

Northern Gulf of Mexico Resilience to Future Flooding Request for Project Ideas



Submission Deadline: May 24 at 5pm Central time

This request is for coastal northern Gulf communities interested in increasing their resilience to sea-level rise and future flooding. Interested communities should submit a project idea that focuses on becoming more resilient to sea-level rise, future flooding, and related hazards. Information on these hazards in the northern Gulf and examples of what other Gulf communities have done are available on the 'Resilience to Future Flooding' page at www.ngomssc.org.

Purpose

This opportunity is intended to financially support a community project that takes action to increase resilience to current and/or future flooding.

Project Considerations

- For those less familiar with putting together a project plan, assistance is available! See "*Submission*" on the last page for more information.
- We want to tell your story! We are asking that project partners be willing to film short video diaries of their project's progress. An experienced videographer will work with the project's team/leader to provide any necessary skills or advice.
- It is recommended, though not required, that each project has a representative willing to participate in the 2020 Climate & Resilience Community of Practice meeting in south Florida. Travel can be incorporated in the project or as part of your "match" (see *Match*).

Eligibility

Project ideas will be accepted from communities, local governments and municipalities, tribes, regional councils/commissions, or other groups/organizations working on behalf of communities located between the Pearl River and Suwannee River (Mississippi, Alabama, and northwest Florida; see map). Projects targeting underserved communities are encouraged to apply.

For communities without the capacity to write and manage a grant, the Resilience to Future Flooding funding opportunity accepts project ideas from partner organizations on behalf of a community.



Not Eligible for Submission

The Resilience to Future Flooding project unfortunately cannot fund projects that must go under time-intensive state or federal environmental review, such as large habitat restoration or infrastructure installation projects.

Suggestions to Strengthen Project Idea

The Resilience to Future Flooding team highly recommends letters of support or a similar demonstration of community backing for the project idea when a community is not submitting directly.

It is strongly encouraged for communities to work with extension and outreach professionals, such as Sea Grant or Extension agents and specialists, who can help guide communities through this process. If you do not know a local extension or outreach professional, the Project Coordinator (contact information below) can connect you.

Example Projects

- Public information campaign to increase awareness of future risks
- Data collection to fill gaps in knowledge for resilient actions
- Updating existing Unified Development Codes or other ordinances/plans to account for future flooding
- Economic studies on the benefits of future flood adaptation at the local level
- Social vulnerability assessments to understand areas of highest risk to sea-level rise

For more example projects that encourage sea-level rise resilience and future flood resilience, watch the case study videos available on the [Resilience to Future Flooding page](https://www.ngomssc.org) on [ngomssc.org](https://www.ngomssc.org). Information on sea-level rise basics within the northern Gulf of Mexico is also available with the “Northern Gulf Sea-Level Rise” video series.

Funding Amount and Duration

This funding opportunity has \$240,000 to be dispersed between four (4) projects. Ideally, proposed project ideas will range from \$40,000 – \$60,000. Project ideas requiring more than \$60,000 are less likely to receive funding.

Each project should last one (1) year (August 2019 – July 2020; Video diaries do not need to be complete until August 2020). Cost sharing, also known as match, is required at 39.2% of the funded amount (e.g., for a \$60,000 award, match would be \$23,500).

Match

There are two categories of match, both of which are available to you as a community.

1. “In-kind” match includes non-monetary resources, such as venues, staff time, equipment use, etc.
2. “Cash” match is direct spending by communities or partners (e.g., spending to hire researchers or consultants, travel for conferences/workshops, etc.).

If you have any questions about match, please contact us and we will be happy to help you think of creative approaches to match or answer any questions on what might qualify. Additionally, any partner involved in the project, not just the community, can provide match.

