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PART I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Legislative Authority

Under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act), Pub. L. No. 112-141, § 1602, 126 Stat. 588 (2012), the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (Trust Fund) was established in the Treasury of the United States. Eighty percent of all administrative and civil penalties paid after July 6, 2012, by responsible parties pursuant to a court order, negotiated settlement, or other instrument under section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act in connection with the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill will be deposited into the Trust Fund and invested. The RESTORE Act created five components (grant programs) through which funds will be disbursed, two of which are administered by Treasury's Office of Gulf Coast Restoration.

B. Purpose and Priorities

Treasury is publishing multiple FOAs for its RESTORE Act grant programs. This FOA applies only to the Direct Component and is only for applications to fund projects that involve eligible construction and real property acquisition activities, including environmental restoration projects and projects with or without a non-federal cost-share, or a recipient or subrecipient cost-share from another federally funded project or program. To apply for eligible activities that do not involve **any** construction, land acquisition, or environmental restoration, applicants should use the Direct Component non-construction FOA (GR-RDC-26-002). All construction and real property acquisition activities, and any activity that requires a permit from a federal or state agency, including natural resource restoration projects, should be submitted under this Direct Component construction and real property acquisition FOA.

Trust Fund amounts are available to carry out eligible activities described in the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR 34.201. These are:

1) Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.
2) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources.
3) Implementation of a Federally- approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.
4) Workforce development and job creation.
5) Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
6) Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.
7) Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.
8) Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region, including promotion of recreational fishing.
9) Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region.

10) Planning assistance.
11) Administrative costs.

Eligible activities 1 through 7 listed above must be carried out in the Gulf Coast region pursuant to Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR § 34.201.

PART II. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

A. Total Funding Availability

The total funding available for eligible activities under the Direct Component will depend on the Trust Fund balance available for the eligible entities, any adjustments due to sequestration, pursuant to section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, and any adjustments due to obligations and disbursements through grant awarded to eligible recipients.

B. Award Amount

Each of the 47 eligible applicants may apply through one or more applications for its share of funds, described in Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR § 34.302 as a percentage of the amounts available to them from the Trust Fund are for grants under the Direct Component. An eligible applicant may apply for up to 100 percent of its current net available allocation in the Trust Fund. Treasury will notify eligible applicants when revisions are made to the allocation tables, which include the amounts currently available, and posted on Treasury's RESTORE Act website.

C. Anticipated Award Date

Treasury anticipates awarding a grant within 120 calendar days after receipt of a complete and compliant application.

D. Period of Performance

Eligible applicants may submit one or more applications. Applications should be submitted at least 120 calendar days before the requested start date of the award period of performance.

E. Funding Instrument Type

Treasury will make awards under the Direct Component program in the form of a grant to eligible applicants in accordance with Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR § 34.300 and 31 CFR § 34.301.

PART III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are specified by the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR § 34.302. Only the following entities may apply for a grant under this FOA:

1) The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council or such administrative agent as it may designate.
2) The Florida counties of Bay, Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Monroe, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Taylor, Wakulla, and Walton.
3) The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana.
4) The Louisiana parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Vermilion.
5) The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.
6) The Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, or an appointee of the Office of the Governor.

Only the above-named entities are eligible to apply for a grant under the Direct Component program. Treasury does not make Direct Component grants directly to other entities or individuals. Interested third parties may contact their jurisdiction listed in the above paragraph to learn more about how the eligible entities select proposed activities.

B. Cost Sharing Requirement

There is no requirement for cost sharing in the grants issued under the Direct Component program. Please note that federal grant requirements in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), 2 CFR Part 200, effective as of October 1, 2024 (89 FR 30046) applies to the entire grant amount, including the amount of the Direct Component grant and the amount of any funds provided by the recipient and/or subrecipient to support the Direct Component project.

C. Other Criteria that Affect Eligibility

1) Each activity for which a Direct Component grant is sought under this FOA must be included in, and be consistent with, a Multiyear Implementation Plan (Multiyear Plan) that has been prepared and approved by the applicant, and reviewed and accepted by Treasury in accordance with Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR § 34.303(a) and (b). The required fillable forms, the RESTORE Act Direct Component Multiyear Implementation Plan Narrative and the RESTORE Act Direct Component Multiyear Plan Matrix, as well as other instructions for completing the Multiyear Plan, may be found under Quick Links – Resources on

Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component website.

