**NCRF Project Narrative**

**Instructions:** Save this template to your computer and complete the narrative in the format provided. If you are invited to submit a full proposal this narrative, **you will be able to edit and expand on this narrative so MAKE SURE YOU SAVE in a place you can find later.** The page limit for the narrative at the pre-proposal phase is (3) pages and at the full proposal phase is (8) pages (single-spaced, 11-point type). Please retain the headings in bold. You may delete the instructions associated with the numbered sections you have completed if needed (additional page was added to pre-proposal to account for full proposal instructions). Once complete, upload this document into the online application as instructed.

**Part I Pre-Proposal – Project Overview**

1. **Project Context**: Briefly describe the coastal resilience challenge you are seeking to address through your projectincluding any specific at-risk community assets (e.g., military installations, evacuation routes, critical utilities, vulnerable populations). Describe how the proposed project integrates with past and planned future resilience activities in the area including any relevant actions and/or events leading up to this point that prioritize the proposed actions, such as resilience planning, predictive modeling or threats assessments that have been done at this location.
2. **Proposed Solution:** Briefly describe the nature-based solution(s) that will be advanced by the project (if known), how it is suited to the project area, the scale of implementation being considered, and current status of planning and implementation.
3. **Project Category:** Select the category of activity in the Request for Proposals that will be addressed by your proposal. Choose an item.
4. **Communities to Benefit:** Describe the community(ies) where the project will take place, who will benefit from the project (including specific demographic information, e.g., age, race and ethnicity, poverty rates), and how they were or will be engaged in project development and implementation. Describe key partners or stakeholders that will be engaged in the project or involved in implementation.
5. **Anticipated Community and Fish and Wildlife Benefits:** Describe expected direct outcomes/results at the proposed end date of the project (i.e., 50% design of 50-acre wetland) as well as expected long-term utility of the project (i.e., implications for informing future, planning, management, and restoration activities). For ***Final Design and Restoration*** projects, be specific as to anticipated benefits from the proposed activities in terms of targeted reduced exposure to existing and future coastal hazards and enhanced habitat and species benefits.
6. **Other****:** Provide any further information you think is important for the review of this proposal.
7. **Other Uploads (please answer the following questions you are allowed to upload a 1-page summary to answer these specific questions, where applicable):**
* ***For projects requesting funds for land acquisition or equipment purchase*** provide a rationale for why NFWF funding is needed to support Restoration-Implementation activities; why acquisition or purchase cannot be supported through other sources (federal or state programs, donation, leasing, etc.); and a rough estimate of the budget needed to pay for these costs. For land acquisitions also describe plans for ensuring public access.
* ***For projects requesting U.S. Department of Defense partner funding*** provide a description of the coastal hazards that threaten the military mission, the nature-based solution(s) proposed to address those threats, how those solutions will maintain and improve military resilience and/or directly defense key mission capabilities (see the RFP Funding Availability and Match section for more information).

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**Part II Full Proposal by Invitation Only – Proposed Scope of Work and Monitoring Plan**

 ***[ONLY COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM*** ***EASYGRANTS@NFWF.ORG*** ***INVITING YOU TO SUBMIT A FULL PROPOSAL]***

1. **Methods and Activities:** List the main activities that will be employed with distinct headings and elaborate on the methodology(ies) that will be used and deliverables that will be produced to achieve the resilience and ecological goals of the project. Please refer to the RFP and describe how the proposed activities address the program priorities, requested information for the project category selected, and evaluation criteria, including how those approaches account for future conditions and/or innovate on traditional habitat restoration techniques.
2. **Implementation Timeline and Milestones**: Provide a timeline with milestones and expected progress for each activity supported with requested funds and match within the grant period.
3. **Monitoring Project Impact:** Use this section to expand on how stated community and wildlife benefit goalsalign with established resilience or other plans where applicable (provide links to plans when possible.), how metrics listed in the Metrics Section will be monitored and additional metrics that will be tracked beyond required NFWF metrics to evaluate project progress and success in achieving stated community and wildlife benefit goals.
4. **Project Team & Partners:** List the organizations and key personnel that will be primarily responsible for implementing the project and describe their qualifications and track record of success relevant to implementing the proposed project. Describe the roles of key partners and other stakeholders, how they will be engaged in the project, and how they will contribute to and ensure the long-term success and future implementation of the project or the transferability of the approach(es).
5. **Other (Optional):** Provide any further information important for the review of this proposal and that demonstrates how the proposal addresses the evaluation criteria included in the RFP (e.g., describe other benefits from the project such as carbon sequestration, improvements to water quality, public access, or recreational value; and/or how the project is innovative or ensures transferability of the approach, etc.).
6. **Uploads Description:**
7. *Photos*: Via the Uploads section of the proposal, please include 1-3photos of the project location or activities. ***For each uploaded photo, provide a photo credit and brief description below***. *Example — Photo 1: John Smith, NFWF. Photo of the current eroded area to be addressed by plantings.*

Photo 1:

Photo 2:

Photo 3:

1. *Final Designs & Engineering Documents*: For ***Restoration Implementation projects***, upload and list here with a brief description, the final design and any other supporting documents that demonstrate that the project is ready to be implemented within 6 months of the grant award.