Draft Escambia County Ranking Criteria Headings

Environment

1. Habitat Restoration. Proposed project restores the structure and function of upland, coastal, estuarine, and marine natural systems, benefiting native flora and fauna.

2. Habitat Conservation and Preservation. Proposed project maintains or improves the structure and function of coastal, estuarine, and marine natural systems, benefiting native flora and fauna.

3. Water Quality Improvement. Proposed project reduces point and nonpoint sources of pollutants entering local waterways, provides treatment to improve water quality, or proposes other measures which will improve water quality.

4. Natural Systems Resiliency. Proposed project increases ability of natural systems to withstand stochastic events and adapt to changing environmental conditions.

Economy

1. Tourism and Tourism Opportunities. Proposed project provides for increases in tourism activity through new or additional marketing efforts, improvements to existing attractions, or addition of new destinations or attractions.

2. Job Creation. Proposed project provides for new seasonal, temporary, part time, full time, and/or higher wage jobs within the County.

3. Industry and Business Growth. Proposed project directly contributes to expansion of existing industry/business or siting of a new industry/business in aviation & aerospace, high tech manufacturing, information technology/cyber security, telecommunications, renewable energy, or other targeted industry.

4. Workforce Development. Proposed project provides innovative higher education, job training, or other workforce training/career development which increases the total skilled workforce pool and advances opportunities for higher wage employment.

Infrastructure

1. Transportation Network Improvements. Proposed project improves components of existing transportation network or adds new features to transportation network such as roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, multi-modal paths or trails, streetlights, and urban/street landscaping.

2. Flooding Improvements. Proposed project provides structural improvements or additions which will reduce flooding to homes and businesses, thereby reducing overall disaster costs and increasing economic resilience.

3. Community Resiliency. Proposed project increases community resiliency by strategically retrofitting, upgrading, or replacing critical infrastructure, utilizing renewable energy, or by implementing other disaster preparatory mechanisms.

Community Preferences

1. Benefits Traditionally Underserved Persons or Areas. Proposed projects improves opportunities for disadvantaged or traditionally underserved persons or areas.

2. Community Health. Proposed project improves community health through health improvement programs and health education.
3. Neighborhood Benefits. Proposed project provides neighborhood benefit such as increased affordable housing, reduction in crime, or significant aesthetic improvements.
4. Local Preference. Proposed project utilizes local labor force or promotes small businesses.

Programmatic
1. Consistency with Local Plans. Proposed project provides for consistency with and implements existing adopted plans.
2. Fiscal Resources Optimization. Proposed project includes reasonable, justifiable costs and appropriately leverages funds.
3. Timing. Proposed project can be implemented and benefits realized within a reasonable and acceptable timeframe.
4. Applicant Capacity. The project team has knowledge and experience in executing this type of project.
5. Project Scale. The proposed project will impact how many acres?
6. Monitoring Plan. Proposed project includes a comprehensive monitoring and success measurement plan.