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RESTORE Technical Scoring Team Meetings

Two meetings are scheduled to score and rank the 56 proposals received in Santa Rosa County's first round of RESTORE Act direct component funding. The meetings are open to the public and will be streamed live at www.santarosa.fl.gov.

Monday, May 11, 1 - 4 p.m. in the board meeting room located at 6495 Caroline Street in Milton

- 1 p.m. Economic Development (Job Creation Scoring Category)
- 1: 30 p.m. Economic Development (Workforce Development Scoring Category)
- 2 p.m. Tourism Scoring Category

Monday, May 18, 1 - 4 p.m. in the board meeting room located at 6495 Caroline Street in Milton

- 1 p.m. Environmental Scoring Category
- 2:45 p.m. Infrastructure Scoring Category

Projects submitted under multiple scoring categories will be scored and ranked by a technical team approved by the Santa Rosa County Local RESTORE Council for each category. For example, a project submitted under the environmental and tourism categories will be reviewed by a technical team on May 11 at 2 p.m. and May 18 at 1 p.m. Sample scoring sheets can be found under the proposal tab, resources heading at www.santarosa.fl.gov/restore.

The results of the technical team category rankings will be made available at the Monday, June 8, 3 p.m. regular meeting of the Santa Rosa County Local RESTORE Council where the council will begin review of the proposals and rankings. The 11-member council has complete discretion to utilize the ranking provided or amend as they start the process of developing a multi-year implementation plan to present to the board of county commissioners.

Following development and approval by the Santa Rosa County Commission, there will be a 45-day public comment period before the plan is forwarded to the U.S. Treasury Department for final acceptance. Projects not funded in this cycle will be eligible to apply for future funding.

Fifty-six projects totaling \$54.52 million were submitted by April 3 for potential inclusion in Santa Rosa County's RESTORE funding 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. 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.

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