

State of Alabama

Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) Gulf-wide Restoration Coordination and Support

Alabama proposes to utilize RESTORE funding to sustain and ensure stable funding for the well-established gulf-wide coordination efforts of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA). GOMA is a regional partnership that includes State and Federal agencies, academia, business & industry, non-governmental conservation organizations, and private citizens. Funding is specifically sought to support two ongoing efforts of GOMA: 1) general coordination (\$2,887,500) and 2) the efforts of GOMA's Habitat Conservation and Restoration Team (HCRT) (\$5,925,000). The proposed project provides programmatic support for GOMA's collaborative partnership to conduct coordination so priorities can be aligned, duplication of efforts will be minimized and leveraging of opportunities can be identified. Further, GOMA proposes to utilize project funds to complete and sustain the "DWH Project Tracker," a centralized directory of projects funded by Deepwater Horizon based restoration sources. GOMA's HCRT proposes to implement a Regional Sediment Management and Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials Program to support small-scale beneficial use projects in all the Gulf States by providing financial support to those associated with habitat restoration, while also enhancing the implementation of an existing community-based, small-scale restoration program. The HCRT will also support the establishment of an online geospatial decision-making tool to support local and regional beneficial use and habitat restoration projects. Requested funding amount: \$8,262,500.