



## Press Release

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### **NOTICE OF RESTORE ACT PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

Monroe County will receive funding under the RESTORE Act, when it becomes available, and has opened its project solicitation process. RESTORE Act funding will derive from civil fines or penalties paid by BP under the Clean Water Act. As required by RESTORE Act law, projects eligible for funding must meet one or more of the following uses:

- Restoration and protection of natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
- Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
- Workforce development and job creation
- Improvements to state parks in coastal areas affected by Deep Water Horizon spill
- Infrastructure projects benefitting economy or ecological resources, including ports
- Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
- Planning assistance
- Promotion of tourism, including recreational fishing
- Promotion of consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region

Project Submittal Forms are available on the Monroe County RESTORE Act webpage or by email request ([tennyson-lisa@monroecounty-fl.gov](mailto:tennyson-lisa@monroecounty-fl.gov) or [cyr-connie@monroecounty-fl.gov](mailto:cyr-connie@monroecounty-fl.gov)); or, for a hard copy, by visiting the County Administrator's Offices at the Historic Gato Building in Key West and at the Key Largo Government Center, or the Growth Management Office in the Marathon Government Center.

**To be considered for funding, projects must meet one or more of the above uses and submit completed Project Submittal Forms by August 30, 2013.**

The Monroe County RESTORE Act Local Advisory Committee will review, rank and recommend project submissions to the County Commission at one or more noticed, public meetings. The Monroe County BOCC will make final project awards. All project awards are subject to the availability and amount of local RESTORE Act dollars directed to Monroe County. The amount and time frame for this funding are not yet known.

For additional information, please refer to the RESTORE Act webpage on the Monroe County website <http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov> or contact Lisa Tennyson, Legislative Affairs Director, 1100 Simonton Street, Key West, Room 2-210, Florida 33040; 305-292-4444; [tennyson-lisa@monroecounty-fl.gov](mailto:tennyson-lisa@monroecounty-fl.gov).