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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





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National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF)

NCRF Program Overview

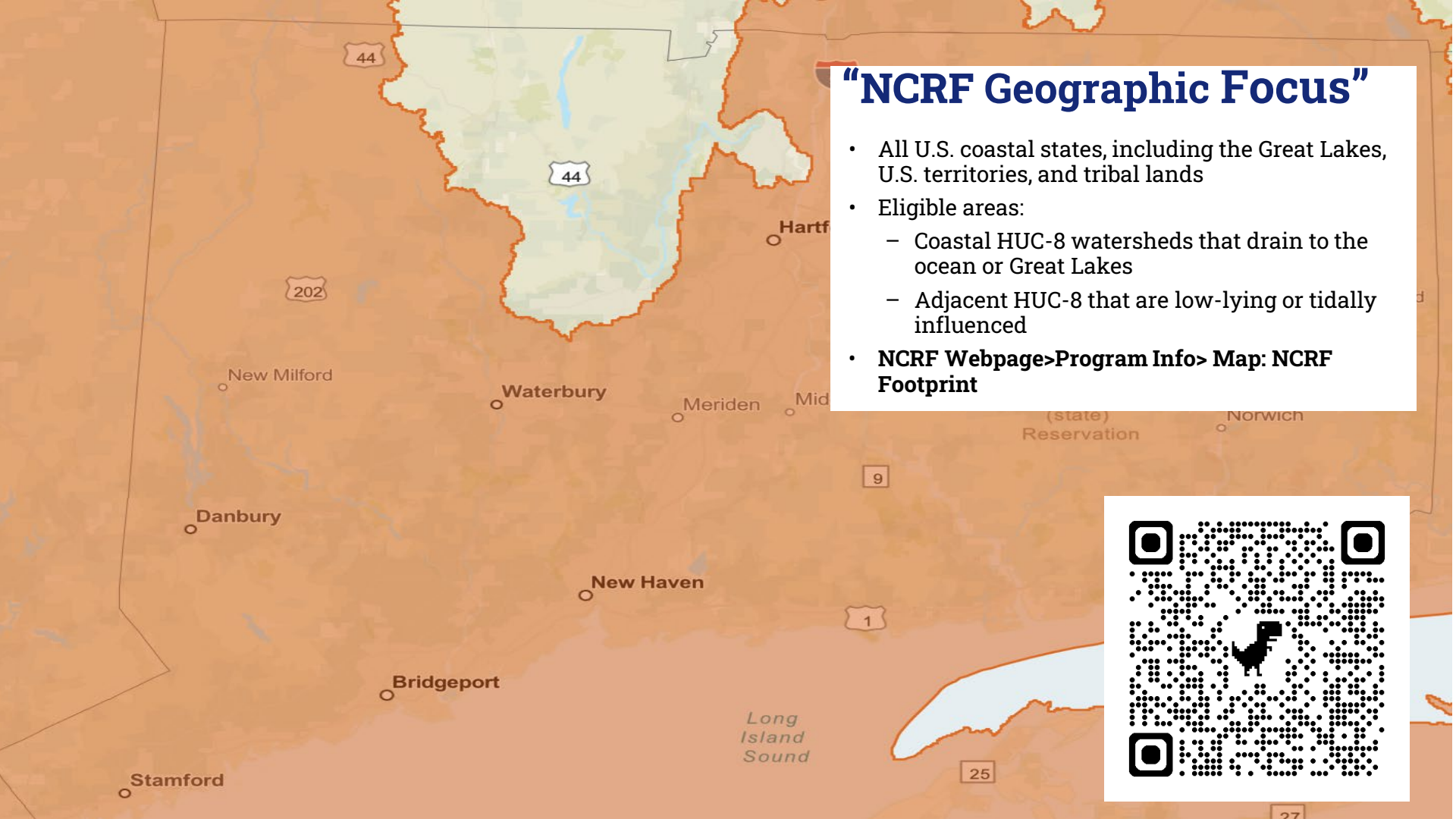
- Administered by NFWF, est. 2018
- Supports **nature-based projects** that **enhance resilience of coastal communities** *AND* enhance **habitat for fish and wildlife**
- Federal Investment of \$139M in 2024
 - Historical federal investment averaged ~\$30-40M
- Leverages federal funding with additional private sector contributions

