

Metric	High (5 points)	Medium (3 points)	Low (1 point)	Score	Comments
General Proposal Preparedness					
<p><i>An ineligible applicant will be automatically disqualified.</i></p> <p><i>Applications that do not meet the basic submission requirements will be disqualified. These applicants will be contacted to determine if they can apply as a partner or contractor on another application.</i></p> <p><i>If applications are missing something easily obtained, or if reviewers need clarification, please indicate in comments.</i></p>	Applicant is eligible to apply. - Are within or directly serve Delaware Watershed. - Non-profit 501c3, CDC, state recognized Tribal/Indigenous group - Able to complete project in allotted time		Applicant is ineligible to apply. ZERO		
	Application is on-time and submitted properly.		Application was not submitted on time. ZERO		
	The application is complete with a full proposal, budget, budget narrative and attachments.	Application is missing something that can be easily identified and obtained.	Application is not complete. ZERO		
	Budget is easy to read and understand.	Budget needs clarification.	Application does not have a budget. ZERO		
	Budget narrative relates directly to each line item in the budget.	Budget narrative needs clarification.	Application does not have a budget narrative. ZERO		
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Technical Merit					
	The project is technically sound and feasible with clear, logical, and includes an achievable work plan.	The project is technically sound with an achievable workplan, but is less clearly defined.	The project has technical concerns and the work plan does not seem feasible, clear or logical.		
	The work plan includes clear activities, roles, outcomes, a timeline. There is a plan for monitoring effectiveness and meeting outcomes during the project period.	The work plan includes outcomes and a timeline which need clarification. There is a plan for monitoring effectiveness and meeting outcomes which needs clarification.	A work plan and/or monitoring plan are missing and/or unclear.		
	Clear description of how funding will be sustained.	Description of how funding will be sustained is unclear.	Description of how funding will be sustained is missing.		
	Project outcomes are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timebound.	Project outcomes are listed, but are not SMART.	Project outcomes are missing or incomplete.		
	Project has high demonstration value and/or potential to transfer lessons learned to other communities.	Project has good demonstration value and/or potential to transfer lessons learned to other communities.	Project has low to no demonstration value and/or potential to transfer lessons learned to other communities.		
				0	
Budget and Cost-Effectiveness					
	Costs are allowable, reasonable. Budget includes sufficient detail and is cost-effective.	Costs are allowable, reasonable. Budget needs more detail to determine cost-effectiveness.	Costs are not allowable or reasonable. Budget includes insufficient detail and is not cost-effective.		
	Costs are reasonable for the area (size, location) and tasks.	Costs are questionable for the area (size, location) and tasks.	Costs are not reasonable for the area (size, location) and tasks.		
				0	
Program Goals and Strategies					
<p><i>See NFWF Alignment tab for more information.</i></p>	Strategic Program Area is clearly defined within the context of need, objectives, outcomes and measurement.	Strategic Program Area is not clearly defined within the context of need, objectives, outcomes and measurement.	Strategic Program Area is missing or without context of need, objectives, outcomes and measurement.		
	Contains at least one Cross-Program Activity and the connection is clear.	Contains at least one Cross-Program Activity and the connection needs clarification.	Contains no Cross-Program Activity.		
				0	
Conservation Context					
	The project clearly positions itself in the broader watershed context.	The project positions itself in the broader watershed context.	The project does not position itself in the broader watershed context.		
	Why here? Why now? is clearly explained.	Why here? Why now? Needs clarification.	Why here? Why now? is missing.		
	Project clearly contributes to other plans and programs in the region.	Project contributes to other plans and programs in the region but needs clarification.	Project does not contribute to other plans and programs in the region.		
	Project clearly identifies challenges which may influence outcomes.	Project identifies challenges which may influence outcomes.	Project does not identify challenges which may influence outcomes.		
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Partnerships and Community Impact					
	Partners are clearly engaged throughout the project process.	Partners have limited engagement throughout the project process.	Partners are not engaged throughout the project process.		
	Proposed partners and roles are clearly defined for both long and short-term.	Proposed partners and roles need clarification.	Proposed partners and roles are not defined.		
	Letters of support are included and clearly state the nature of the partnership.	Letters of support are included.	Letters of support are not included.		
				0	

Subtotal of Proposal Criteria 0

CHOOSE ONE					
Capacity Building Grants					
	The proposed solution results in substantially enhanced organizational capacity or partnership capacity.	The proposed solution results in enhanced organizational capacity or partnership capacity.	The proposed solution results in some enhanced organizational capacity or partnership capacity.		
	Projects create significant potential for more impactful, novel, larger scale organizational solutions.	Projects create the potential for more impactful, novel, larger scale organizational solutions.	Projects create little potential for more impactful, novel, larger scale organizational solutions.		
				0	
Planning Grants					
	The need for the proposed planning activities are clearly addressed as is the plan for implementation and future funding.	The need for the proposed planning activities are addressed but need clarification as does the plan for implementation and future funding.	The need for the proposed planning activities are missing or need explanation as does the plan for implementation and future funding.		
	The experts and partners are actively engaged in the planning process and have defined roles.	The experts and partners are engaged in the planning process and have roles, but more clarification is needed.	The experts and partners were not engaged in the planning process and/or not have defined roles.		
				0	

