

Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Science, Observation, Monitoring and Technology Program

NOAA RESTORE Science Program

Federal Funding Opportunity – 2021 (FFO-2021): Planning for Actionable Science

Full Proposal Webinar
Friday, Nov 6, 9 AM CT (10 AM ET) 2020
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Outline

- Competition overview
- Letter of intent (LOI) review
- Full proposal requirements
- Full proposal merit review process
- Important dates and timeline
- Additional information



Competition Overview

- This is a **planning** competition.
 - Driven by a specific natural resource management decision
- To be successful you have to construct an integrated team that includes researchers and resource managers
- Outputs
 - Research and development plan
 - Application plan



Natural Resource (Management)

- What is a natural resource?
 - Abiotic (e.g., sand, water), biotic (e.g., animals, plants), or energy (e.g., solar and wind) component of the Earth that is useful to humans and not built by humans
- What is natural resource management?
 - Any management decision regarding the human use of or interaction with a natural resource
- Full proposal should focus on the natural resource not the human built aspects of the decision (e.g. aquaculture)





**Specific
decision**

Funding

- About \$2.5M for approximately 20 projects
 - Minimum award of \$25K
 - Maximum award of \$125K
- 12 month awards

Letter of Intent (LOI) Review

- We received 135 LOIs which were reviewed for alignment with the funding opportunity.
- LOIs received a response of
 - Strongly encouraged (10)
 - Encouraged with minor modifications (60)
 - Discouraged unless major modifications are made (43)
 - Discouraged (22)
- Responses in the last three categories included specific feedback

LOI to Full Proposal

- The decision to submit a full proposal is yours.
 - You are the best judge of your team's capacity to address the specific comments you may have received.

Questions to ask yourself

- **What is our specific natural resource management decision?**
 - **What is its context and related uncertainties?**
- Who is making the decision?
 - Who on our team is involved in the decision process and how?
- What are the steps for making the decision and the timeline?
- Who should be on our team and how should we work together?
- What specific planning activities and steps are we going to take?
- How will we use the plans we produce?

Full Proposal Review

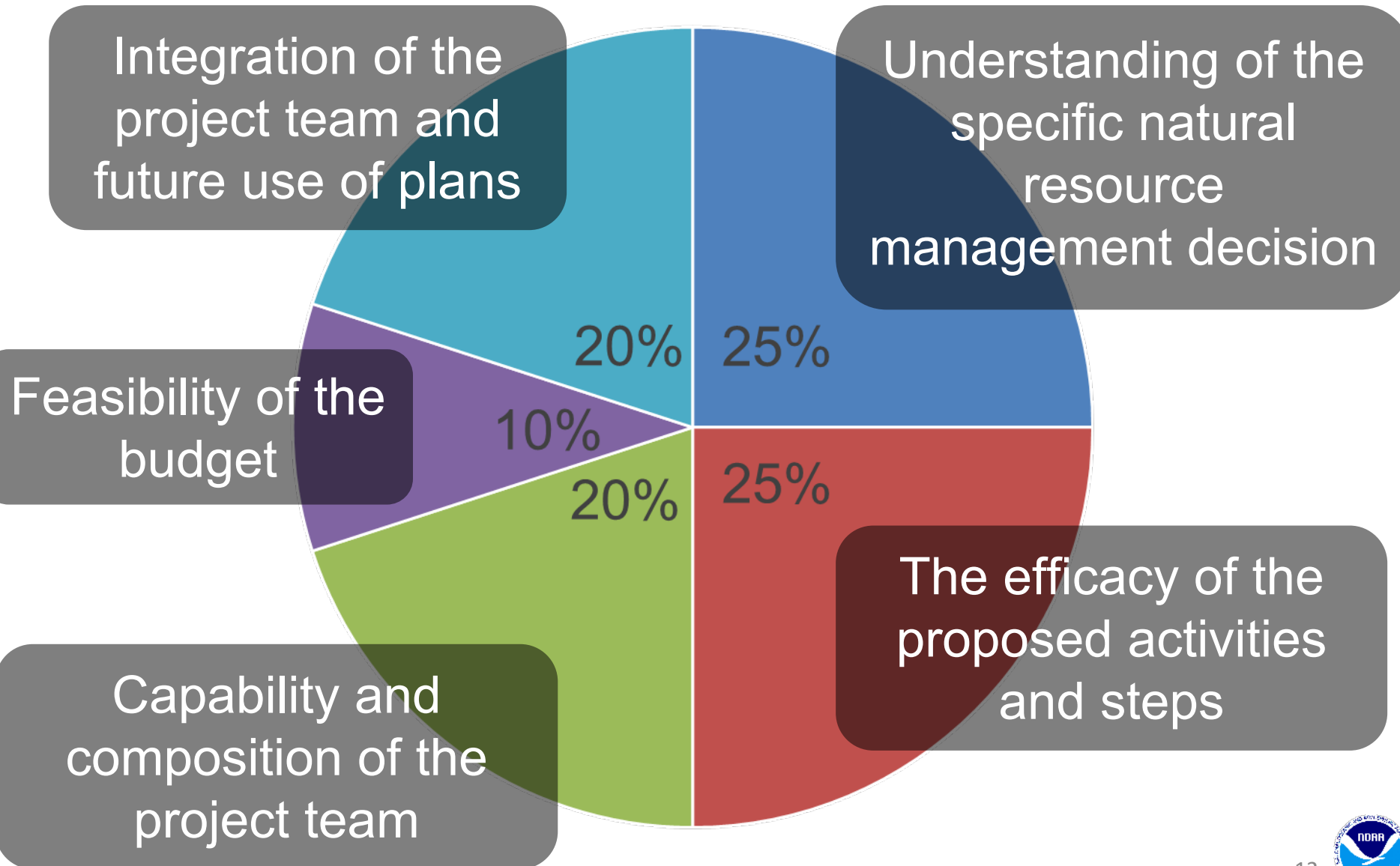
- The letter of intent review will have no bearing on the full proposal merit review process.
- Full Proposals
 - Step 1: Administrative Review
 - Completeness, eligibility, etc.
 - Step 2: Independent Peer Mail Review
 - Each proposal will be reviewed by three or more experts
 - Step 3: Independent Panel Review (~50 proposals)



