**Long Island Sound Futures Fund 2025 Proposal Narrative**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** **This is the narrative portion of the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) application. Narrative should not exceed 8 pages in a 11-point font with 1 inch margins. Do not delete questions.**

**1. CCMP Project Theme:** Check **one** “Theme” from [the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Long Island Sound 2020-2024](https://longislandsoundstudy.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/LISSCCMP-Update-2020-2024.pdf) (CCMP) which describes the primary outcome of the proposed project:

[ ]  Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds

[ ]  Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife

[ ]  Sustainable and Resilient Communities

**2. CCMP Project Type:** Check **one** category that describes the primary project activities.

1. **For planning:**

[ ]  EPA 9 Element watershed plan

[ ]  Community Engagement, Planning and Priority setting

[ ]  Feasibility, Suitability or Alternatives Analysis

[ ]  Site Assessment and Conceptual Design

[ ]  Final Design and Permits

[ ]  Partnership to scale up water quality or habitat restoration project implementation

1. **For other types of projects:**

[ ]  Water Quality Implementation

[ ]  Habitat Restoration Implementation

[ ]  Resilience Implementation

[ ]  Invasives Control

[ ]  Education/Engagement

[ ]  Technical Assistance

**3. Data Collection:** [ ] Check if your project proposes to collect data[[1]](#footnote-2) and is using this data for environmental decision making. **NOTE: if checking this section, YOU MUST complete the QAPP Data Collection Information Form and add to the Uploads section of your Easygrants online proposal.**

**4. Problem/Solution:** Describe the following:

A. Specific problem(s) addressed by the project

B. How the project will help address/solve the problem

C. Why the problem and solution are relevant to protection and restoration of the health and/or living resources of the Sound. For projects in non-coastal CT or the upper basin watershed states (MA, NH, VT) describe the direct benefit of the project to the Sound in terms of reducing downstream nitrogen/nutrient pollution loading

**5.** **Implementation Actions:** Review the [LISFF Metrics and CCMP Implementation Action (IA) Tracking Guidance](https://www.nfwf.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/lisff-2024-metrics-and-implementation-action-tracking-guidance.pdf) or you may look by CMMP Theme page under [Summary of Updated IAs](https://longislandsoundstudy.net/2021/01/ccmp-implementation-actions-supplemental-documents/). **NOTE:** **You mustidentify the IA action associated with your project metrics entered in Easygrants for your proposal. Please select *no more than* three IAs.**

**Table: Implementation Actions**

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| **Implementation Action #** | **Implementation Action Title** |
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**6. Workplan:** Provide a work plan, including a: description of *each* major activity to be undertaken by the project and the method used to carry out that activity, timetable indicating when activities and accomplishments and a description of strategy and resources for long-term maintenance/monitoring.

**Table: Timetable for Project Activities**

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| **Activity** | **Time Period** |
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**7. Engagement:** Describe the outreach and community engagement activities and how the community has been or will be engaged in project development and implementation, including how those activities will be monitored and measured.

**8. Qualifications.** Describe the organizational qualifications and capacity, staff, and/or consultants. Where consultants are proposed but not yet selected, describe the experience and qualifications sought and the responsibility(ies) of the project team in project delivery.

**9. Prior LISFF Grant(s).** If you have received a prior grant under LISFF in the period 2020-2022 provide a one-paragraph summary of progress associated with that grant relative to proposed activities and outcomes.

1. Examples of data collection or use that require a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP): new data collection, existing data use, data collection associated with development or design of plans, sample results, observations, measurements, surveys and survey results (people and environmental media), mapping environmental processes or conditions, water or other environmental media monitoring, secondary data, model development or use.If you are not sure if the project requires a QAPP contact Victoria.Moreno@nfwf.org and provide a short description (one to two paragraphs about the project methods. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)