

Q&A for the RESTORE Gulf of Mexico Conservation Enhancement Grants Program RFP  
(EPA-GM-2017-RESTORE-GMCEGP)

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**Question:** Are Gulf Environmental Benefit Funds administered by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (private funds not federal) eligible as part of the 50% match requirement for the RESTORE GOM Conservation Enhancement Grants Program RFP? Here is a link to NFWF's GEBF page:  
<http://www.nfwf.org/gulf/Pages/home.aspx> (Received 1/19 at GMP-RFP@epa.gov)

**Answer:** We recommend getting confirmation from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that the Gulf Environmental Benefit Funds would qualify as "non-federal" and could be used as match for the RESTORE GOM Conservation Enhancement Grants. Pursuant to Section III.C.6. of the Funding Opportunity, applicants must demonstrate in their proposal how they will provide a 50% match of the total project cost as described in Section III. B. To demonstrate how the applicant will provide the match must be described in the proposal AND the proposal must include a letter from the non-federal entity confirming the match commitment and that the matching funds are non-Federal funds that may be used for this grant and are not also being used as match on other grants and agreements.

**Question:** If there is a government shut down this January would that effect the deadlines and other anticipated scheduling in this RFP? Specifically, the deadline for submission, notification of awards, and anticipated date projects could begin? (Received 1/19 at GMP-RFP@epa.gov)

**Answer:** At this point, there are no plans to change the deadline nor any of the dates listed in the RFP.

**Question:** Would the construction of a boardwalk area for student access to the habitat be an allowable expense under this grant? (Received 1/18 at [GMP-RFP@epa.gov](mailto:GMP-RFP@epa.gov))

**Answer:** Yes, boardwalk construction would be allowable with a few caveats:

- 1) There would be NEPA and other environmental compliance requirements associated with the proposed construction.
- 2) Construction of the boardwalk would need to be tied into and justified by discussing the importance of it for education and outreach.

**Question:** Can the value of donated land be used for match? (Received 1/17 at GMP-RFP@epa.gov)

**Answer:** Yes. Please see the linked section of [2 CFR Part 200](#) for details regarding use of property for a match.

**Question:** Will you accept more than one proposal from a qualified applicant organization ? (Received 12/20 at [GMP-RFP@epa.gov](mailto:GMP-RFP@epa.gov))

**Answer:** There is no limit to the number of proposals an organization can submit. We do, however, receive a high volume of proposals and are only able to fund a small percentage.

**Question:** Are federal agencies (USGS) eligible to apply, and can funds be used for salaries? The associated document does not include federal agencies and requires a 50% non-federal match, which would require that we team with a non-federal agency. *(Received 12/12 at GMP-RFP@epa.gov)*

**Answer:** Unfortunately, under our CFDA, Federal agencies are excluded from the eligible entities which can apply.