



Funding Spotlight:  
National Fish and  
Wildlife Foundation  
Opportunities for  
Connecticut

# Who is Team Throwe?

*“Building community resilience through leadership, action, and investment”*

## What we do:

- Create sustainable investment systems
- Develop climate action plans and strategies
- Engage community leaders and stakeholders

## Where we work:

- New England (*RI, MA, Long Island Watershed*)
- East Coast (*Maryland, Florida*)
- Nationally (*NCRF, GLO Initiative*)



TE contracts as Field Liaisons, supporting NFWF by:

- Promoting NFWF programs through outreach
- **Follow -up** on proposals not selected for funding
- **Troubleshooting** with existing grantees





# National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF)

# NCRF Program Overview

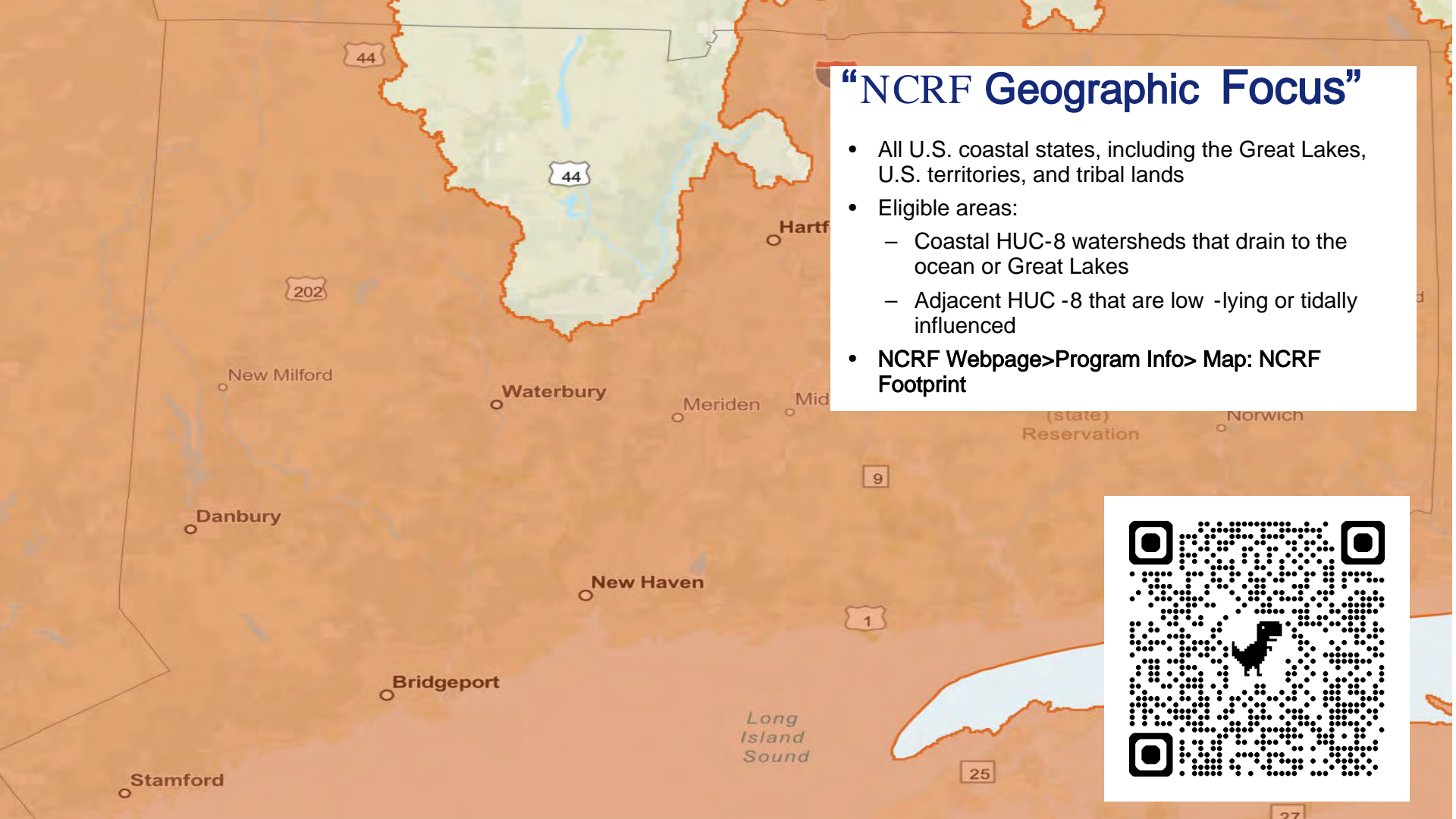
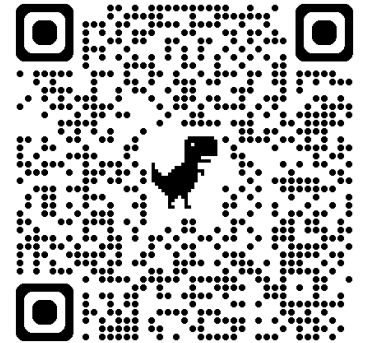
- Administered by NFWF, est. 2018
- Supports nature -based projects that enhance resilience of coastal communities *AND* enhance habitat for fish and wildlife
- Federal Investment of \$78M in 2025
  - Combined with \$38M in grantee match to total conservation impact of \$116M
- Leverages federal funding with additional private sector contributions

