Long Island Sound Futures Fund 2020
Applicant Webinar
Welcome and Introductions

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Webinar Instructions

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We will succeed - and that success will belong to every one of us. We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.
Agenda

Welcome

Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) Overview

Application Guidance

Webinar, PowerPoint recording & referenced documents @ www.nfwf.org/lisff
Purpose

Restoration of the health and living resources of Long Island Sound (LIS) including:

Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds

**TIP!** In the “Problem” and/or “Solution” section of the proposal narrative reference relevant parts of the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) Update 2015 @ http://longislandsoundstudy.net/2015/09/2015-comprehensive-conservation-and-management-plan/
Sources & Amount of Available Funding

~ $3 million from:
Boundary Upper Basin Projects
Program Priorities

**Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds.** Improve water quality by delivering projects to prevent or reduce nutrient loading.

**Example Strategies:**

- Green infrastructure.
- Conservation activities that reduce pollution at its source e.g., alternative OWTS, eliminate/reduce nitrogen use in landscaping etc.
- Low cost retrofits at wastewater treatment plants/facilities.
- Restore freshwater wetlands to improve nitrogen processing.
- Restore riparian buffers to reduce nitrogen loading from public and private lands.
- Watershed planning meeting the criteria for NRCS National Water Quality Initiative and EPA’s Clean Water Section 319 program (A-1 plan or Approved Alternative Plan)
Examples of Strategies (contd.)

Projects that address upland agricultural runoff through farm-scale conservation systems and solutions such as:

- Soil health practices and management systems to increase soil fertility while improving the capacity of crops and soils to reduce runoff and increase nutrient uptake.

- Precision nutrient management systems that fine-tune the rate, source, method, and timing of nutrient applications to maintain or increase crop yields, minimize nutrient input costs and nutrient losses to surface and groundwater.

- “Whole-farm” conservation systems that reduce pollution from crop and pasture lands, animal production areas, and protect or restore high-value natural resource areas like wetlands and riparian areas.
Available Amounts of Funds for Grants

Implementation Grants. $20,000 to $300,000 to support projects that result in “quantifiable” pollutant reductions (e.g., to further nitrogen removal).

Design/Planning Grants. $20,000 to $200,000 to support planning and design activities that set the stage for on-the-ground implementation of water quality projects.
Largest Impact Grants

NEW! Up to $500,000 awarded to support the highest-impact projects that address the challenges and solutions described in the CCMP Themes and have a particularly high environmental benefit relative to cost including:

• Large-scale and/or complex water quality improvement projects.

• Projects with the greatest promise to demonstrate, influence, pilot, innovate, and/or provide a proof of concept with the aim of accelerating local and regional water quality improvements.
Applicants for Implementation and Design/Planning grants should apply under **ONE** of the project type.
QUESTIONS?
Grant Guidelines

Project Performance Period:
• Defined as all project activities completed, all funds expended, all match deployed.
• Start within six months of notification of award (11/2020)
• Completed within 12-18 months after notification.
• High Impact Projects completed w/in 24 months after notification.
• Project start dates may not be before October 1, 2020.
Grant Guidelines

Match:

• Required minimum: 50% of the total project cost e.g., cash, in-kind, nonfederal

• Preference will be given to projects that exceed the minimum match.

Tip! Register in the System for Award Management (SAM)

• Consider registering now to save time later if you should receive a grant: www.sam.gov/SAM/
Quality Assurance Project Plans

Project types requiring submission & approval of a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP):

• New data collection.
• Existing data use (new use for data collected for a different purpose, whether by the same or different groups).
• Data collection associated with design and planning.
• Water or other environmental media monitoring.
• Model development or use etc.

Tip! Review QAPP GUIDANCE! www.nfwf.org/lisff/Pages/quality-assurance.aspx

Questions? Erin.Lewis@nfwf.org
Ineligible uses of Grant Funds

- Projects that have received funding for three consecutive years
- Research
- Funding for food, t-shirts/promotional items
- Political advocacy/fundraising, lobbying/litigation, compliance with legal requirements including permit condition settlements...
QUESTIONS?
Parts of a LISFF Proposal
Narrative

Problem statement, solution, technical merit (methods/workplan), qualifications, communication/transferability, past performance.

12 page limit.

Project Theme: Check one category that describes the primary theme of the proposal: ( ) Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds; ( ) Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife; ( ) Sustainable and Resilient Communities; or ( ) Sound Science Inclusive Management

Project Type: Check one category that describes the primary activities/outcome of the proposal: ( ) Planning or Design ( ); Implementation ( ); Monitoring; or ( ) Education/Awareness

( ) Check if you want your proposal to fall in the category of Highest Impact Project

( ) Check if your project proposes to collect data. (Remember to add time/resources to prepare the QAPP in the project timeline).
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**Instructions**

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Adding Budget Narratives

Tip! You must ALWAYS enter a budget narrative.
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• Full Proposal Due Date: 6/2/2020 11:59pm ET
• Review Period: Summer/Fall 2020
• Awards Announced: Early November 2020
Help and Feedback?

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Good Luck! Stay Healthy!