

PRIORITIES FOR RESTORE FUNDED PROJECTS

- A. ECONOMIC BENEFITS** **25 Points**
- Job Creation and Retention
 - Benefits Economy through Infrastructure Projects
 - Promotes Economic Resiliency
 - Beneficial Impacts to Local & Regional Economy
 - Promotes Tourism, Eco-Tourism, Recreation & Wildlife Tourism
 - Promotes Gulf Seafood Marketing
- B. ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS** **25 Points**
- Restores, Conserves & Preserves Habitat
 - Protects or Enhances Rare and Threatened Resources
 - Replenishes & Protects Living Coastal & Marine Resources
 - Restores & Protects Water Quality and Quantity
 - Contributes to Landscape Level Environmental Enhancement
- C. COMPREHENSIVE FACTORS** **20 Points**
- Complements Other Projects
 - Promotes Community Resiliency
 - Promotes Ecological Resiliency
 - Part of a Federal, State or Local Coastal Plan
 - Promotes Recreational, Historical, Cultural & Educational Uses
- D. PROJECT LOGISTICS** **20 Points**
- Project Readiness & Planning
 - Likelihood of Success
 - Long-term Operation & Management
 - Success Criteria & Monitoring
 - Based on Best Available Science
 - Cost-Effectiveness
- E. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** **20 Points**
- Public Support & Participation
 - Financial Partners & Funding

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DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY

The final project application rankings are compiled and submitted to the Governor and/or his designee for review and final approval. The Governor or his designee may make changes to the project rankings upon consideration of other discretionary factors related to protecting, preserving, restoring, or enhancing the natural and economic resources of the Texas coast.