

Application Review Information

The Association develops the scoring criteria, ranks, and selects proposals for funding and produces an annual Priority List according to the [Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 \(Pub. L. 106-408\)](#). The Office of Conservation Investment in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service awards the proposals published on the Priority List.

Criteria

Final Proposal Review and Selection Process: Once proposals have been submitted to the Association, they will be distributed to the Technical Review Committee to review and score. The members' responses will be used to develop a relative ranking of proposals for the final review stage of the grant selection process. The technical scoring criteria used to evaluate proposals are listed below. Each criterion listed below should be scored on a scale from 0-5, with 0 representing the lowest score and 5 representing the highest score.

Scale: 5 = Exceptional
 4 = Very Good
 3 = Good
 2 = Fair
 1 = Poor
 0 = Very Poor

Relevance

1. How adequately does the proposal respond to the strategic priority?
2. How adequately does the proposal incorporate the most relevant science and other best practices needed to address the strategic priority effectively?
3. Is it clear how the deliverables (tools, resources, publications or information) developed in this project will help agencies manage fish, wildlife, or constituent resources?

Project Objectives

4. Are the project objectives specific, measurable, time-bound, and clearly define what the applicant wants to achieve?

Methods

5. How well does the Approach section describe the methods that will be used and are the methods described following sound practices?
6. How likely is it that the proposal's methodology will accomplish the stated goals and objectives within the time frame proposed?

Outcomes and Sustainability

7. How likely is it that proposed methodology will produce dependable and useful deliverables for state fish and wildlife agencies and their partners?
8. How effectively does proposal describe the project's desired outcomes and are the outcomes realistic and achievable?
9. Will the project have a long-term, sustainable impact, and can that long-term impact be adequately quantified?
10. Is there an expressed commitment to continued distribution and availability of deliverables and project results after the grant ends?

Project Costs

11. Are the proposed project costs reasonable?

Guidelines

12. Did the Applicant follow the guidelines for preparing this proposal?

Open-Ended Questions:

Possible overlaps with other projects

Possible Improvements

Are there major changes the applicant needs to resubmit with the proposal?

Other comments.