Full Proposal Requirements

- 17 required elements for the full proposal including...
 - Project narrative (5 page limit)
 - Data management plan (1 page limit)
 - No new environmental data collection
 - Data synthesis products, modeling code and output, etc.
 - Natural resource management letter of support
 - Explains their role as equal partner and member of the project team
- [Example full proposal](#)

Full Proposal Evaluation Criteria



Important Dates

Aug 11, 2020: FFO released on

www.grants.gov

Sep 29, 2020: Letters of intent due to noaarestorescience@noaa.gov

Dec 15, 2020: Full proposals due to www.Grants.gov

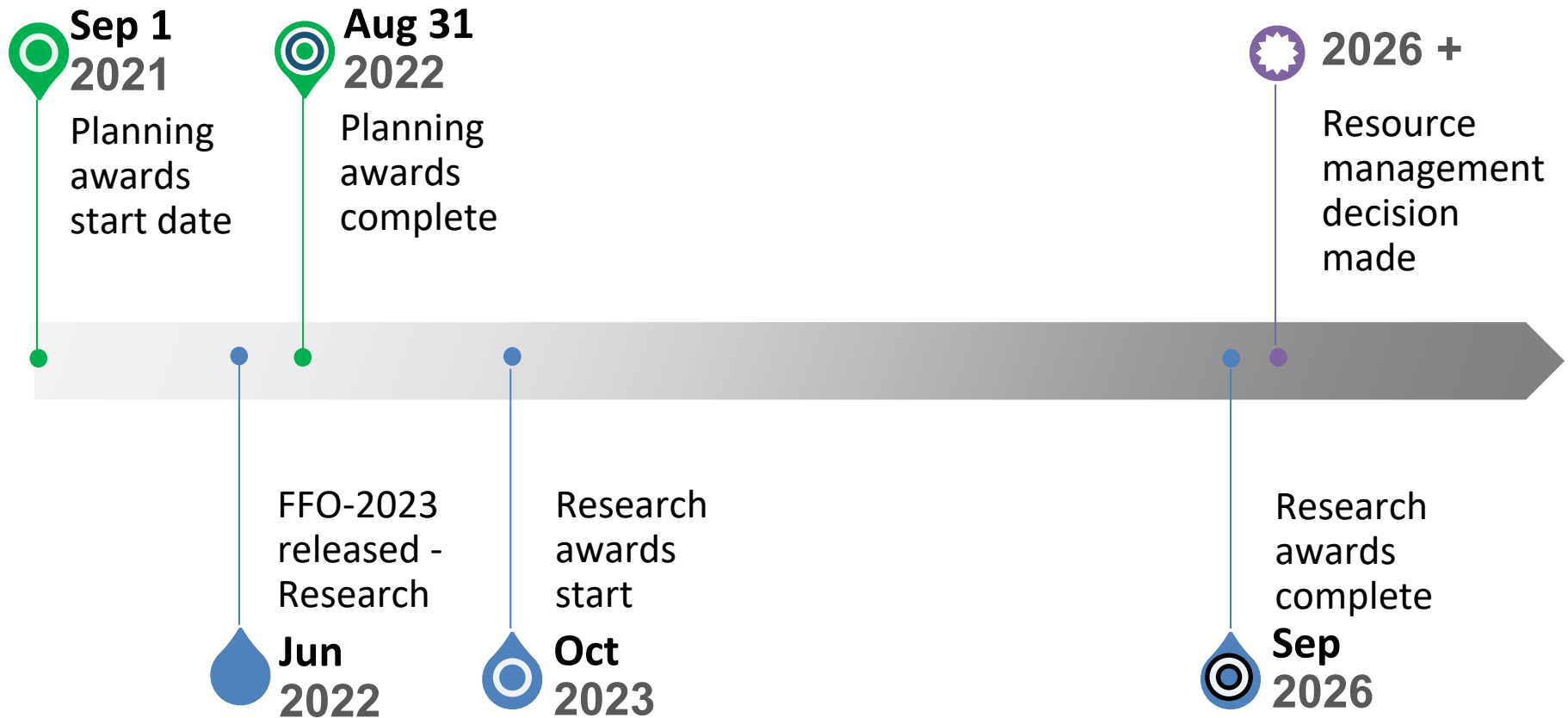
Jun 2021: Applicants notified of outcome

Sep 1, 2021 - Project start date

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Timeline of Important Dates



Additional Information

- Schedule a conversation with personnel from the Science Program
- <https://restoreactscienceprogram.noaa.gov/funding-opportunities/ffo-2021>
 - Link to full announcement on Grants.gov
 - Guidelines and best practices for co-production
 - Beier et al. 2017 (<https://doi.org/10.1111/conl.12300>)
 - Djenontin and Meadow 2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00267-018-1028-3>)

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