National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant (NCWCG) Program

Supplemental Template

NCWCG Program grants protect and restore valuable coastal wetland resources through the acquisition, restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetland ecosystems.

# Eligible Activities

Indicate which eligible activity, or combination of activities, is being proposed.

Acquisition of a real property interest (e.g., conservation easement or fee title) in coastal lands or waters (coastal wetlands ecosystems) from willing sellers or partners for long term conservation.

Restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetlands ecosystems for long-term conservation.

# Funding Eligibility Requirements

Confirm that the project budget will not exceed the following maximums:

Recreation and outreach or education activities necessary for meeting the purposes of acquiring, restoring, enhancing, and/or managing coastal wetlands ecosystems are eligible for Program funding up to a combined maximum of **10%** of project costs, including Federal share and matching funds.

Planning, engineering, design, permitting, and monitoring costs necessary for completion of site-specific project objectives are eligible for funding up to a combined maximum of **30%** of project costs, including the Federal share and required match.

# Ranking Criteria

Address each ranking criterion individually with a brief statement or table (50 CFR 84.32).

1. Wetlands conservation

How will the project reverse coastal wetland loss or habitat degradation in decreasing or stable coastal wetland types?

1. Long-term conservation

How will the project ensure long-term conservation of coastal wetland functions? The project must provide at least 20 years of conservation benefits to be eligible.

1. Coastal watershed management

How will the completed project help accomplish the natural resources goals and objectives of one or more formal, ongoing coastal watershed management plan or effort?

1. Conservation of threatened and endangered species

How will the project benefit any federally-listed endangered or threatened species, species proposed for Federal listing, recently delisted species or designated or proposed critical in coastal wetlands? Describe any expected benefits to your State-listed species.

1. Benefits to fish

How will the project provide, restore or enhance important fisheries habitat?

1. Benefits to coastal-dependent or migratory birds

How will the project provide, restore, or enhance important habitat for coastal-dependent or migratory birds?

1. Prevent or reduce contamination

How will the project prevent or reduce input of contaminants, or remove existing contaminants from the coastal wetlands and associated coastal waters?

1. Catalyst for future conservation

How will the project leverage other ongoing coastal wetlands conservation efforts in an area or provide additional impetus for conservation?

1. Partners in conservation

Will the project receive financial support, including in-kind match, from private, local or other Federal partners?

1. Education/outreach program or wildlife-oriented recreation

Does the proposed project include a site-specific, substantive outreach/education program? Does it provide recreational opportunities that are consistent with the conservation goals of the site?

1. Other factors

If land is proposed as match:

Include information on both 1) the parcel(s) proposed for acquisition or restoration with NCWCG Program funds and 2) the match parcel(s) land that is proposed as match in adequate detail for each ranking criterion. Activities provided as cost share including land acquisition are part of the project and must be eligible activities.