

GCRF FAQs

1. Are there match requirements?
 - Yes. The rules state, “All eligible applicants must provide a match from other non-state funds. All projects must provide a match of at least 20% of the total project costs. In-kind services cannot count toward the match requirement.”
2. What are examples of non-state funds?
 - Non-State Funds are defined as federal funds, local funds/cash, private investment. E.g., CDBG, GoMESA, RESTORE, USDA, EDA
3. What are examples of state funds?
 - State funds are defined as funds that are legislatively appropriated and/or bonded. E.g., DIP, Small Municipalities, Tidelands, CAP, Rail Loan, IIF, EDH, ACE
4. What are examples of in-kind services?
 - In-kind contributions are goods or services provided instead of cash for one or more of your project budget line items:
 - Professional services – legal, architectural, engineering, accounting, etc.
 - Other services – printing, project management
 - Costs for use of machinery (heavy equipment)
 - Furnishings, construction materials donated by a business/individual/government entity directly or indirectly
 - For public entities, in-kind contributions can include equipment, materials, employees/contractors doing work within their normal job duties
 - E.g., county engineer providing engineering design as part of his normal contract/job duties
 - Materials already purchased
 - Use of county-owned equipment
 - Legal handled by city attorney
 - For private/non-profit entities, in-kind contributions can include all the same as public entities; also any internal labor costs and/or activities within the normal business activities
 - E.g., costs associated with materials already on hand
5. What is the timeframe for counting the match?
 - As the intent of the money was to address the effects of the Deep Horizon Oil Spill that occurred on 4/20/2010, any directly related project costs accrued on or after 4/20/2010 are eligible to be counted as match (with documentation).
6. What pre-award activities are eligible for reimbursement?
 - Engineering design, environmental, legal, permitting, land acquisition, inspection
7. What is the timeframe for reimbursable pre-award costs?
 - Pre-award costs undertaken after January 1 of the award year are eligible for reimbursement.
 - E.g., applications submitted in 2019 will be funded in 2020. Documented pre-award costs undertaken after January 1, 2020, are reimbursable.
 - NOTE: these costs are undertaken at the risk of the applicant and will not be reimbursable if the grant is not funded during that funding cycle – any unfunded project would be able to count any pre-award work as a match if they apply in subsequent years.