

FY 2023 RCPP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO)

Sample RCPP Project Proposal Budget

Summarizes, but does not supplant: NFO (USDA-NRCS-NHQ-RCPP-23- NOFO0001304, Issued May 2023) and Current **RCPP Partner Proposal Guide** (dated 5/25/2023)

Key Considerations raised by NFO and web-site:

- **NFO indicates need for budget upload; the only “uploads” required are:**
 - **1) population of fund requests in portal, with variable levels of detail possible. (Partner responsible for providing level of detail appropriate to support proposed project structure and address all evaluation criteria.)**
 - **2) detailed contribution letters (see contribution letter sample, located near bottom of how to apply page)**
- **Current (2023!) version of the RCPP Partner Proposal Guide** is located in the “Resources for Submitting a Proposal” near the bottom of the how to apply web page.

Key Considerations for Proposal Budgets:

Contributions: (additional detail available in **RCPP Partner Proposal Guide**, pages 12-14)

Required: One contribution entry per partner (total must match associated contribution letter; contribution letter template updated for current NFO; greater detail required in contribution letters than in prior NFOs.)

Optional: Additional detail to support proposal e.g., cash vs. in-kind, year of implementation etc.

RCPP Financial Assistance (FA): (additional detail available in **RCPP Partner Proposal Guide**, pages 15-17)

Required: Minimum 1 FA deliverable for each RCPP FA activity type proposed: (1) Land Improvement, (2) Rentals, (3) Easements, U.S.- Held, (4) Easements, Entity-Held, and (5) Public Works/Watersheds

Optional: Additional FA deliverables possible where partner elects to detail planned purposes or timing within any given **RCPP FA activity type** obligations/implementation as part of proposal.

RCPP Technical Assistance (TA): (additional detail available in **RCPP Partner Proposal Guide**, pages 17-19)

Because portal “sets” default TA at allowable maximum (25% of project total), TA data entry is not necessarily required.

- **However, if Partner seeking TA:** please document TA request by creating a minimum of one TA deliverable line for TA-I and/or TA-E (as applicable).
- Note: TA is not set by proposal, and may have to be re-negotiated regardless during partnership agreement negotiations.

Sample Budgets are included on the following page. Details should be discussed with project coordinators.

Sample Budget 1: RCPP Classic, Land Management, NRCS Led TA Delivery

Lead Partner/Applicant uploads budget into portal by entering deliverable level data into portal data entry fields, for each deliverable, within each of the following sections: Contributions, Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance.

Partner Contributions

Select Deliverables

* Note: Please enter criteria to search the deliverables by Calendar Year, State, Activity Type, and Contract Type.

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#	CALENDAR YEAR ↑	Cash/In-kind	Contribution Category	CT	Proposed Typical Activity	Amount
1	2028	Cash	Land Management		Partner to provide cash to reduce producer out of pocket expenses by 10% of typical cost (or until funds consumed/delivered)	\$3,000,000.00
2	2028	In-Kind	Technical Assistance		TA-E to support project outcome assessment	\$150,000.00

Financial Assistance

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#	CALENDAR YEAR	STATE	ACTIVITY TYPE	TYPICAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET
1	2028	CA	Land Management	FA to address project RCs, as selected by NRCS via standard processes, and obligated annually for first 2-3 years of project until consumed.	\$6,650,000.00
2	2028	CA	Land Management	5% reserve for cost over runs; to be used as needed by NRCS to help sustain program contract viability following initial obligations	\$332,500.00

Technical Assistance

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1	2024	CA	Enhancement TA	First year TA, for project management (excluding outcome assessment); funds to be obligated to address known partner TA-E needs in first year of active project	\$150,000.00
2	2028	CA	Enhancement TA	Out year enhancement TA, to be obligated as future needs identified. Controls will be established to ensure TA contributions do not overlap RCPP funded TA deliverables.	\$150,000.00

Sample Budget 2: RCPP Classic, Entity Held Easement, NRCS Led TA Delivery

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#	CALENDAR YEAR	Cash/In-kind	Contribution Category	CT	Proposed Typical Activity	Amount
1	2028	Cash			"non-federal share" of entity held conservation easements (25% of requested FA as all easements expected to serve HU land owners, and to include US right of enforcement; if HU demand does not materialize by year 3, general sign up to be offered, and partners agree to provide higher required non-federal share as contributions as necessary)	\$5,000,000.00
2	2028	In-Kind	Entity Held Easements		Entity due diligence (as outlined in attached contribution letter)	\$150,000.00

Financial Assistance

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1	2028	CA	Entity Held Easements	FA to support fed share of entity held easements (standard valuation methods and easement processes, "attach" minimum deed terms option). Includes cost over run funds such that initial obligations may be held to 90% of this amount.	\$15,000,000.00

Technical Assistance

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