

RESTORE ESCAMBIA CRITERIA

1. The project promotes or enhances economic development and job creation.
2. Development projects include green infrastructure, building design and standards.
3. The project targets typically underrepresented groups [elderly, disabled, low-socio economic, rural, or urban core/Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)].
4. The project restores, enhances, or protects natural resources or cultural resources in our community (watershed restoration, land acquisition, biodiversity, etc.)
 - a. Restores and Conserves Habitat – Restores and conserves the health, diversity, and resilience of key coastal, estuarine, and marine habitats.
 - b. Restores Water Quality – Restores and protects water quality of the Gulf Coast region’s fresh, estuarine, and marine waters.
 - c. Replenishes and Protects Living Coastal and Marine Resources – Restore and protect healthy, diverse, and sustainable living coastal and marine resources.
 - d. Enhances Community Resilience – Build upon and sustain communities with capacity to adapt to short- and long-term changes.
 - e. Restores and Revitalizes the Gulf Economy – Enhance the sustainability and resiliency of the Gulf economy.
5. The project promotes, protects, or educates the community toward health/resilience. (Mitigates threats to human health and ecosystems that support human health; educates the community toward better health outcomes; provides infrastructure, services, business that improves citizen health).
6. The project documents and plans for successful completion of goals (cites community assessments, economic or workforce reports or other published data; includes reasonable objectives and clear measurements to evaluate progress and outcomes; provides a timeline for project activities; outlines reasonable project goals.)
7. The project link partners, land and ecosystems, across areas, cities, counties or states affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.
8. The project leverages other existing city, county, or state plans.
9. The applicant demonstrates capacity to carry out the project? (Experience & public track record, financial audits, most recent 990)
10. The project meets expectations for sustainability after funding.