



Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
Gulf Coast Conservation Corps Webinar
January 15, 2020
2:30 - 3:15 Central Time

Question and Answer

1) Question: (Anne Beeman) Do you mind describing in detail how the funding is allocated? I read that it is coming from the CPS Grants but would like to know whether the funding comes from a certain state or federal agency, CPS, or taking a portion from each grant, etc.

RESTORE Council staff answer: This funding would be available by reallocating funds previously approved in the Council's 2017 Commitment and Planning Support Funded Priorities List (CPS FPL). The CPS FPL approved up to \$2.1M over 5 years to each Council member to conduct planning, partner collaboration, and other related activities in support of meeting commitments made in its 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update: Restoring the Gulf Coast's Ecosystem & Economy. The Council realized cost-savings in conducting these activities that may be redirected to the Gulf Coast Conservation Corps Program, thus eliminating the need to apportion new funds from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Trust Fund (Trust Fund). These savings are not from grants that have been awarded, but rather from apportioned funds that certain members did not request. Specifically, the Council is proposing to approve an additional \$2M to continue this program for approximately 16 months longer than was originally approved in the Initial FPL. The U.S Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration would be provided an additional \$1.7M and the U.S. Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs would be provided an additional \$300K.