Subtotal of Grant Type Criteria 0

Total Awarded Points 0

REFERENCE SCORE					
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<i>Understanding that many organizations are continuing to work on this aspect of their programming, this score will only be used as reference and will not be determined in the overall score of the project.</i>	Proposal includes clear direction on engaging with and including underserved communities.	Proposal direction on engaging with and including underserved communities is unclear.	Proposal direction on engaging with and including underserved communities is missing.		
	Community characteristics of the impacted communities are clearly explained.	Community characteristics of the impacted communities are somewhat explained.	Community characteristics of the impacted communities are missing.		
	A detailed outreach plan is included along with monitoring and measurement metrics.	An outreach plan is included along with monitoring and measurement metrics but needs clarification.	A detailed outreach plan is missing.		
	Clearly articulates the benefits to underserved communities and how those will be measured.	Benefits to underserved communities and how those will be measured needs clarification.	The benefits to underserved communities and how those will be measured is missing.		
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Strategic Program Areas and Goals

Sustain and enhance fish and wildlife habitat restoration and conservation activities.

Focus: Conserve and restore ecological function to the important habitats for which the fish and wildlife resources in the basin depend.

Objective: Conservation and restoration of habitats that will result in ecological, recreational and commercial benefits.

Goal: To sustain and restore fish and wildlife populations through conservation and restoration of their associated habitats and promote native ecosystems restoration

Improve and maintain water quality to support fish and wildlife, as well as habitats for fish and wildlife and drinking water for people.

Focus: Non-regulatory efforts to provide additional focus on habitat protection and conservation activities.

Objective: To protect water quality for both drinking water and the health of the fish and wildlife resources that depend on clean water.

Goal: to protect and maintain water quality through projects and non-regulatory programs aimed at improving land and watershed management and reduce pollutants that can impair water quality.

Sustain and enhance water resource management for volume and flood damage mitigation improvements to benefit fish and wildlife habitat.

Focus: Non-regulatory efforts to support the demands on the water resources of the basin and to enhance tolerance of potential drought and flood conditions.

Objective: Manage water use to meet drinking water needs and other human uses while still providing water to support fish and wildlife.

Goal: To provide non-regulatory support to the management of water resources to meet the various human and ecological needs and legal requirements in the basin and restore ecological function to the watershed, river and tributaries in order to provide enhanced tolerance of potential drought and flood conditions.

Improve opportunities for public access and recreation in the basin consistent with the ecological needs of fish and wildlife habitat.

Focus: Maintaining and improving access to outdoor recreational opportunities.

Objective: Provide high-quality recreational experiences while supporting the needs of fish and wildlife.

Goal: To maintain and improve recreational opportunities which are compatible with the conservation of natural resources.

Cross Program Activities

Engage the Public through Outreach, Education, and Citizen Involvement to Increase Capacity and Support for Coordinated Restoration and Protection Activities in the Basin

Goal: To increase public awareness of the recreational, educational, and economic contributions made by the Delaware River Basin and its ecosystems in order to increase the sense of stewardship of natural resources by residents and visitors.

Focus:

- Convey to the public the economic and quality of life benefits that a healthy Delaware River provides for all individuals
- Improve access to information about the program through various means including websites, newsletters and/ or social media
- Enhance engagement of citizen scientists in programs and volunteer activities
- Enhance interpretive programming focused on the basin's natural history
- Develop mechanism to provide public with information on public access points and recreation opportunities in the basin

Facilitate Strategic Planning to Maximize Resiliency of Natural Systems in Changing Watershed Conditions

Focus:

- To ensure that important areas and habitats are protected during changing land use and environmental conditions in order to maintain or improve ecological function.
- Identify, conserve, and restore important natural habitats that are negatively impacted by changing land use
- Identify, conserve, and restore areas of unique habitats that may be threatened by changing environmental conditions
- Promote connectivity of floodplains to watersheds as well as removing barriers and conserving and restoring non-tidal wetlands to improve resiliency and reduce damage during flooding conditions
- Promote tidal wetland restoration and shoreline protection to improve resiliency of coastal habitats against threats of sea level rise and extreme weather events

Increase Scientific Capacity to Support Planning, Monitoring, and Research Activities Necessary to Carry Out Coordinated Restoration and Conservation Activities in the Basin

Goal: To increase coordination of scientific resources among partners in the basin to support decision making for project planning and measure improvements to natural resources after project implementation.

Focus:

- Improved inventory and monitoring of existing waterways, land use, and ecological conditions to determine priority areas for project implementation

- Provide monitoring capabilities to assess improvements to natural resources based on implementation of Program projects
- Establish science-based decision support tools to determine priority areas for conservation and restoration projects
- Evaluate effectiveness of projects to increase citizen's stewardship of natural resources
- Document economic benefits of project implementation
- Establish data management and data analysis capabilities, as well as provide a mechanism for data sharing between Program partners to support Program projects and priorities

Provide Technical Assistance for Restoration and Conservation Activities

Goal: Provide a process for providing technical assistance for project development and implementation across the partnership.

- Focus:**
- Identify and utilize existing resources (individuals, committees, organizations, etc.) for technical expertise among programs and organizations in the partnership
 - Provide coordination in the form of technical support and project review where partner's expertise lines up with priority projects
 - Build and enhance partner capacity to provide technical assistance
 - Provide assistance with project permitting

Conserve Areas of Regional Significance

To use available tools and resources to identify unique landscapes throughout the basin, and

Goal: avoid and mitigate impacts of changing land use that would alter the function of those landscapes in the basin while conveying their importance.

- Focus:**
- Identify regional landscape areas of significance through existing and new tools
 - Maintain and restore regional areas of significance