigation and Clean Water Act fines against BP are finalized. The funding for the county's multi-year plan, called the direct component, is just one of the many sources of funding associated with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Questions about the Santa Rosa County RESTORE application process can be emailed by **Thursday, April 2** to RESTORE@santarosa.fl.gov or contact Sheila Harris at (850) 983-1848.

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