SOAR Shellfish Growers Resiliency Fund

**Small RFP Application**

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| **Instructions** |
| Please carefully fill out the application below for the Shellfish Growers Resiliency Fund small RFP. All applications, including supporting materials, must be submitted in one email to [soar@tnc.org](mailto:soar@tnc.org).  In the subject line, please include the name of the project and “Small RFP”. The application must be submitted in Microsoft Word or PDF. The budget worksheet must be completed in Microsoft Excel. Please do not combine documents.  For additional information about eligibility, priorities, deadlines, and processes, please check out the SOAR Shellfish Growers Resiliency Fund Small RFP Guidelines or visit the [SOAR website](https://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/provide-food-and-water-sustainably/food-and-water-stories/oyster-covid-relief-restoration/?vu=soar&tab_q=tab_container_copy-tab_element_1633269539). **Please do not use this application for large awards.**  If you have questions about the application or the RFP, please contact Christina Popolizio at [c.d.popolizio@tnc.org](mailto:c.d.popolizio@tnc.org).  **Submission Deadline:** 9:00 am Eastern Time on **May 17, 2021**  By completing the application, you agree to TNC´s [Terms of Use](https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/who-we-are/accountability/terms-of-use/) and [Privacy Statement](https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/who-we-are/accountability/privacy-policy/). |

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| **Applicant Information** | |
| Name of Business/Organization: |  |
| Contact Name (First and Last): |  |
| Position/Title: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| Applicant Address (street, city, state, zip code): |  |
| Name of Project: |  |

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| **Applicant Eligibility: What type of group do you represent? (check one)** | |
|  | **Shellfish growers**: e.g. oysters, clams, geoducks, mussels, scallops, abalones |
|  | **Shellfish aquaculture industry associations** |
|  | **Supply chain companies supporting aquaculture**: seafood processors and dealers, hatcheries, gear providers, technology providers |
|  | **Other** (please explain): |

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| **Priority Alignment: How does your project align with the program priorities? (check all that apply)** | |
|  | Farmer engagement in shellfish restoration, marine conservation, or environmental outcomes |
|  | Efficient farming operations |
|  | Product marketing to increase demand |
|  | New products and species |
|  | Diversity, equity, and inclusion in the shellfish aquaculture industry |

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| **SOAR Purchase Program** | |
| **Did you receive funding under the SOAR Resiliency Purchase Program? (check one)** | |
|  | Yes, I received funding from the SOAR Purchase Program. |
|  | No, I did not receive funding from the SOAR Purchase Program. |

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| **Project Overview** | |
| **Name of Project:** |  |
| **Project Description:** (4-5 sentences) |  |
| **Why is the project a good fit with the SOAR funding priorities?** (450 words max) |  |
| **What is the intended outcome of the project?**   (450 words max) |  |
| **How will you determine/gauge if the project is successful?** (450 words max) |  |
| **Why do you think the project is achievable in a 1-year time period?** (450 words max) |  |

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| **Project Impact** | |
| **How do you intend to share the results of the project with other farmers?**  (300 words max) |  |
| **Is the project innovative? Please describe.** (300 words max)  If not applicable, write N/A. |  |
| **How will the project support diversity, equity, and inclusion in the shellfish aquaculture industry?** (300 words max)  If not applicable, write N/A. |  |

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| **Financial Overview** | |
| **This information should match the budget worksheet.** | |
| **SOAR Resiliency Fund Request Amount** ($20,000 USD max) | $ |
| **Match Funding Contribution**(optional) | $ |
| **Total Project Expenses** | $ |
| **Proposed Project Start Date:** | **Estimated Completion Date:** |

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| **Budget & Expenses** | |
| **How did you project the costs?** (200 words max) |  |
| **Why do you think the budget is cost-effective?** (200 words max) |  |
| **If you have matching funds[[1]](#footnote-1), please explain and indicate if the funds are in-kind, applied for, pledged, or in-hand.** (200 words max)  If not applicable, write N/A. |  |

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| **Exhibits (please attach the following)** |
| **Exhibit A (required):** Project Budget - See accompanying Excel Budget Worksheet.  **Exhibit B (if applicable):** Supporting information - Please provide any additional information that you feel would be useful in reviewing your application. This could include photos and diagrams.  **Exhibit C (if applicable):** Matching Funds -Please include accompanying documentation for matching funds. |

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1. Match funds: Resources contributed to the project but are not included in the budget request. This may include “cash matching” funds. It may also include estimate “in-kind” match, such as the cost of uncompensated employee time dedicated to the project, or an appropriate share of uncompensated equipment and/or supplies utilized in the project. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)