

aggregation, and reporting; and preparation, review, and submission of program plans and budgetary information.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 75 per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 64 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 4,800 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

### III. Project/Program Initiation

The total annual estimated burden for this information collection is 9,200 hours. This includes the time needed for participant education; data entry, aggregation, and reporting; and preparation, review, and submission of program plans and budgetary information. NIFA proposes to add a new optional field for Co-Project Director(s) but anticipates that this will not increase the amount of time needed to complete each response.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000 per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 4.6 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 9,200 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

### IV. Project/Program Results

The total annual estimated burden for this information collection is 32,300 hours. This includes the time needed for participant education; data entry, aggregation, and reporting; and preparation, review, and submission of program plans and budgetary information. Project/Program Results were previously included in "Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results" above but is being separated to include Results for non-AREERA capacity funding. NIFA is proposing to add fields specifically for reporting products resulting from projects and programs but anticipates that this will not increase the amount of time needed to complete each response.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,500 per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 3.8 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 32,300 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

### V. Financial Report for All Projects and Programs

The total annual estimated burden for this information collection is 11,900

hours. This includes the time needed for participant education; data entry, aggregation, and reporting; and preparation, review, and submission of program plans and budgetary information. NIFA used burden estimates from the Financial Report in the current REEport collection (OMB 0524-0048, "Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool (REEport)") to estimate the burden for Financial Report in NRS.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,500 per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 1.4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 11,900 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

### VI. OGFMS Supplemental Form

The total annual estimated burden for this information collection is 102 hours. This includes the time needed for participant education; data entry, aggregation, and reporting; and preparation, review, and submission of program plans and budgetary information. NIFA plans to prepopulate some of the fields in the form so that the response will be limited to total expenditures of three types (Hatch (Regular and Multistate) integrated, Smith-Lever multistate, and Smith-Lever extension activities), any carryover used, and information for a waiver (if applicable). The OGFMS Supplemental Form will have a deadline after the Financial Report, which should streamline the expenditures data needed.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 51 per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 102 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

*Obtaining a Copy of the Information Collection:* A copy of the information collection and related instructions may be obtained free of charge by contacting Laura Givens as directed above.

Done at Washington, DC, this day of August 19, 2023.

**Dionne Toombs,**

*Associate Director for Programs, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Restoration Plan 4 and Environmental Assessment: Restoration of Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats; Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source); and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) Oil Spill Final Programmatic Damage Assessment Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision, and the Consent Decree, the Federal and State natural resource trustee agencies for the Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group (MS TIG) have prepared the "Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group Draft Restoration Plan 4 and Environmental Assessment: Restoration of Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats; Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source), and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities" (Draft RP4 and EA). In the Draft RP4 and EA, MS TIG proposes projects to partially restore wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats; reduce nutrient pollution (nonpoint source); and provide and enhance recreational opportunities to compensate for lost

recreational use in the Mississippi Restoration Area as a result of the DWH oil spill. The Draft RP4 and EA, a No Action alternative is also evaluated for each of the restoration types. The approximate cost to implement the MS TIG's proposed action (seven preferred alternatives) is \$26.4 million. We invite public comments on the Draft RP4 and EA.

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by October 2, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** *Obtaining Documents:* You may download the Draft RP4 and EA from the following website: <https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/mississippi>.

Alternatively, you may request a CD of the Draft RP4 and EA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

*Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Via the Web:* <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/mississippi>; or
- *Via U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nanciann Regaldo, *Nanciann\_regaldo@fws.gov*, 678–296–6805, or via the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339; Ronald Howard, Senior Advisor, USDA Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Team, at *ron.howard@usda.gov*; and Dr. Tina Nations, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Program Manager, MDEQ Office of Restoration, *tnations@mdeq.ms.gov*.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Introduction**

On April 20, 2010, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, which was being used to drill well for BP Exploration and Production, Inc. (BP), in the Macondo prospect (Mississippi Canyon 252–MC252), experienced a significant explosion, fire, and subsequent sinking in the Gulf of Mexico, resulting in an unprecedented volume of oil and other discharges from the rig and from the wellhead on the seabed. The DWH oil spill is the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history, discharging millions of barrels of oil over a period of 87 days. In addition, well over 1 million gallons of dispersants were applied to the waters of the spill area in an attempt to disperse the spilled oil. An undetermined amount of natural gas was also released into the environment as a result of the spill.

The DWH Federal and State natural resource trustees (DWH Trustees)

conducted NRDA for the DWH oil spill under OPA (33 U.S.C. 2701–2720). Pursuant to OPA, Federal, and State agencies act as trustees on behalf of the public to assess natural resource injuries and losses and to determine the actions required to compensate the public for those injuries and losses. OPA further instructs the designated trustees to develop and implement a plan for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent of the injured natural resources under their trusteeship to baseline (the resource quality and conditions that would exist if the spill had not occurred). This includes the loss of use and services provided by those resources from the time of injury until the completion of restoration.

The DWH Trustees are:

- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as represented by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management;
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce;
- USDA;
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
- State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Department of Natural Resources;
- State of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality;
- State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Geological Survey of Alabama;
- State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and
- State of Texas: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas General Land Office, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

On April 4, 2016, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana entered a Consent Decree resolving civil claims by the DWH Trustees against BP arising from the DWH oil spill: *United States v. BPXP et al.*, Civ. No. 10–4536, centralized in MDL 2179, In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig “Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010 (E.D. La.) (<http://www.justice.gov/enrd/deepwater-horizon>). Pursuant to the Consent Decree, restoration projects in the Mississippi Restoration Area are chosen and managed by MS TIG. MS TIG is composed of the following Trustees: State of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; DOI; NOAA; EPA; and USDA.