2) Each applicant must complete an Operational Self-Assessment and must update and submit its Operational Self-Assessment annually by June 30 in Treasury's RESTORE Grants Management System (the RGMS) using the RGMS Portal (https://portal.treasury.gov/RGMS). Annual Operational Self-Assessments must be reviewed and accepted by Treasury before a grant is awarded to an eligible applicant under this FOA. The PDF form for the Operational Self-Assessment can be found under Quick Links – Resources on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component website.

3) As part of its first application, each Louisiana parish must certify to the Governor of Louisiana that the parish has completed a comprehensive land use plan that is consistent with, or complementary to, the most recent version of the state's Coastal Master Plan approved by the Louisiana legislature and submit to Treasury a copy of a signed certification that complies with 31 CFR § 34.302(f). If the parish modifies its comprehensive land use plan, the parish must submit an updated certification to Treasury.

4) No application may be submitted for a proposed activity that is included in any paid out claim for compensation presented after July 6, 2012, to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund in accordance with Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR § 34.200(a)(3).

5) Activities designed to restore or protect natural resources must be based on the best available science as defined in the RESTORE Act and Treasury implementing regulations at 31 CFR § 34.2 and clearly demonstrated in the proposed activity description.

PART IV. APPLICATION PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Application Package

Treasury uses the RGMS to manage the application submission process, and application packages will be available only through Treasury's RGMS portal (https://portal.treasury.gov/RGMS). Only eligible applicants, as defined above in **Part III**, and their designated contractors, as appropriate, will be able to register with the RGMS. Eligible applicants must register with RGMS and log in using their login.gov credentials to access the application packages available under Treasury's RESTORE Act programs.

When beginning an application in RGMS, eligible applicants should be sure to select the RESTORE Act Direct Component – Construction and Real Property Acquisition Activities application package because this package has the correct instructions, forms, and required attachments for these project types under the Direct Component program.

If you are an eligible applicant and require further information, need assistance with the RGMS account registration process, or if you do not have Internet access, contact Treasury using the contact information provided below in **Part VII Federal Agency Contacts**.

Information is also available on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component website.

B. Content and Form of Application

All applications under this FOA must be completed and submitted using the RESTORE Act Direct Component – Construction and Real Property Acquisition Activities application packages provided by the RGMS portal. An application must be submitted by the Applicant's Authorized Senior Official, or an individual designated as an Authorized Senior Official, who can legally bind the organization or entity, and who has oversight responsibilities for the administration and use of the Direct Component grant funds, and this individual must have an Authorizing Official user role in the RGMS.

Application packages will include the required standard forms and specific documentation required by Treasury. All standard forms are available electronically in the RGMS. Applicants must complete all forms in the RGMS application package and the Applicant's Authorizing Official must sign the certification electronically.

Information that is not part of a standard form or a Treasury template included in the application package can be provided as part of a file attachment that the applicant can upload into the application package in the RGMS.

Any files uploaded into the RGMS application package must contain a valid file format extension in the filename. Any file submitted as part of the RGMS application package that is not in a PDF file format or in another format otherwise specified in this FOA will not be accepted for processing and will be excluded from the application during the review process. The RGMS platform accepts the following file types: PDFs, Microsoft files (word, Excel, PowerPoint), and image files (GIF, JPEG, or PNG). Scanned copies should not be submitted through the RGMS unless the applicant confirms the clarity of the documents. All documents that do not conform to the above specifications will be excluded from the application during the review process.

Completion of the following forms in the RGMS **is required**:

1) Form SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance.
2) Form SF-424A, Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs.
3) Form SF-424C, Budget Information – Construction Programs. The SF-424C should be used as a breakdown of costs entered in the "Construction" Budget Category of Section B, 6g of the SF-424A. Amounts entered in the SF-424C should total to the amount entered in Section B, 6g of the SF-424A. Form SF-424C should only be used for "construction" carried out by the recipient. An SF-424C is not required for construction carried out by a subrecipient.
4) Form SF-424D, Assurances – Construction Programs.
5) SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities. See 31 CFR Part 21 and the RESTORE Act Direct Component Applicant Certifications, Section E – Certification Regarding Lobbying. If applicable, the SF-LLL must be signed via DocuSign by an Authorized Senior Official.

