

Independent Evaluation of the Long Island Sound Futures Fund Program 2025

Submitted Bidder Questions (10-15-25)

- Can you clarify what those deliverables include? There was some uncertainty as to whether you are looking for an entity to conduct/execute the study and publish a resulting independent evaluation; or only looking for an entity to finalize the evaluation questions and propose an evaluation approach; or some other set of deliverables.

We are looking for an entity to conduct/execute the study and publish a resulting independent evaluation.

- Do you have a range for the budget? It is very useful to know an estimated budget range in order to calibrate the evaluation activities accordingly.

A general range for the budget would likely be \$200-300k.

- To what extent did grantees have evaluation plans and/or implement evaluations of their programs? If they did evaluate their grants, would the independent evaluator have access to those evaluation reports?

Some, but not all grantees will have evaluation and monitoring plans within their final reports. If the grantee included those with reports, the evaluator would have access to that literature.

- The submission requirements on page 5 of the RFP specify the inclusion of an example evaluation report on a similar topic prepared by the proposed team. The submission requirements also state that proposals must be submitted under the same cover at the same time, in three distinctly labeled and separate documents: 1) Technical Proposal, 2) Budget, and 3) Evidence of Financial Stability. Should the example report be included in the technical proposal? If so, can you please confirm that it will not be counted in the 10-page technical proposal page limit? Similarly, do CVs/bios of team members and the Contractor's past performance count against the page limit for the technical proposal?

The sample report does not count as part of the 10-page limit but should be included. Please add it as a labeled appendix and add resumes or CVs as their own appendix.

- Could NFWF provide an estimate of the number of distinct grantees that are involved in the in-scope grants (i.e., are there grantees that have received more than one award under the LISFF program)?

The Futures Fund supported approximately 360 grants to 140 unique grantees in this time frame.

- Could NFWF provide a range of the budget of the grants under the LISFF Program?

In this time frame, awards ranged from about \$25,000 to \$1.5M.

- Have any previous evaluations been conducted related to the LISFF? If so, would NFWF be able to share those evaluations?

There was one previous evaluation related to the LISFF that was concluded in 2013, that will be shared with the evaluator selected.

- What was the timeline of the grants disbursed during the project period of focus for this evaluation? Were the grants one-year, multi-year, or some combination? If grant timelines differed, how many of the grants were within each? Have any grantees/projects received more than one grant?

The grants were about two years in length.

- What grantee reports, data, or other information about grantees' projects, both during implementation, and follow-up, has NFWF already gathered and can make available to the contractor?

NFWF will make grantee final reports available to the evaluator.

- Is there a LISFF-specific logic model or is the broader logic model from the CMMP the guide for this work? If the latter, is the 2015 CMMP the appropriate document to work from? <https://lispartnership.org/2015/09/2015-comprehensive-conservation-and-management-plan/>

We use the CCMP logic model.