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SOAR Shellfish Growers Resiliency Fund
RFP Application

Instructions
Please carefully fill out the application below for the Shellfish Growers Resiliency Fund RFP. All applications, including supporting materials, must be submitted in one email to soar@tnc.org. In the subject line, please include the name of the project and "SOAR 2023 RFP". The application must be submitted in PDF. For additional information about eligibility, priorities, deadlines, and processes, please check out the SOAR Shellfish Growers Resiliency Fund RFP Guidelines or visit the SOAR website: https://www.nature.org/SOAR. If you have questions about the application or the RFP, please contact Rebekah Borgert at soar@tnc.org. **Submission Deadline:** 11:59 pm Pacific Time on October 6, 2023 By completing the application, you agree to TNC´s Terms of Use and Privacy Statement.

Applicant Information

Name of Business/Organization:	
Contact Name (First and Last):	
Position/Title:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Applicant Address (street, city, state, zip code):	

Applicant Eligibility

What type of group do you represent? (check one)

	Shellfish growers
	Shellfish aquaculture industry associations
	Supply chain companies supporting aquaculture
	Other (please explain, and include the information below regarding your industry partner):
	If 'Other': Name of **Industry Partner Business/Organization:**

SOAR Program

Has this project been submitted to the Resiliency Fund before? (check one)

	Yes, this is a resubmission of a previously submitted proposal.
	Yes, this is a continuation of a previously funded project.
	No, this is a new project submission.

Project Overview

Name of Project:	*What is the name of the project? If possible, please keep under 75 characters.*
Project Description: (300 words max)	*What are you doing?*

Which of the priorities does your project align with? (check all that apply)

	Farmer engagement in shellfish restoration, marine conservation, or environmental outcomes
	Efficient farming operations
	Diversity, equity, and inclusion in the shellfish aquaculture industry

Why is the project a good fit with the SOAR funding priorities? (300 words max)	*Why do you think SOAR should fund your project?* *How does this project increase industry resiliency?* *How does the project address the funding priorities?* • *Farmer engagement in shellfish restoration, marine conservation, or broader environmental outcomes* • *Efficient farming operations* • *Diversity, equity, and inclusion in the shellfish aquaculture industry*

What are the intended outputs and outcomes of the project? (300 words max)	*Why are you doing it? Please describe the outputs (what you will accomplish during the grant period), and outcomes (benefits the project will have in the long term for the shellfish industry).*
How will you accomplish this? (300 words max)	*How are you going to do it? Please include key tasks or milestones.*

How will you measure success? (300 words max)	*Describe metrics that will be used to gauge success.*
Why do you think the project is achievable in a 1-2 year time period? (300 words max)	

Please list project collaborators and roles	*Name, Title, Business/Entity: Role on project*
Permits and Policies	*Are all permits (if required) in hand and in good standing? Please include permit numbers and descriptions as applicable. If permits are not currently in hand, provide evidence that this will be completed by January 2024.*
Proposed start and end date	mm/yyyy- mm/yyyy (total X months)

Project Impact	
How do you intend to share the results of the project with others and/or collaborate with others? (300 words max)	*Please describe how many farmers will your project benefit in the short term (within 2 years) and in the long term (2-5 years)?* *More generally, please include how this project will benefit other industry members in the short term, and how you plan to share those results with others. Please also indicate the likelihood to scale this work, if applicable.*

Is the project innovative? Please describe. (300 words max) If not applicable, write N/A.	*Please describe how the project provides a new and unique solution to a problem.*
How will the project support diversity, equity, and inclusion in the shellfish aquaculture industry? (300 words max) If not applicable, write N/A.	*See funding priority and example language in Fund RFP.*

How will this project address climate change? (300 words max) If not applicable, write N/A.	*Please describe how this project addresses climate change (e.g. – reduced carbon emissions on farm via transportation to market; mitigating shoreline effects of increased wave impacts with modifications to farm design).*
*If this is a continuation of previously supported work, please describe how this project builds on the previous project. (300 words max) If not applicable, write N/A.	*Please describe how this project builds and expands on the previous project and include the name of previous grant.*

* If this is a resubmission, please describe what is different from the previous proposal. (100 words max)	Please describe the changes from the previous submission and include the name of the previous proposal.

Financial Overview

Please describe the general costs included in each of the categories. If selected, a more detailed budget will be required for review prior to contracting.

Salary and Benefits: *Please detail people on the project and total staff time (hours).*	
Travel:	
Meetings/Events:	
Printing/Publications:	
Equipment:	
Supplies:	
Contractual:	
Other:	
Subtotal Direct Expenses	
Indirect Expenses (capped at 10%) *Example: expenses incurred by partner organizations to manage the award.*	
Total SOAR Resiliency Fund Request Amount ($20,000 USD max)	
Additional Funding Resources (optional): *Please detail matching fund source, type, and amount, and indicate if the funds are in-kind, applied for, pledged, or in-hand.*	
Total Project Expenses	

Exhibits (please attach the following)

Exhibit A (if applicable): Supporting information - Please provide any additional information that you feel would be useful in reviewing your application. This could include photos and diagrams.

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