6) RESTORE Act Direct Component Applicant Certifications signed via DocuSign by an Authorized Senior Official.

7) RESTORE Act Direct Component Application Narrative -- The information is required unless it is not applicable to the project, program, or activity. Applicants should review the detailed instructions/directions in the form, the requirements specified in this FOA, and any Treasury guidance for a complete list and explanation of the requirements.

Direct Component Narrative Form Sections:

I. **General Information:** See Questions 1 – 3 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements.

II. **Statutory Questions:** See Questions 4 – 6 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements.

III. **Project Location:** See Questions 7 – 11 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements.

IV. **Proposed Scope of Work:** See Questions 12 – 16 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements. Provide a detailed scope of work that fully describes the project or program for which funding is requested. Include a list of specific project or program tasks and deliverables, as appropriate.

V. **Best Available Science:** See Question 17 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements and review the Direct Component FAQs and the Best Available Science presentation posted on the RGMS and/or on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage for additional guidance.

VI. **Budget Justification:** Provide a detailed budget that supports the proposed scope of work. See Questions 18 – 20 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements. The budget justification should relate each budget category listed in the SF-424A and SF-424C to the specific tasks identified in the proposed scope of work, including any third-party funding. The budget justification should provide specific justification for all budget categories that apply, including an explanation of the necessity, allowability, reasonableness, and allocability of proposed costs. Review the Budget Justification Guidance on the RGMS and/or posted on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage for further details regarding the specific budget categories and guidance for how to complete a budget justification.

VII. **Direct Component Funds to Satisfy Recipient and Subrecipient Cost Share:** See Question 21 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements and review the Budget Justification Guidance on the RGMS and/or posted on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage for further details regarding the required documentation and a complete description of what must be provided.

VIII. **Contractor:** See Question 22 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements.

IX. **Subrecipient**: See Question 23 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements.

X. **Land Acquisition, Construction, and Relocation Assistance:** Projects that include construction and/or land acquisition may require additional supporting documentation. See Questions 24 – 26 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements and review the Evidence of Title/Rights with Respect to Project Property Guidance on the RGMS and/or posted on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage for further details regarding the specific documentation that may be required, based on the project specifics. While Treasury encourages the Applicant to provide all property documentation, including evidence of title, easements, etc., at the time of application, it is not required. If the Applicant does not or cannot provide it at the time of application, Treasury will impose a special award condition requiring submission of this documentation prior to providing permission to commence with construction.

8) RESTORE Act Environmental Compliance Form – The applicant must identify the environmental laws that may apply to the eligible activity and the environmental documents that may be required. The applicant must include the status of all applicable Federal and state environmental compliance requirements and documentation of fulfilled requirements. Treasury's financial assistance is subject to compliance with applicable Federal and state environmental requirements, some of which must be completed prior to the award for construction projects. See the Form in the application package for specific requirements and review the Environmental Compliance Form Reference Guidance on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage for additional guidance.

9) RESTORE Act Application Milestones and Performance Measures Form – The applicant must identify and list the milestones, performance measures, and required performance metrics that will be used to track progress on completing the award scope of work and demonstrate project or program outcomes. See the Treasury OGCR's Guidance on Performance Metrics for RESTORE Act, Direct Component Awards on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage for additional guidance. The OGCR requires recipients to report on these metrics for all new awards issued on or after May 16, 2024, as well as existing awards that undergo monetary amendments on or after May 16, 2024, to fund an additional project phase or effect a material change in the project scope of work. The requirement will not apply retroactively to awards made prior to May 16, 2024, amendments to existing grants for no-cost time extensions, or monetary amendments to existing grants that are solely for the purpose of funding cost overruns at bid opening, provided that the originally approved application contained an opinion of probable cost or equivalent documentation.

10) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Narrative Form. See the Title VI Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements. Treasury will accept a Title VI compliance form recently prepared and submitted (within one calendar year) to

another Federal agency. If any information required by Treasury is not included in the other agency's Title VI compliance form, the missing information must be submitted with the application for the Title VI Narrative to be considered a complete response. If any item listed in the Title VI Narrative is not relevant to the project for which federal financial assistance is requested, the information should be marked as "not applicable."

The following items **may be required** to be submitted with the application package:

1) A current federally approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) or election to use the de minimis rate, if indirect costs are included in the budget. See Question 19 on the Narrative Form in the application package for specific requirements and review the Budget Justification Guidance on the RGMS and/or posted on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage for further details.
2) A map of the area in which the construction project will be located and/or the real property to be acquired will be located, with the boundaries of the project site clearly delineated.
3) Environmental permits, certifications, or authorizations that have already been obtained at time of application.
4) A certification signed by the authorized official that the funding request was approved in accordance with 33 USC § 1321(t)(1)(F), and that Alabama is in compliance with 33 USC § 1321(t)(1)(F)(i)(IV). Required if the applicant is the State of Alabama.
5) Documentation of Intergovernmental Review, if the applicant is an eligible entity for the state of Florida and if the application was made available to the State for review under the Executive Order 12372 Process.
6) Documentation that certifies to the Governor of Louisiana that the parish has a comprehensive land use plan and submit to Treasury a copy of a signed certification that complies with 31 CFR § 34.302(f). Required from each Louisiana parish as part of its first application. An updated certification must be provided if the Parish has modified their comprehensive land use plan since submitting a previous application to Treasury.

More information on application policies and requirements is available on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component website.

C. Unique Entity ID (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM/SAM.gov)

1) All applicants must have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) generated in the System for Award Management (SAM/SAM.gov) in accordance with 2 CFR § 25.200(b)(3). This UEI should be entered in the block with the applicant's name and address on the cover page of the application, block 8c on the Form SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance. The name and address in the application should be exactly the same as the name and address associated with the applicant's UEI. Applicants should

obtain their UEI immediately to ensure all registration steps are completed prior to submitting an application.

2) All applicants must be registered in SAM.gov. Registering for an account via the SAM.gov website is a separate process from submitting an application to Treasury for a grant. After your entity is successfully registered in SAM.gov, your entity's UEI will be automatically generated and viewable in the SAM.gov workspace. Applicants are encouraged to register early. Applicants must maintain an active registration with SAM at all times, prior to submitting an application, and throughout the entire period of performance of an award. Applicants are required to renew their registration with SAM annually. Failure to renew a SAM registration prior to application submission may prevent an applicant from being eligible to receive a grant under the Direct Component program. Certifications in SAM.gov have now replaced the SF-424B Assurances as part of the application. Applicants, assigned via the SAM.gov entity administrator, can access the subaward reporting capabilities in SAM.gov as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). Prime recipients must maintain a current registration in SAM.gov and may enter into subawards only with entities that have a UEI from SAM.gov in accordance with 2 CFR § 25.300(a). Organizations must report executive compensation as part of their registration profile in SAM.gov by the end of the month following the month in which an award is made, and annually thereafter based on the reporting requirements of the FFATA of 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-282, as amended by the Government Funding Transparency Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110- 252, § 6202, 122 Stat. 2387 (2008), and as amended by the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act) of 2014, Pub. L. No. 113-101, and implemented by 2 CFR Part 170.

3) Treasury cannot make a grant to an applicant who has not obtained a UEI and does not maintain an active registration with SAM. See 2 CFR § 25.205(a).

D. Submission Dates and Times

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis as long as funds are available in an applicant's Trust Fund allocation. Applications should be submitted at least 120 calendar days before the requested start date of the award. This FOA, which originally was to expire on October 31, 2026, has been extended to October 31, 2027. This FOA will either be further extended, or a new FOA may be posted in 2027 as determined necessary by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

E. Intergovernmental Review

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." Please check box "C" on item 19 of the SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance) unless state review requirements apply. If your state requires review check "A" or "B" as applicable.