## 2025 Funding Partners

- NOAA
- Shell USA
- Entergy
- Oxy
- Salesforce

## “NCRF Geographic Focus”

- All U.S. coastal states, including the Great Lakes, U.S. territories, and tribal lands
- Eligible areas:
  - Coastal HUC-8 watersheds that drain to the ocean or Great Lakes
  - Adjacent HUC -8 that are low -lying or tidally influenced
- [NCRF Webpage](#)>Program Info> Map: NCRF Footprint



# NCRF Eligibility

## Eligible

- State, Tribal, territorial agencies
- Local and municipal governments
- Non -profits
- Educational institutions
- For-profit organizations\*
- Semi-federal orgs./federal partnerships\*

## Ineligible

- Federal agencies or employees of federal agencies
- Foreign organizations
- Foreign public entities
- Unincorporated individuals

# NCRF Things to Note:

## Competitive Applications MUST

- Invest in nature-based solutions (NBS)
- Have clear benefits to community resilience (i.e, risk reduction, reduced flooding and erosion); AND
- Have clear benefits to fish, wildlife, and habitat

# NCRF Things to Note

## Other Evaluation Criteria on which projects will be evaluated:

- Meaningful community and partner engagement;
- Project scaled to address the identified problem;
- Innovative techniques or testing of pilot techniques at scale; and
- Transferability of techniques to other communities or regions.

# NCRF Priority Categories

1. Community Capacity Building & Planning - (avg. range = \$100K-\$1.5M)

OR

2. Site Assessment & Preliminary Design - (avg. range = \$100K-\$1.5M)

OR

3. Final Design & Permitting - (avg. range = \$100K-\$1.5M)

OR

4. Restoration & Implementation - (avg. range = \$1M-\$7M)

## Notes:

- Pick **ONE** priority category based on desired outcome
- Pipeline intended to prepare you for next stage

# 2026 Timeline\*



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# Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF)

# LISFF Program Overview

- Administered by NFWF, est. 2005
- Supports projects to restore and protect the health and living resources of the Long Island Sound
- Federal Investment of \$12M in 2025
- Leverages federal funding with additional private sector contributions

## 2025 Funding Partners

- Long Island Sound Partnership
- EPA
- Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative
- Zoetis Foundation
- US FWS