In an effort to make this funding opportunity easier to apply for, the Resilience to Future Flooding project has provided a registry of potential partners that are interested in assisting coastal communities in pursuing projects, including partnering to obtain funds (see online registry on the ‘Resilience to Future Flooding’ page at www.ngomssc.org). The Resilience to Future Flooding Project Team highly recommends working with extension and outreach professionals during this process and can connect you with someone locally if you are not already familiar with one.

Submission Format (max 6 pages total)

- Cover page (1 page)
 - Project title and contact information for person(s) submitting the project idea (name, address, phone number, and email address)
- Project description (3 pages)
 - Describe community's vulnerability to sea-level rise and/or its associated hazards
 - Describe how the proposed project would address the community's vulnerability to sea-level rise
 - Short description of qualifications for key staff involved with the proposed project (max 1 paragraph per key staff)
- Estimated budget summary (2 pages - template provided in Appendix)
- Letters of support (not included in 5 page total)
 - Not required but strongly encouraged

Notification

Applicants will be notified whether or not they were chosen to receive funding by the end of June 2019. Additional information and/or materials may be requested before the team makes a decision.

Evaluation

Projects will be viewed favorably if they:

- Follow all guidelines listed in this request
- Are clearly requested and supported by the local community
 - For project ideas submitted on behalf of a community without letters of support from the community, we will reach out to the identified community or communities to confirm project need
- Are detailed and well thought-out

Submission

To submit your project idea, please email it to the Project Coordinator (m.heming@msstate.edu) by 5pm Central on Friday, May 24, 2019.

Please contact the Project Coordinator if you have any questions or would like assistance finding resources or formulating a project idea. Local assistance is available.

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Appendix – Budget Summary Template

*This template is not intended to be rigid – feel free to add or remove sections as suits your specific needs for your project. A match section is identified for every section, **but is not necessary**. This was included to clarify that match can come in many ways.*

Budget Summary

Personnel (Total: \$X,XXX)

Requested Funding (\$X,XXX)

Describes salary of people that would work on the project. Include total annual salary and amount of each individuals' time that will be dedicated to the project.

Match (\$X,XXX)

Only non-federal personnel time can be used for match.

Fringe (Total: \$X,XXX)

Requested Funding (\$X,XXX)

Fringe benefits for personnel in previous section. This could include healthcare, social security tax, retirement, and/or other employer-paid benefits. If fringe is calculated by rate at your institution, please specify the rate.

Match (\$X,XXX)

Describe fringe for match personnel.

Supplies (Total: \$X,XXX)

Requested Funding (\$X,XXX)

Please specify what kind of supplies are needed for the project. Example: "Requested funds will be for meetings including: food, drinks, development of print materials, printing of materials, and other general supplies that might be necessary."

Match (\$X,XXX)

Describe supplies that will be contributed as match for the project idea.

Travel (Total: \$X,XXX)

Requested Funding (\$X,XXX)

Travel associated with the project idea. This can include flights, hotels, per diem, mileage, etc. Note that travel for the aforementioned 2020 Climate & Resilience Community of Practice meeting can be included here.

Match (\$X,XXX)

Describe travel for the project provided outside of the requested funds.

Equipment (Total: \$X,XXX)*Requested Funding (\$X,XXX)*

Describe all necessary project equipment and their associated cost.

Match (\$X,XXX)

Describe any equipment that may be purchased for the project outside of the requested funds.

Contract (\$X,XXX)*Requested Funding (\$X,XXX)*

Includes funding for contracts with companies, researchers, consultants, etc.

Match (\$X,XXX)

Match provided by any contracted or subawarded project partners should be documented here.

Indirect Costs (IDC) (Total: \$X,XXX)*Requested Funding (\$X,XXX)*

Many institutions have indirect costs at a certain percentage rate. Any specific indirect cost rate, or any other indirect costs, should be listed here.

Match (\$X,XXX)

These are funds that will not be collected on in-kind contributions, excluding contracts, volunteer hours, and donations. Also describe any reduction in IDC rate for the purposes of this project.