F. Funding Restrictions

1) Not more than three percent of the total award amount may be used for administrative costs as defined in 31 CFR § 34.2. An applicant may use either the grant-by-grant or aggregate method to determine allowable administrative costs pursuant to 31 CFR § 34.204(a)(1). If the applicant chooses the aggregate method, the application should include the following:
   a) A written request to use the aggregate method for calculating administrative indirect costs and the dollar amount requested.
   b) Table of administrative costs requested to date and the available funds in the recipient's administrative indirect cost pool. (We recommend using the worksheet from the Aggregate Method Administrative Cost Tool posted on the Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage).

The three percent administrative cost limit does not apply to the administrative costs of subrecipients. All subrecipient costs are subject to the cost principles set forth in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E. See also 31 CFR § 34.204(a)(2).

2) Pursuant to the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR § 200.458, Treasury will not allow reimbursement of costs incurred before an award is made, unless an applicant demonstrates that the costs were incurred directly pursuant to the negotiation and in anticipation of the award, and that the costs were necessary for the efficient and timely performance of the scope of work. Such costs are allowable only to the extent that they would have been allowable if incurred after the date of the award and only with Treasury's written approval. All costs incurred before Treasury issues the grant to the recipient is at the recipient's risk. Any pre-award costs should be requested as part of an application under this FOA. The applicant must clearly describe the proposed pre-award costs in the scope of work and budget justification and provide a compelling justification as to why Treasury should approve them. Applicants considering the inclusion of pre- award costs in an application should contact Treasury as soon as possible to discuss them.
3) Proposal costs of the current accounting period normally should be treated as indirect costs per 2 CFR § 200.460. Applications including proposal costs as direct costs should provide a detailed justification as to the appropriateness for charging the proposal costs directly to the prospective award.

G. Other Submission Requirements

All applications must be submitted via the RGMS platform, and applications can only be submitted by an Authorized Senior Official who is either (a) the Applicant's highest official, or (b) an individual that has been designated by the Applicant's highest official, in writing, as an Authorized Senior Official for the purposes of submitting application to Treasury's Office of Gulf Coast Restoration. In either case, the individual submitting the application on behalf

of the Applicant in RGMS must have an Authorizing Official RGMS user role. The individual acting in the Authorizing Official role in the RGMS will be prompted to sign the SF-424, SF-LLL, certifications, and other documents requiring a signature via DocuSign, and it is this individual's signature that will display in all signature blocks.

For questions regarding the applicability of specific RESTORE Act requirements and/or technical guidance regarding how to answer particular application questions, Applicants should contact their assigned Awards Program Analyst (APA) at Treasury.

For questions regarding system access or navigation, or to report bugs in the RGMS, applicants should contact the RGMS Help Desk by email at RGMShelpdesk@treasury.gov.

PART V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Evaluation Criteria

This is a non-discretionary grant opportunity. Each application will be evaluated for completeness and conformance with the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 34, the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, and Treasury's program policies. Treasury also will evaluate each applicant's ability to administer a grant successfully, using information sources such as, the Operational Self-Assessment, audit reports pursuant to the Single Audit Act and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, and OMB-designated repositories of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information.

B. Review and Selection Process

Treasury will perform an initial eligibility review of applications as they are submitted. Treasury also will assess each application for completeness and compliance with the requirements of the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations, 31 CFR Part 34, applicable federal statutes, regulations, and Treasury's program policies. If the application is for a project designed to restore or protect natural resources, Treasury will assess whether the applicant reasonably demonstrated that the project is based on the best available science as defined in the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR § 34.2. Treasury may seek the assistance of governmental and nongovernmental subject-matter experts to provide technical input to its best available science review and environmental compliance review. Applications will be selected for funding if they fulfill all application requirements and funding is available in the applicant's Trust Fund allocation.

C. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Successful applicants will be announced and awarded a grant on a rolling basis as their applications are reviewed and approved.

D. Review of the Responsibility and Qualification Records (formerly known as Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) in SAM.gov

Treasury, prior to making a grant with the total amount of the Federal share being greater than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold currently set at $350,000, is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is in the responsibility and qualification records accessible through SAM.gov. See 41 USC § 2313(e)(2)(A).

