

## Questions Received Regarding FY2022 RFPs

**We will post and answer all RFP questions submitted in writing below.**

**Question:** In category 4, we noticed that in the rubric on page 23, the minimum match is listed as 50% in the scoring rubric, even though the RFP and fist page of the score sheet lists 25%. Can you please just confirm if 25% minimum match is correct?

**Answer:** The correct match amount for the Category 4 (Science and Innovation Projects) RFP is 25%.

**Question:** We are working with a city in developing improvement plans to address stormwater water quality including Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will aid in reducing nutrient loading (total nitrogen and total phosphorous) to the St. Lucie River and Estuary. The City desires to incorporate permeable paver blocks as a structural BMP. We believe that the City's project would be eligible for funding consideration. Based upon this brief description, do you see any elements that may preclude it from consideration?

**Answer:** An important requirement of the Water Quality Restoration RFP is that the project quantify expected nutrient reduction. As long as nutrient reduction can be reasonably and logically quantified for this project, it should be eligible for funding. The City's proposal should reflect an understanding of all the RFP requirements and outline how the City will meet them should the project be funded.

**Question:** Can a private company (i.e., LLC or corp.) be the lead entity in the IRL Council/IRLNEP program proposal and a public entity or non-profit be listed as the partner, or is it better to list the public entity or non-profit as the lead and the private company as the partner? Maybe it doesn't make a difference?

**Answer:** Yes. A private company can be the lead on a project so long as all the requirements in the RFP are met. The proposal should state which partner will lead the project and enter into the contract, if awarded. Proposers from private companies are encouraged to review the sample contract included in the RFP to ensure it is a contract that the entity is willing and able to enter into.

**Question:** At the bottom of p. 19 of the Science & Innovation Evaluation Criteria, it states whether the "project demonstrates greater than 50% match requirement". Shouldn't it be "greater than 25% match requirement" since it is for a Science & Innovation project (Category 4) and not a Water Quality Restoration Project (Category 1)?

**Answer:** Yes. We have corrected that error in the RFP. To avoid any confusion, you may wish to refresh your browser and download a new copy of the RFP.