# Program Priorities

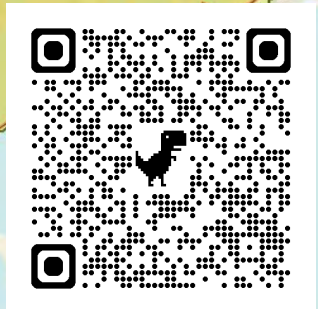
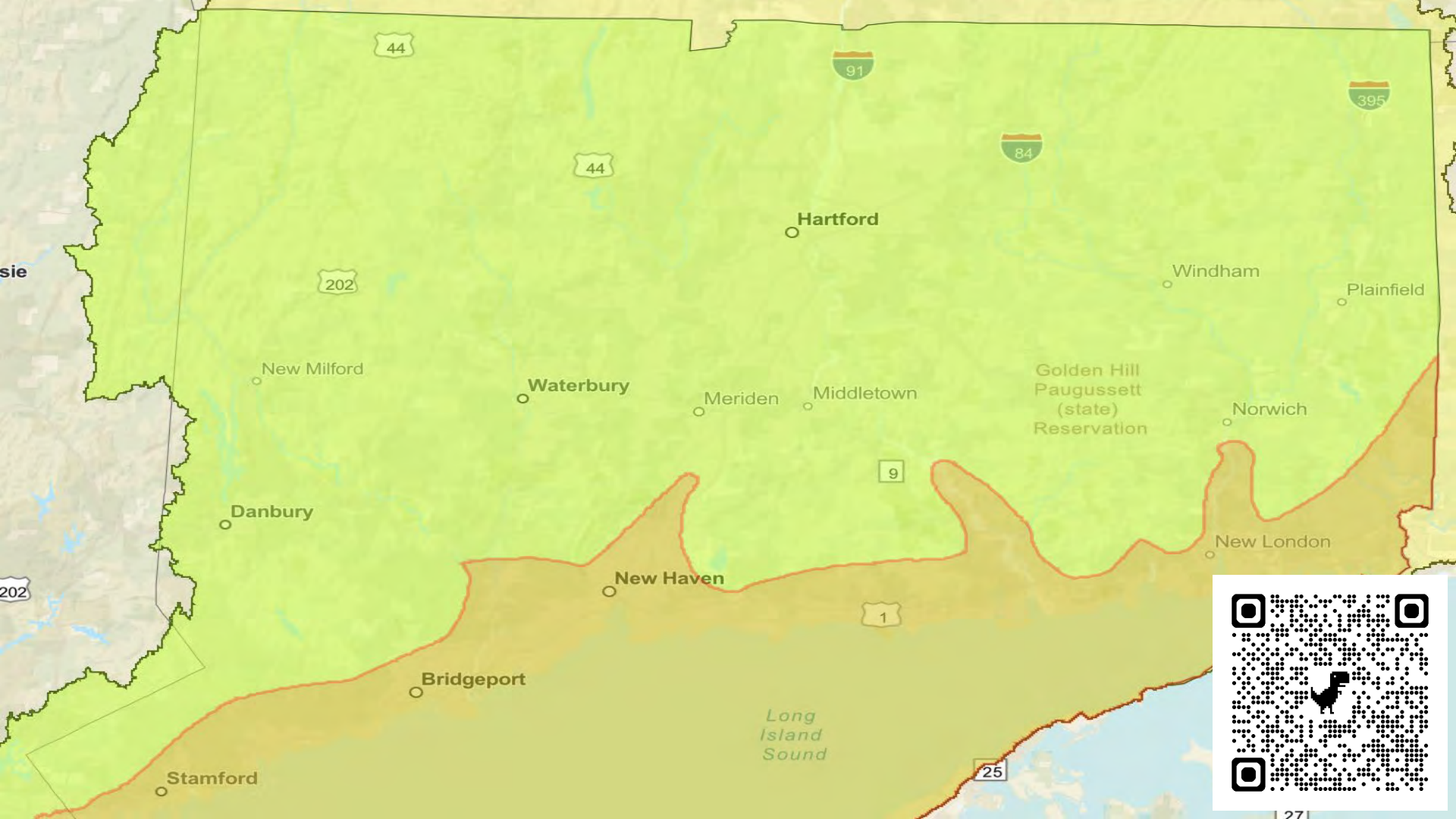
- LISFF funding priorities are guided by the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP)
- The CCMP identifies three **themes** for LISFF funding:
  1. **Clean Waters & Healthy Watersheds**
  2. **Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife**
  3. **Sustainable and Resilient Communities**