On February 7, 2022, MS TIG posted a public notice requesting natural resource restoration project ideas by March 7, 2022, for the Mississippi Restoration Area. The notice stated that MS TIG was seeking project ideas for the following restoration types:

- (1) Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitat;
- (2) Nutrient Reduction; and
- (3) Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities.

On October 11, 2022, MS TIG announced that it had initiated drafting of the RP4 and EA (<https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2022/10/notice-initiation-restoration-planning-mississippi>) and that the plan may include proposed projects for some or all of the three restoration types.

#### **Overview of the MS TIG Draft RP4 and EA**

The Draft RP4 and EA provides the MS TIG's analysis of a reasonable range of restoration alternatives. The MS TIG's seven preferred alternatives are presented in the following table under the restoration type from which funds would be allocated in accordance with the DWH Consent Decree. The MS TIG also evaluated three non-preferred alternatives as part of the reasonable range, and a No Action alternative for each restoration type in the plan.

##### *Restoration Type: Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitat*

Coastwide Habitat Acquisition  
Living Shoreline Bulkhead Alternative  
Hancock County Marsh Living  
Shoreline Phase 6 Breakwater

##### *Restoration Type: Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source)*

Back Bay—Davis Bayou Nutrient Reduction  
Big Cedar Creek—Rocky Creek Nutrient Reduction

##### *Restoration Type: Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities*

Jourdan River Boardwalk  
Shepard State Park Recreational Enhancements—1

#### **Next Steps**

MS TIG will post a pre-recorded public webinar to facilitate the public review and comment process no later than September 15, 2023. The pre-recorded webinar will be available on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Office of Restoration website at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/restoration/>. The pre-recorded public webinar will be available for viewing at any time during the public comment period.

After the public comment period ends, the MS TIG will consider all comments received and address them in the Final RP4 and EA.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Translation Opportunities

Vietnamese and Spanish translated materials including the Executive Summary and project fact sheets are posted in the “News” section of the MS TIG website: <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/mississippi>.

#### Administrative Record

The documents comprising the Administrative Record for the Draft RP4 and EA can be viewed electronically at <https://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord> under the folder 6.5.6.2.4.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is OPA, its implementing NRDA regulations in 15 CFR part 990, and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347) and its implementing regulations in 40 CFR 1500–1508.

#### Ronald Howard,

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

[Docket No. RHS–23–CF–0009]

#### Announcement of the Availability of Fiscal Year 2023 Disaster Relief Supplemental Grant Funds for the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding of availability (NOFA).

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United

States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces that it is accepting applications under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, for the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Disaster Repair Grant Program to provide technical assistance for repairing essential community facilities damaged by Presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2022. The funding amount is up to \$2,500,000 and will remain available until expended. The grant funds will be administered in accordance with this notice of funding availability and all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements of the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training (CF TAT) Grant Program.

**DATES:** Complete applications for grants must be submitted according to the following deadlines:

*Paper submissions:* Paper submissions must be received by the Agency no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on November 29, 2023 to be eligible for funding under this grant opportunity. Late or incomplete applications will not be eligible for funding.

*Electronic submissions:* Electronic applications will be accepted via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). The deadline for receipt of an electronic application via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 24, 2023. The application dates and times are firm. The Agency will not consider any application received after the deadline. To submit an electronic application, follow the instructions for the CF TAT Disaster Repair Grant Program funding announcement located at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Prior to official submission of applications, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the Agency, as long as such requests are made prior to November 14, 2023. Technical assistance is not meant to be an analysis or assessment of the quality of the materials submitted, a substitute for agency review of completed applications, nor a determination of eligibility, if such determination requires in-depth analysis. The Agency will not solicit or consider scoring or eligibility information that is submitted after the application deadline. The Agency reserves the right to contact applicants to seek clarification information on materials contained in the submitted application.

**ADDRESSES:** This funding announcement will be announced on [www.Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Paper applications must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office (RDSO) for the State where the

Applicant is headquartered. For Projects involving multiple states, the application must be filed in the RDSO where the Applicant is located. Applicants are encouraged to contact their respective RDSO for an address to submit an application prior to the submission deadline date. Applicants may also request paper application packages from their respective RDSO. A list of the USDA RDSO contacts can be found at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>.

Entities applying for assistance may download the application documents and requirements delineated in this notice from: <https://www.Grants.gov>. Application information for electronic submissions may be found at <http://www.Grants.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nathan Chitwood, Special Projects Coordinator at email address [nathan.chitwood@usda.gov](mailto:nathan.chitwood@usda.gov), United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Business Loop 70 West, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203; or via telephone at: 573–876–0965. For further information on submitting program applications under this notice, please contact the USDA RDSO in the state where the applicant’s headquarters is located. A list of RDSO contacts is provided at the following link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Overview

*Federal Awarding Agency Name:* Rural Housing Service (RHS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Disaster Repair Grant.

*Announcement Type:* Notice of Funding of Availability (NOFA).

*Funding Opportunity Number:* USDA–RD–CFDTAT–2023.

*Assistance Listing:* 10.766.

*Dates:* Applications must be submitted using one of the following methods:

- *Paper submissions:* The deadline for receipt of a paper application is 4:00 p.m. local time, November 29, 2023. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by the United States Postal Service or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX), electronic mail, and postage due applications will not be accepted.

- *Electronic submissions:* Electronic applications will be accepted via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). The deadline for receipt of an electronic application via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)