2027 Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund Review Panel – Full Proposal Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation framework for the full proposal is shown in the first two columns of the table below. The third column describes the elements needed to achieve the maximum points in each category. Each Full Proposal must reach a minimum of 70 points to be considered for funding.

Proposal Section	Point Range	Criteria for Maximum Points
1. General Information - Profile	n/a	n/a
2. Project Description – Overall (90%)		
2.A. Purpose	0 – 10	10 = purpose defined clearly; identifies which RFA priority/priorities will be addressed and how the project will result in improved estuarine condition(s) as a result
2.B. Project Description & Work Plan	0 – 15	15 = work plan and timeline clearly describe project broken down by task, including what deliverables will result and when; QAPP requirements addressed; addresses land control and access permissions, if applicable
2.C. Impact	0 – 15	15 = clearly describes how it will produce tangible on-the-ground improvements and explains how the impact is measured in the project area or receiving waters; describes clear outputs and outcomes of project with quantitative metrics; has either significant local/regional impact
2.D. Map	0 – 5	5 = includes map that clearly demonstrates how the project will occur within the Long Island Sound eligibility areas
2.E. Alignment with the CCMP	0 – 5	5 = proposal explicitly details how the proposed activities relate to the priority goals of the CCMP and Actions [e.g., CCMP Action #XYZ: addresses habitat loss]
2.F. Project Team	0 – 10	10 = project partners identified clearly, along with the role(s) they will play and qualifications; team reflects active engagement with community in which they will be working
2.G. Stakeholders	0 – 10	10 = clearly describes how project will directly or indirectly benefit communities, individuals, or organizations. Demonstrate how this project will be community-led.

2.H. Capacity Building	0 – 10	10 = project demonstrates intention to build overall capacity for the applicant
2.I. Outreach	0 – 10	10 = well planned outreach including different approaches for general/lay and resources managers; deliverables and channels identified clearly (e.g., meetings, social media, news outlets, etc.); demonstrates commitment to share final results and reports to be made publicly available
3. Budget (10%)	0 – 10	10 = budget is clearly shown in the proper required categories and the written narrative describes activities and costs well; cost is reasonable for work proposed; need for funding described well
Total	0 – 100	