# Boundaries & Associated Project Types for Non-coastal CT & MA, VT, NH



IF YOUR PROJECT IS IN...	YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR...
The Upper Basin (i.e., VT, NH, and MA portions of LIS watershed)	<u>CCMP Theme #1</u> : Clean Waters & Healthy Watersheds
Non-Coastal Connecticut or New York*	All of the above, <u>AND</u> <u>CCMP Theme #3</u> : Sustainable and Resilient Communities
Coastal Connecticut or New York*	All of the above, <u>AND</u> <u>CCMP Theme #2</u> : Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife*

\* Throw Environmental only provides LISFF Field Liaison support for the Upper Basin and Non-Coastal CT. Applicants in New York and/or the coastal zone should contact Victoria Moreno at [victoria.Moreno@nfwf.org](mailto:victoria.Moreno@nfwf.org)



# CCMP Theme #1. Clean Waters & Healthy Watersheds

**Improve water quality by reducing nitrogen pollution, CSOs, impervious cover, stormwater and point sources of pollution**

*Example projects include plans for or implementation of:*

- Low Impact Development/Green Infrastructure
- Wastewater treatment onsite or treatment plant retrofits
- Riparian and forested buffer and channel bank vegetation enhancement
- Stream channel reconnection to floodplains and adjacent wetlands

# CCMP Theme #1. Clean Waters & Healthy Watersheds

*Example projects include plans for or implementation of:*

- Replacing or right -sizing culverts
- Technical assistance to engage rural landowners and farmers in design and delivery of nitrogen prevention projects
- Addressing agricultural runoff through farm -scale conservation systems
- Implementation of regenerative agriculture practices
- Soil health practices and management systems
- Precision nutrient management systems

## CCMP Theme #3. Sustainable & Resilient Communities

Support vibrant, informed, and engaged communities that use, appreciate, and help protect and sustain the Sound.

*Example engagement and education projects:*

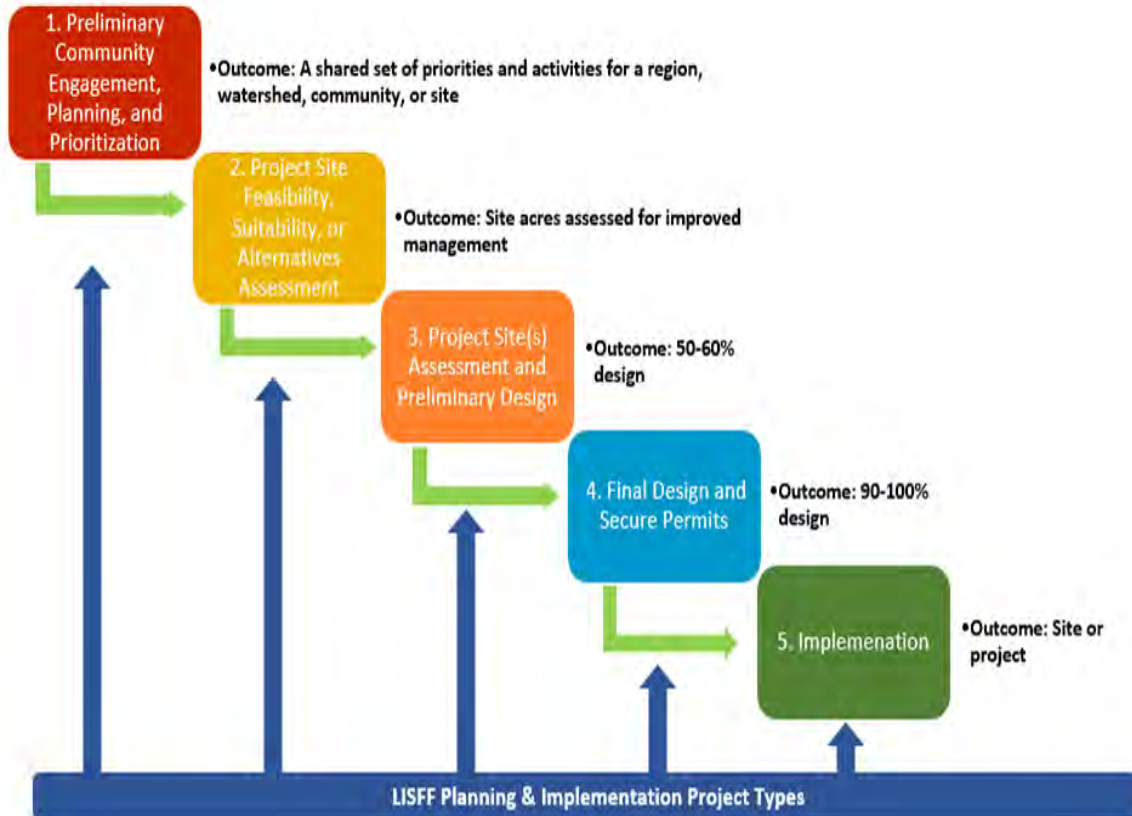
- Public stewardship
- Cleanups
- Public access
- Social marketing campaigns
- Landscaping guidance to reduce nitrogen
- Conservation related education or instruction about LIS

