



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 14, 2024

John Hofstad, County Administrator
Okaloosa County Office of the County Administrator
1250 N Eglin Parkway, Suite 102
Shalimar, Florida 32579

Dear Mr. Hofstad:

We have reviewed the Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) Amendment 3 from Okaloosa County submitted on October 12, 2023. We find that the Okaloosa County's MIP is complete and appears to comply with the applicable requirements of the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 34, and Treasury's guidance. As of the date of this letter, Treasury accepts Okaloosa County's MIP Amendment #3.

We encourage you to refer to the Direct Component Funding Opportunity Announcements and Standard and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions on Treasury's RESTORE Act website at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-markets-financial-institutions-and-fiscal-service/restore-act/direct-component/direct-component-resources> as you prepare your grant application.

We post all accepted MIPs and amended MIPs on Treasury's RESTORE Act [Direct Component Multiyear Implementation Plans](#) website. Therefore, please post the accepted MIP Amendment #3 on Okaloosa County's website and provide us with a link to website where it's posted **no later than June 24, 2024** so we can include the link on Treasury's RESTORE Act [Direct Component Multiyear Implementation Plans](#) website.

Treasury has determined that Shoal River Ranch Water Reclamation Facility infrastructure project, activity 14 meets the criteria to be covered by Treasury's Public Interest General Applicability Waiver from Application of Section 70914(a) of the Build America, Buy America Act to the RESTORE Act, Direct Component Infrastructure Projects That Were in the Funding Pipeline by May 14, 2022, ('Pipeline Waiver'), effective as of February 17, 2023. However, if the budget for any of these activities includes other Federal award funds that require compliance with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA), you are responsible for seeking a waiver from the BABAA requirements for such activities from the other Federal agency and notifying Treasury of the final waiver determination. If you are unable to obtain a waiver from the other Federal agency, you may consider completing the activities in phases, where the RESTORE Act Direct Component award funds subject to a BABAA waiver may solely cover one phase of the activity and the other Federal award funds subject to the BABAA requirements solely cover another phase of the activity.

Treasury's acceptance of this MIP Amendment is not a final determination of the eligibility of activities, projects, and programs for Direct Component grant funding and does not bind Treasury to obligate funds from the Trust Fund. Okaloosa County must submit a grant application to Treasury for Direct Component funding separately for the activities, projects, and programs listed in its accepted MIP through Treasury's RESTORE Grants Management System (RGMS). Treasury will review the application to determine if it complies with the applicable active Direct Component Funding Opportunity Announcement, including the applicable requirements of the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 34, the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, other federal laws, regulations, and Treasury's policies on grants. Applicants may submit grant applications only for funds that are currently available for distribution from the Trust Fund, in accordance with allocations established under the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR 34.302. Treasury will also require written proof of all third-party funds that will be used for the Shoal River Ranch Water Reclamation Facility.

In the future, whenever a material change is required for this accepted Multiyear Implementation Plan Amendment, Okaloosa County must follow the same requirements for Treasury's acceptance of its initial Multiyear Implementation Plan, including those for public review and comment to ensure the amendment to your existing MIP is accepted by Treasury. For more information, see Treasury's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Relating to the Direct Component Program, which sets forth guidance on the statutory and regulatory requirements related to MIPs. We look forward to working with you. Please send any questions to restoreact@treasury.gov.

Sincerely,

**Nicole J.
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