

# Gulf of Mexico Community-based Restoration Partnership

## Allowable Matching Funds for Federally Funded Projects



All contributions, including cash and third party in-kind, shall be accepted as part of an applicant's cost sharing or matching when such contributions meet **all** of the following criteria:

- 1) Are verifiable from the applicant's records.
- 2) Are not included as contributions for any other federally-assisted project or program.
- 3) Are necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient accomplishment of project or program objectives.
- 4) Are allowable under applicable cost principles
- 5) Are not paid by the Federal Government under another award, except where authorized by Federal statute to be used for cost sharing or matching.
- 6) Conform to the provisions of the above-referenced regulations as applicable.

Examples of allowable match include, but are **not** limited to the following sources:

- 1) Personnel/salary (can be in-kind for an employee or volunteer time. Keep in mind that there is a federally approved hourly rate for volunteer time, but there are also professional volunteers that have a higher hourly value, such as commercial divers, scientists, engineers, etc.)
- 2) Fringe Benefits
- 3) Travel (related to the project, i.e. travel to and from project site in company vehicle)
- 4) Equipment (unless those costs are already included in the indirect costs, i.e. kayak usage)
- 5) Supplies (may include donated plants, items required for report preparation, etc.)
- 6) Contractual (contractual fees associated with a project may be used as grant funds as long as they are not paid with other federal funding or being utilized as match on another project)
- 7) Construction (may include artificial reef creation, etc.)
- 8) Other (**Be creative!** Topographic surveys, design fees, engineering, permitting, lodging, fuel, office rent, stipends, disposal fees, refreshments/food for volunteers, per diem, dive platforms, publication fees, conference registration, AND MORE!)

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