

GSMFC Regional Rapid Response Fund

Update and Discussion

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Goals of the RRRF

- **Quickly fund high-priority AIS response projects**
- **Increase regional coordination and readiness**
- **Pilot and refine a scalable model for rapid response funds nationwide**

Administration

Structure:

- **Administration by GSMFC with oversight from GSARP and ANSTF**
- **Funding source: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**
- **Funding amount: \$400,000**

Eligible Applicants and Activities:

- **State and federal agencies, tribes, interstate organizations**
- **Planning, delineation, and implementation of rapid response actions (not long-term control or prevention)**



Project Selection

GSMFC will:

- **Develop and finalize a review and selection process based on the ANSTF Model Process**
- **Convene and ad hoc GSARP review committee**
- **Evaluate projects using pre-set merit criteria (e.g. impact potential, management goal, readiness)**

Process and Timeline



Expectations for Applicants

Proposal Requirements:

- **Clear management goals**
- **Species ID must be confirmed**
- **Projects must occur within GSARP region**
- **Site description and rapid response plan (or intent to complete one)**

Monitoring and Reporting:

- **Biannual progress reports**
- **Final outcomes report aligned with metrics**

Budget

Object Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Subtotal
Personnel	\$ 3,183	3,342	3,509	10,034
Fringe	\$ 1,349	1,374	1,400	4,124
Travel	\$ 850	-	850	1,700
Equipment	\$ -	-	-	-
Supplies	\$ -	-	-	-
Contractual/Subawards	\$361,967	-	-	361,967
Other	\$ 1,133	133	133	1,399
Indirect Costs	\$ 17,458	1,498	1,820	20,776
TOTAL	\$400,000			

Next Steps

- 1. Await status/update from USFWS**
- 2. Finalize review and selection process with GSARP input**
- 3. Develop RFP to solicit proposals**
- 4. Identify and prepare review committee members**