



Gulf Coast Restoration Fund

Purpose: EarthShare's **Gulf Coast Restoration Fund** will provide grants of up to \$5,000 to qualified organizations that are restoring natural areas, habitat and fisheries in the Gulf States (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida) that were impacted by the B.P. oil spill of 2010.

Eligible Applicants Definition: An eligible applicant must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as designated by the Internal Revenue Service.

Projects Eligible for Funding: Projects must address harms and risks to communities and communicate the anticipated project results. Eligible projects may include but are not limited to:

- Coastal marshes, swamps and other wetlands restoration
- Coastal wetland forest restoration
- Coastal defense efforts
- Wildlife rehabilitation and restoration
- Fisheries restoration

Application Procedures: Applicant organizations are to submit a grant proposal **not exceeding four pages** in length that addresses the following:

- Organization Name, non-profit status, EarthShare affiliation- if any, and a list of its board of directors.
- Organization's program areas.
- Detailed description of proposed project and its impact on the Gulf Coast. In this section, applicants should describe the project, the anticipated outcomes of the proposed project, and timeframe of the project.
- Financial information including organization's current annual budget, proposed project budget. In addition, an applicant organization must provide a copy of its most recent audit, financial review or financial compilation. The additional financial documents do not count toward the four-page limit to the grant proposal.
- Proposals are to be sent electronically to: Perry Bird, Director Member Services, at perry@earthshare.org.

Application Deadlines: Applicant organizations are to submit their grant proposals by close of business Friday, August 30, 2013. Approved funding will be forwarded to the respective organizations no later than October 4, 2013.

Reporting: Organizations receiving funding will submit a Project Report to EarthShare within 30 days of completion of the project. The Project Report shall include the following:

- Line item financial report showing how funds were spent;
- a description of activities undertaken
- a detailed description of whether or not proposed goals were achieved; if proposed goals were not achieved, a description of the challenges and reasons goals were not achieved;