2025 Funding Partners

- NOAA
- US Dept. of Defense
- Shell
- Occidental

“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 (CCBP)

OR

2. Site Assessment & Preliminary Design (SA/PD)

OR

3. Final Design & Permitting (FD/P)

OR

4. Restoration Implementation (RI)

Planning-Level
Grant

Project-
Level
Grants

Notes:

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

General 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 2024
- Leverages federal funding with additional private sector contributions

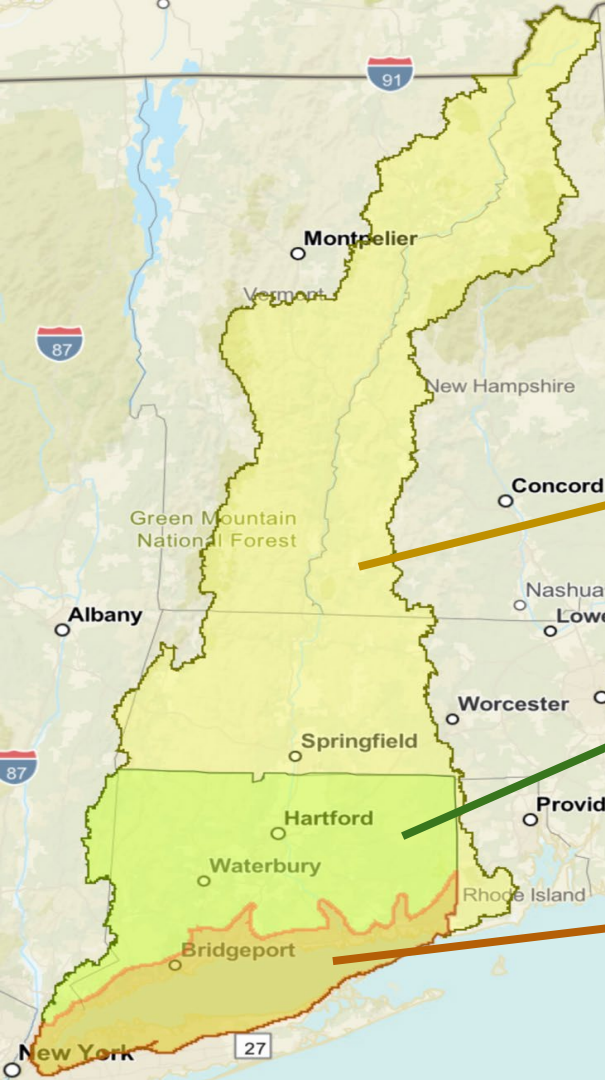
2025 Funding Partners

- EPA
- US FWS
- Long Island Sound Study

Program Priorities

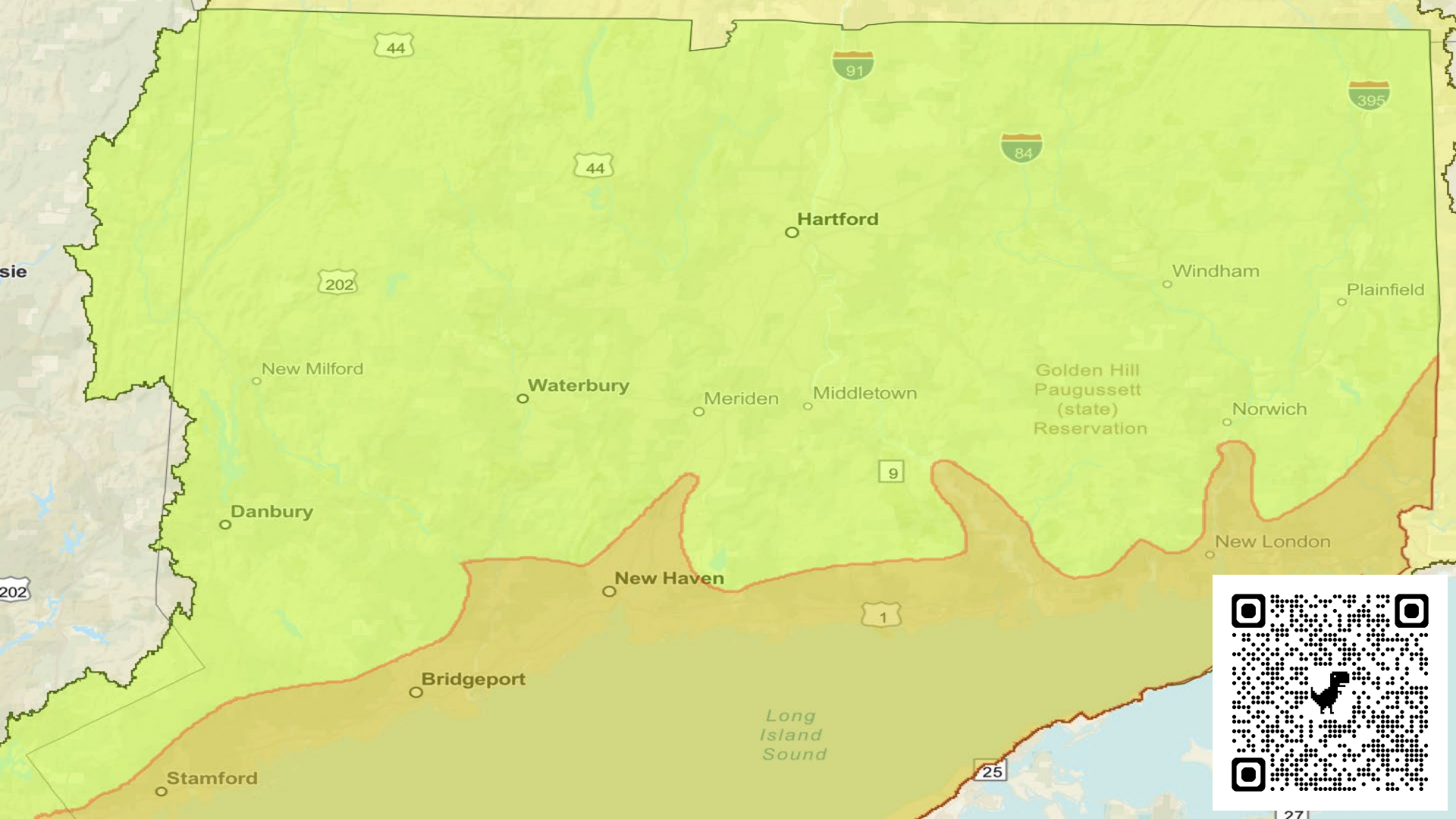
- LISFF funding priorities are guided by the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP)
- The CCMP identifies three **themes** for LISFF funding:
 1. **Clean Waters & Healthy Watersheds**
 2. **Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife**
 3. **Sustainable and Resilient Communities**

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)	CCMP Theme #1: Clean Waters & Healthy Watersheds
Non-Coastal Connecticut or New York*	All of the above, AND CCMP Theme #3: Sustainable and Resilient Communities
Coastal Connecticut or New York*	All of the above, AND CCMP Theme #2: 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



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:

