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RESTORE Process Moves Forward

Fifty-six projects totaling \$54.52 million will compete for inclusion in Santa Rosa County's RESTORE multi-year implementation plan. In this first round of funding, approximately \$4.3 million is available to Santa Rosa County through RESTORE Act direct component dollars.

[Click here](#) to see the list of project applications received. Please note that the numbering does not indicate priority.

Proposals are currently being reviewed for completeness consistent with the Santa Rosa County Local RESTORE Council's established guidelines and scoring criteria. Applicants may be contacted and asked to provide missing or incomplete information. Proposals will be scored and ranked in public meetings and results will be made available at the Monday, June 8, 3 p.m. regular meeting of the Santa Rosa County Local RESTORE Council.

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 proposals submitted 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. Projects not funded in this cycle will be eligible to apply for future funding.

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