Each applicant, at its option, may review information in the responsibility and qualification records accessible through SAM.gov. and comment on any information about itself that a Federal agency previously entered and is currently in the responsibility and qualification records accessible through SAM.gov. Treasury will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in the responsibility and qualification records, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants as described in 2 CFR § 200.206.

E. Appeals

If an application for a grant under the Direct Component is not approved, the applicant may appeal Treasury's disapproval of the application. For more information on the appeal process, please contact Treasury's Office of Gulf Coast Restoration by email at restoreact@treasury.gov.

PART VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

A. Award Notices

Treasury will notify applicants of application determinations via email, either directly from Treasury or via email notifications issued through the RGMS. Treasury will provide successful applicants with a Notice of Award. Applicants will need to formally accept the award within 30 calendar days of approval, via the RGMS, in order for the award to become legally binding. Awards must be accepted by the Authorizing Official enrolled in the RGMS.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Awards made under this FOA are subject to the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 34, the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, effective as of October 1, 2024 (89 FR 30046), other applicable executive orders, federal statutes, regulations, and Treasury's program policies. Below is a list of requirements with which the applicant will need to comply. This is a non-exhaustive list. The RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program- Specific Terms and Conditions for awards made under this FOA are posted on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component website.

1) Lobbying Restrictions at 31 CFR Part 21.
2) Government-wide Debarment and Suspension Requirements at 31 CFR Part 19.
3) Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace at 31 CFR Part 20.
4) Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act and its implementing regulations at 2 CFR Part 170.
5) Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, effective as of October 1, 2024 (89 FR 30046) and any Treasury regulations implementing these requirements.
6) Award Term for Trafficking in Persons at 2 CFR Part 175.
7) Treasury's Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 28.
8) Treasury's Title VI of the Civil Rights Act implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 22.
9) Treasury's Age Discrimination Act of 1975 implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 23.
10) The Build America, Buy America Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52 included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, the Office of Management and Budget's implementing regulations at 2 CFR Part 184, and implementing guidance in memorandum M-24-02 titled, "Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure" dated October 25, 2023 (visit the RESTORE Act Buy America Preference webpage for more information about application of these new requirements).

Special award conditions may be applied, as applicable, to an award made under this FOA.

C. Reporting

Applicants who receive awards will be required to file the SF-425 Federal Financial Report. Performance reporting also is required via the SF-PPR form, the RESTORE Act Status of Performance Report, and the RESTORE Act Milestones Report. The RESTORE Act Status of Performance Report and the RESTORE Act Milestones Report may be found on Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component Resources webpage. All financial and performance reports must be filed semi-annually via the RGMS during the grant period of performance, unless a special award condition specifies more frequent reporting or if Treasury otherwise revises the program reporting requirements and specifies a different reporting interval. All financial and performance reports must summarize activities undertaken during the reporting period by the recipient and any subrecipients, as well as summarize cumulative activities undertaken since the period of performance start date by the recipient and any subrecipients (if applicable). There is no cost sharing requirement for Treasury's RESTORE Act grant programs. However, if cost share funds are included in the approved award budget, the SF-425 must reflect the cumulative status of the amount of the Direct Component grant and the amount of any funds provided by the recipient and/or subrecipient to support the Direct Component project to capture the financial status of the grant as of the end of the reporting period. The cost share must be reported in the Recipient Share section of the SF-425 form. The Operational Self-Assessment form must be updated annually no later than June 30 of each calendar year for the duration of the RESTORE Act Direct Component grant. The Recipient also must complete and submit to Treasury a report in RGMS (https:/portal.treasury.gov/RGMS) on the status of the real property acquired or

improved with the Direct Component grant or interest in real property in which Treasury retains an interest, using a SF-429 Real Property Status Report form annually for the first three years of the Direct Component grant and thereafter every five years until the end of the Estimated Useful Life or time of disposition of the real property, whichever is less. Recipients that use award funds to purchase equipment and/or supplies must file an SF-428 Tangible Personal Property Report, SF-424B Final Report, and SF-428-C Disposition Request/Report when required, as specified in the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions.

PART VII. FEDERAL AGENCY CONTACTS

For questions regarding this FOA, please contact the Office of Gulf Coast Restoration by email at restoreact@treasury.gov.

Information is also available at Treasury's RESTORE Act Direct Component website.