



Full Application Evaluation Criteria Track Two

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<p>Risk Reduction: This factor evaluates the extent to which the proposed approach, strategies, and actions reduce risk to coastal communities, infrastructure, economies, and ecosystems from weather and climate impacts.</p>	<p>For Track Two (15 points), does the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Articulate a vision, specific resilience and adaptation actions with co-benefits, and associated outcomes based on the needs, issues, or gaps within the region? 2. Describe a suite of complementary adaptation actions, grounded in existing plans or strategies, that are achievable within the proposed period of performance? 3. Provide a description of each proposed implementation action and specific plans for implementing each action (e.g., timeline, mechanism, etc.)? 4. Describe how the suite of proposed adaptation actions will measurably increase resilience of the region?
<p>Regional Coordination and Collaboration: This factor evaluates the extent to which the applicant includes the appropriate entities for a specific geography in the collaborative team and proposes activities that are likely to advance specified goals.</p>	<p>For Track Two (10 points), does the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the geographic scope of the suite of adaptation actions and how that size facilitates implementation? 2. Articulate a governance approach for the proposed suite of adaptation actions that ensure they complement each other and collectively contribute to regional adaptation objectives and actions that have been identified? 3. Demonstrate that it has enlisted the expertise and entities required to address the identified climate change threats holistically and collaboratively, including engagement and commitment from any relevant collaborators or partners? 4. Demonstrate integration and leveraging of federal, state, and local entities, as well as tribes, tribal organizations, and non-governmental organizations?
<p>Equity and Inclusion: This factor evaluates the extent to which the proposed activities are co-developed with tribes or marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities, and support development and implementation of equitable adaptation strategies and actions.</p>	<p>For Track Two (15 points), does the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify, or propose to identify as an action, those who are most vulnerable to weather and climate impacts within the geography of interest, including tribes or marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented populations, as well as disadvantaged communities? 2. Describe the outreach that was done with tribes or marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities in developing and identifying the proposed adaptation actions? Or include plans for doing so (or continuing to do so) prior to and during implementation of these adaptation actions? 3. Identify the benefits that will accrue to tribes or marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities from the implementation of the proposed adaptation actions? 4. Identify the potential mitigation for any burdens that could be placed on these communities from the actions? 5. Describe activities, including staff time and dedicated funding, to ensure continued engagement of tribes or marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities and incorporation of those communities into decision-making processes?

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<p>Enduring Capacity: This factor evaluates the extent to which the proposed activities will build enduring capacity for adaptation within specified regions, including tribes or marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities.</p>	<p>For Track Two (10 points), does the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the workforce requirements, including numbers, that would need to be hired to implement identified adaptation actions, including types and levels of positions related to resilience or adaptation planning; coastal restoration design; permitting; engineering; risk modeling; land and natural resources valuation; applied social science; geospatial analysis; and other expertise, as required? 2. Identify opportunities to share the lessons learned during implementation more broadly and transfer knowledge within and outside of the region? 3. Include a plan to sustain regional collaboration and adaptation actions beyond the period of performance or propose to develop a plan for long term, sustained collaboration?
<p>Technical Merit: This factor assesses whether the approach is technically sound and/or innovative, if the methods are appropriate, and whether there are clear goals and objectives for the activities.</p>	<p>For Track Two (20 points), does the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a clearly defined, focused, and realistic vision? Include activities that are appropriate for accomplishing the stated vision and are achievable within the proposed time frame? 2. Completely describe the proposed adaptation actions, including a realistic timeline, key milestones and outcomes to be achieved, and the status of permitting and environmental compliance? Include sufficient detail about each of the adaptation actions to assess the merit of the planned activities? 3. Provide support for the feasibility of the methods, including whether the approach is technically sound and safe for the public? Does the proposal provide support for the sustainability of the approach? 4. Reference scientific sources from federal and non-federal sources, and/or Indigenous knowledge related to weather and climate risk? 5. Include activities for evaluating and reporting performance of the overall effort and specific adaptation actions, including the anticipated social and economic benefits? Include plans to support longer-term monitoring beyond the period of performance?
<p>Overall Qualifications of Funding Applicants: This factor assesses whether the funding applicant and any sub-applicants possess the necessary education, experience, training, facilities, and administrative resources to accomplish the project.</p>	<p>For Track Two (15 points), does the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Involve a lead entity with the capability and/or experience in successfully administering a federal award or similar funding of a similar scope and scale? Include activities to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully administer a federal award? 2. Involve collaborators or partners with sufficient expertise and capacity to implement the proposed suite of adaptation actions?

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<p>Project Costs: This factor evaluates the budget to determine if it is realistic and commensurate with the project needs and time frame.</p>	<p>For Track Two (10 points), does the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Include a budget request that is reasonable and does the applicant justify the proposed budget request? Are requested funds for salaries and fringe benefits only for those personnel who are directly involved in implementing the proposed effort and/or are directly related to specific products or outcomes? 2. Demonstrate that the proposed activities leverage resources, and to what extent, from other organizations or funding sources? Or describe efforts and associated challenges in identifying leveraging opportunities? 3. Demonstrate that the proposed approach is the most efficient way to meet project objectives? Have administrative costs been minimized to the greatest extent possible? This includes, but is not limited to, an assessment of effective direct and indirect costs across all categories in the proposed budget according to the type, size, and duration of project and project objectives.
<p>Outreach and Engagement: This factor assesses whether the proposal includes a strategy to engage stakeholders beyond the collaborative team in improving resilience of the region.</p>	<p>For Track Two (5 points), does the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reflect outreach to one or more of NOAA’s partnerships (see Section II.C)? 2. Outline a strategy that will improve and sustain dialogue and information sharing with stakeholders, particularly marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities, and tribes?