## CCMP Theme #3. Sustainable & Resilient Communities

### *Example resilience projects:*

- Natural infrastructure
- Green infrastructure
- Right -sizing stream -crossings or culverts
- Municipal resilience/natural hazard mitigation plans
- Technical assistance to help local communities build capacity to plan for or to implement resilience project

# Categories & Range of Funds



**Design/Planning:**  
\$50,000-\$500,000

**Implementation:**  
\$50,000-\$1.5 million

**Public Participation,  
Education (only in  
CT and NY):** \$50,000  
to \$100,000

\* 2025 values - Subject to change!

# Grant Guidelines\*

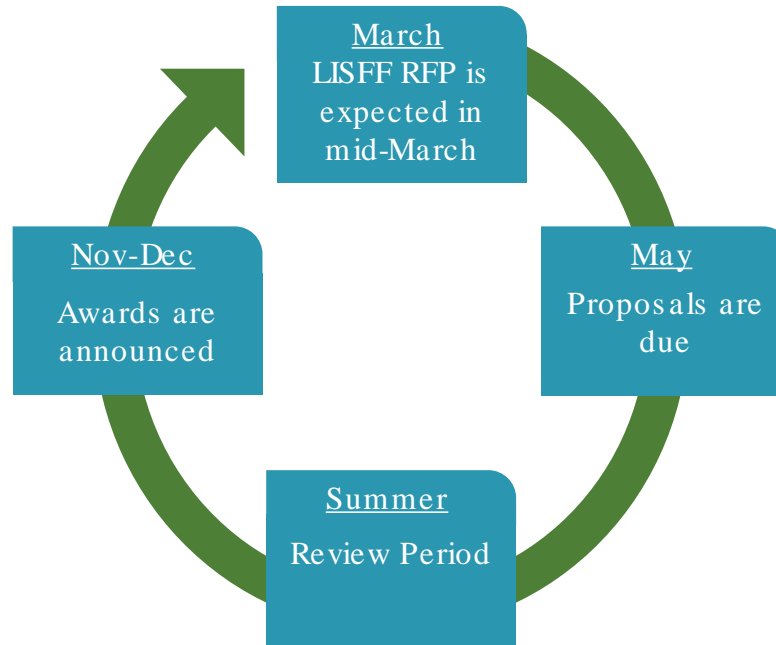
## *Project Performance Period:*

- Start w/in 6 months complete w/in 24 months after grant award
- Large-scale implementation projects start w/in 6 months & complete w/in 36 months after grant award

## *Match:*

- 2024: 50% of “Requested Amount”
- Non-federal cash funds and/or in-kind services
- Examples: In-kind contributions of staff/volunteer time, materials/services donated or other tangible contributions to the project
- May be from applicant or partners
- Must be deployed during start and end date of LISFF project

# General Timeline\*



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