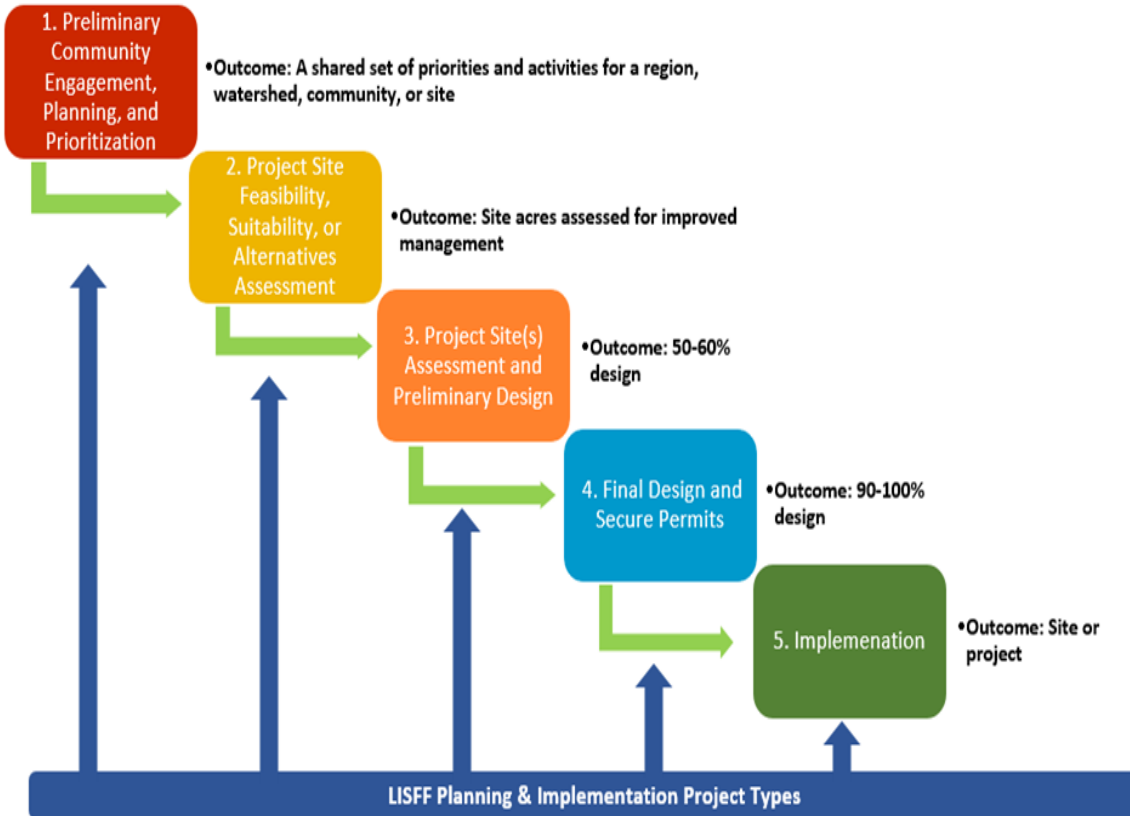
- Public stewardship
- Cleanups
- Public access
- Social marketing campaigns
- Landscaping guidance to reduce nitrogen
- Conservation related education or instruction about LIS

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

Grant Guidelines

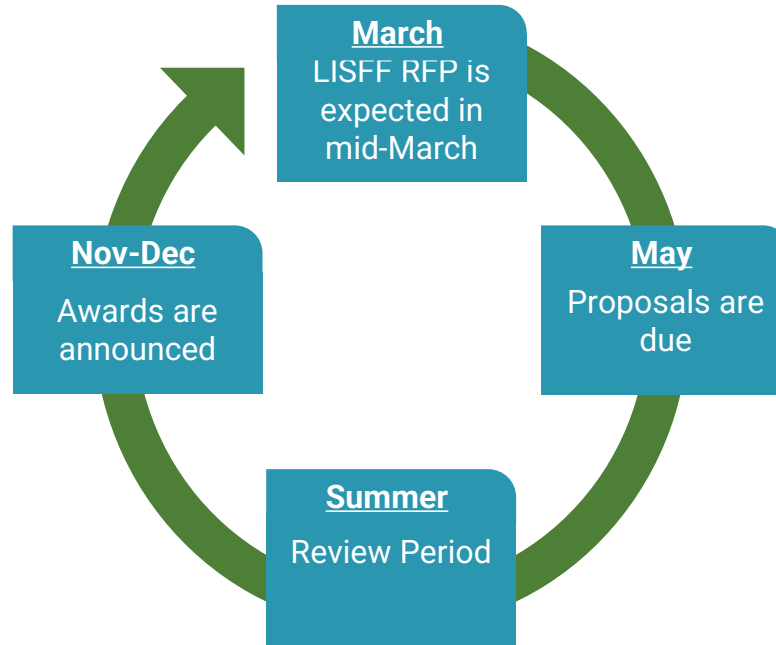
Project Performance Period:

- 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

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