Galveston Bay Estuary Program

Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Project Proposal – FFY 2024

**Please complete the proposal form and submit to** [**gbep@tceq.texas.gov**](mailto:gbep@tceq.texas.gov) **by August 25, 2023. No late submittals will be considered for funding.**

**SECTION ONE: GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Project Name**:

Project Previously Funded by GBEP? Yes  No

[Please input.]

**Lead Implementer**:

[Please also indicate entity category (state, local, public university, nonprofit, etc.).]

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| Federal, State, or Local Government | Council of Government | Public University |
| Nonprofit | Other |  |

**Contact Information**:

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| --- | --- |
| Project Representative Name |  |
| Project Representative Phone |  |
| Project Representative Email |  |

**Partners and Their Roles**:

[Please identify project partners and detail what roles they will play in project implementation.]

**Amount Requested (minimum budgeted cost of $150,000)**:

Is the project scalable?

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**Amount Requested per year (if applicable)**:

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| FY 2025 (09/01/2024-08/31/2025) | $0.00 |
| FY 2026 (09/01/2025-08/31/2026) | $0.00 |
| FY 2027 (09/01/2026-05/31/2027) | $0.00 |
| **Total** | $0.00 |

**Total Project Cost**:

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Is this an estimate?

**Leveraging (in-kind and/or cash)**:

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| [Please indicate source, amount, and status (secured, potential, etc.)] |

**Project Duration (beginning no earlier than September 1, 2024 - four-year maximum project length)**:

[months or years, as applicable.]

**SECTION TWO: *GALVESTON BAY PLAN, 2ND EDITION* IMPLEMENTATION**

*Galveston Bay Plan, 2nd Edition References*

<https://gbep.texas.gov/ensure-safe-human-and-aquatic-life-use/>

<https://gbep.texas.gov/protect-and-sustain-living-resources/>

<https://gbep.texas.gov/engage-communities/>

<https://gbep.texas.gov/inform-science-based-decision-making/>

[**Galveston Bay Plan**](https://gbep.texas.gov/galveston-bay-plan/) **Priority Area Actions Addressed:**

Plan Priority 1: Ensure Safe Human and Aquatic Life Use

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| NPS-1 | NPS-2 | NPS-3 | NPS-4 |  |
| PS-1 | PS-2 | PS-3 |  |  |
| PHA-1 | PHA-2 | PHA-3 | PHA-4 | PHA-5 |

Plan Priority 2: Protect and Sustain Living Resources

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| HC-1 | HC-2 | HC-3 |  |
| SC-1 | SC-2 |  |  |
| FWI-1 | FWI-2 | FWI-3 |  |

Plan Priority 3: Engage Communities

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| SPO-1 | SPO-2 | SPO-3 | SPO-4 |
| PEA-1 | PEA-2 | PEA-3 |  |

Plan Priority 4: Inform Science-based Decision Making

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| RES-1 | RES-2 | RES-3 | RES-4 |
| RES-5 | RES-6 | RES-7 | RES-8 |
| ACS-1 | ACS-2 | ACS-3 |  |

**Priority Area Actions Detail:**

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| [Please explain in detail how project addresses priorities selected. Attachments may be submitted via email in conjunction with this application.] |

**SECTION THREE: BIL PRIORITIES**

**Action Priorities**

***Proposals must address one or more of the following actions****:*

Projects that support commercial and recreational finfish and shellfish monitoring for public health risks and or sustainability.

Projects in support of management measures and watershed-based plans, such as

* Green infrastructure
* Watershed health; and
* Water reuse and conservation

Habitat protection and enhancement

Support for existing projects, such as:

* Follow up or expansion of habitat and water quality projects; and
* Continued maintenance or repair of habitat and water quality projects.

Project assessments, such as:

* Habitat and water quality mapping gaps; and
* Pre and/or post – construction monitoring including habitat and species assessment/use/benefit, events, and general function.

**Support Priorities**

***Proposals must address at least one supporting action developed by the subcommittees, but preference will be given to projects that are able to incorporate multiple supporting actions.***

Collaborating with underrepresented and/or under-resourced communities via having physical presence or connection to the targeted communities.

Engages K-12 students and/or adults in hands-on, place-based environmental education.

Diversifying strategic partners with environmental and non-environmental community organizations working within targeted communities.

Monitoring and Research that:

* captures a meaningful, quantifiable measure of a response action taken;
* produces data applicable and transferable to multiple programs; or
* produce meaningful data that can be used for future implementation and management decisions.

**Stakeholder Priority Detail:**

[Please explain in detail how project addresses priorities selected. Attachments may be submitted via email in conjunction with this application.]

**SECTION FOUR: BIL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Does the Project align with any EPA Areas of Special Interest?**

Reduction in nutrient pollution

Water reuse and conservation

Marine litter reduction

Green infrastructure and resiliency

[If yes, please summarize how the proposal addresses EPA Areas of Special Interest.]

