



2027 Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund Review Panel –
Letters of Intent Evaluation Criteria

For the LOIs, we have established a four-point system, as described in the RFA:

- 1 – Fails to meet program goals and priorities and/or does not contain one or more required elements – non-qualifying application.
- 2 – Adequately meets program goals and priorities but needs strengthening – qualifying application.
- 3 – Meets program goals and priorities well – qualifying application.
- 4 – Strongly meets program goals and priorities – outstanding project potential.

The priorities for the Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund are:

- Projects that result in quantifiable pollutant prevention or reduction.
- Restoring habitat within the Important Coastal Habitat Types targeted by LIS Partnership.
- Projects that foster a diverse balance and abundant populations of fish, birds, and wildlife.
- Public engagement, knowledge, and stewardship.
- Projects that enhance community resilience and sustainability.
- Planning and design that set-the-stage for implementation of water quality projects, eligible habitat restoration projects and resilience projects.
- Community-based science projects.
- Data management and integration projects.
- Other similar activities that the applicant proposes, and EPA approves, that are consistent with section 119 of the Clean Water Act.

Each successful LOI *must* demonstrate how the proposal will affect one or more of these priorities.

We have established the following guidelines to hopefully provide some additional structure to your decision making:



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Addresses at least one LISCIF priority				
All sections complete				
Demonstrates good administrative and implementation capacities, qualities, or processes				
Budget is clear and detailed				
Budget demonstrates that the effort is cost effective				