[**Build America, Buy America Act**](https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-baba) **(BABA)**

Build America, Buy America provisions only apply to awards over $250,000, and where more than 5% of the award is spent on iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials permanently incorporated into construction, maintenance, or repair projects. Under the law, construction materials exclude cement and cementitious materials, aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel, or aggregate binding agents or additives.

Will the Build America, Buy America Law apply to this application? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, will you comply with the law or submit a waiver? Yes  No

Comments (if any):

[If yes, please summarize how the proposal complies with BABA, as applicable.]

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Signage**

The recipient will ensure that a sign is placed at construction sites supported under this award displaying EPA logo and the official Building a Better America emblem and must identify the project as a “project funded by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.” Construction is defined at 40 CFR 33.103 as “erection, alteration, or repair (including dredging, excavating, and painting) of buildings, structures, or other improvements to real property, and activities in response to a release or a threat of a release of a hazardous substance into the environment, or activities to prevent the introduction of a hazardous substance into a water supply.” The sign must be placed at construction sites in an easily visible location that can be directly linked to the work taking place and must be maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.

**Does the proposal implement construction subject to signage requirements?**

[**Building A Better America Brand Guide**](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Building-A-Better-America-Brand-Guide.pdf) **–** [**Using the EPA Seal and Logo**](https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/using-epa-seal-and-logo)

Yes  No

**Does the Project Address the** [**Justice 40 Initiative**](https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/)?

*NEP’s have a target of ensuring that at least 40% of the benefits of investments from the five years of BIL funding flow to disadvantaged communities.*

[**Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)**](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5)

Yes  No

[If yes, please summarize how the proposal addresses the Justice40 initiative.]

**Does the Project Address geographies above the 80th percentile as identified in the** [**EJScreen**](https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/) **Supplemental Demographic Index?**

Yes  No

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| [If yes, please identify geographies and summarize how the proposal addresses the selected demographics (% Low income, % Linguistically isolated, % Less than high school education, % Unemployed, % Low life expectancy.] |

**SECTION FIVE: GBEP EQUITY STRATEGY CONSIDERATIONS**

**Does the Project provide services to any** [**Title I**](https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/essa-program/title-i-part-a-improving-basic-programs) **schools?**

Yes

No

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| [TBD.] |

**Does the Project work with new, smaller communities/partnerships?**

Yes

No

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| [TBD.] |

**SECTION SIX: PROPOSAL DETAILS**

**Project Summary**:

[In 1-2 sentences, please describe the objective of your proposal.]

**Full Project Description (1,000 words or less)**:

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| [In 1,000 words or less, please provide a summary of the scope of your proposal.] |

**Latitude/Longitude (Optional)**:

[degrees, minutes, and seconds format]

**Location**:

[Description of area(s) of Galveston Bay watershed addressed by proposal]

**Other Plans Implemented**:

[Texas Coastal Management Plan, Texas Wetland Conservation Plan, GCJV Conservation Plans, etc.]

**Projects Map**

[Insert Map Here or Attach as an Appendix if Applicable]

**Supplemental Photos/Graphics (Optional):**

[Insert Here or Attach as an Appendix]

**SECTION SEVEN: BUDGET DETAILS**

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|  | **BUDGET CATEGORIES:** | **Budget** |
| a. | Personnel/Salary |  |
| b. | Fringe Benefits |  |
| c. | Travel |  |
| d. | Supplies |  |
| e. | Equipment |  |
| f. | Contractual |  |
| g. | Construction |  |
| h. | Other\* |  |
| i. | Total Direct Costs (Sum a - h) |  |
| j. | Indirect Costs |  |
| k. | Total (Sum of i & j) |  |

**\*Other**: If Budget Category “Other” is greater than $25,000 or more than 10% of budget total, identify the main constituents:

**Indirect Cost Agreement**

**Indirect Cost Reimbursable Rate**: The reimbursable rate for this Contract is % of (check one):

**salary and fringe benefits**

**modified total direct costs**

**other direct costs base**

**If other direct cost base, identify:**

**This rate is less than or equal to (check one):**

**Predetermined Rate—an audited rate that is not subject to adjustment.**

**Negotiated Predetermined Rate—an experienced-based predetermined rate agreed to by Performing Party and TCEQ. This rate is not subject to adjustment.**

**Default rate—**a standard rate of ten percent of salary/wages may be used in lieu of determining the actual indirect costs of the service.

[Insert Indirect Cost Agreement or Attach as an Appendix if Applicable]

**Please Submit Project Proposals (Microsoft Word Only – No PDFs) by August 25, 2023, to** [**gbep@tceq.texas.gov**](mailto:gbep@tceq.texas.gov)