

State of Maine
Master Score Sheet

RFP# 202311232					
Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Application					
Bidder Name:		3 Rivers Land Trust	7 Lakes Alliance-VWM	7 Lakes Alliance-CLP	30 Mile River Watershed - Andro
Proposed Cost:		\$33,472 (2)	\$49,340	\$67,180 (2)	\$13,000
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Purpose and Scope	30	28	30	30	30
Section III: Goals	10	10	10	9	10
Section IV: Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and Timeline 	20	17	18	19	19
Section V: Monitoring	15	7	10	10	15
Section VI: Local resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/experience (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	20	23	23	23
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>97</u>

Bidder Name:		30 Mile River Watershed-Tilton	Balch Lake Improvement	Community Lakes Association	Downeast Lakes Land trust
Proposed Cost:		\$4,500	\$14,000	14,387 (2)	165,200 (2)
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Purpose and Scope	30	28	20	28	29
Section III: Goals	10	10	7	7	10
Section IV: Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Strategy and Timeline 	20	19	15	17	16
Section V: Monitoring	15	15	11	12	15
Section VI: Local resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training/experience (15) Cost and Match (10) 	25	23	19	20	16
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>86</u>

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Bidder Name:		Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed	Friends of Messalonskee	Hogan and Whitney Pond	Town of Kittery
Proposed Cost:		\$120,000 (2)	\$57,110	\$25,560 (2)	\$17,376 (2)
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Purpose and Scope	30	28	20	27	25
Section III: Goals	10	8	10	9	9
Section IV: Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and Timeline 	20	19	16	15	15
Section V: Monitoring	15	15	13	12	12
Section VI: Local resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/experience (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	25	18	12	17
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>78</u>

Bidder Name:		Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council	Lakes Environmental Association	Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee	Little Sebago Lake Association
Proposed Cost:		160,000 (2)	\$130,000 (2)	\$1,960	\$34,000 (2)
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Purpose and Scope	30	25	28	20	28
Section III: Goals	10	8	10	8	10
Section IV: Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Strategy and Timeline 	20	15	18	16	17
Section V: Monitoring	15	13	14	13	15
Section VI: Local resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training/experience (15) Cost and Match (10) 	25	19	25	23	25
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>95</u>

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Bidder Name:		Mousam Lake Regional Association	Friends of Shagg Pond	Thompson Lake Environmental Association	Three Ponds Protective Association
Proposed Cost:		\$14,921	\$17,864	\$20,000	\$15,000
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Section II: Purpose and Scope	30	30	6	26	18
Section III: Goals	10	10	4	6	6
Section IV: Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and Timeline 	20	20	7	15	16
Section V: Monitoring	15	15	8	13	9
Section VI: Local resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/experience (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23	15	17	20
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>69</u>

Bidder Name:		West Pond Association			
Proposed Cost:		\$56,000 (2)			
Scoring Sections	Points Available				
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass			
Section II: Purpose and Scope	30	29			
Section III: Goals	10	9			
Section IV: Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas Strategy and Timeline 	20	19			
Section V: Monitoring	15	15			
Section VI: Local resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training/experience (15) Cost and Match (10) 	25	23			
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>			



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March 26, 2024

Three Rivers Land Trust
PO Box 295
Alfred, ME 04027

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Ruth Gutman:

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7 Lakes Alliance
PO Box 250
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Laura Rose Day:

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30 Mile River Watershed Association
P.O. Box 132
Mount Vernon, ME 04352

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
Invasive Aquatic Plant Cost Share Application**

Dear Lidie Robbins:

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Balch Lake Improvement Association
P.O. Box 0494
East Wakefield, NH 03830

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Sue Jackman:

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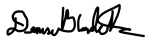
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March 26, 2024

Community Lakes Association
65 Camp Road
Bryant Pond, ME 04219

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Cheryl Shattenberg-Plassmann:

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AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

March 26, 2024

Downeast Lakes Land Trust
4 Water Street
Grand Lake Stream, ME 04668

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Nicole Nygren:

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AWARD NOTIFICATION LETTER

March 26, 2024

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed
P.O. Box 206
East Winthrop, ME 04343

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
Invasive Aquatic Plant Cost Share Application**

Dear Alex Dyer:

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Friends of Messalonskee
P.O. Box 532
Oakland, ME 04963

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
Invasive Aquatic Plant Cost Share Application**

Dear Kathy Moore:

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Hogan Whitney Ponds Association
296 Beacon Street
Waltham, MA 02451

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Rich Auren:

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Town of Kittery
200 Rogers Road
Kittery, ME 03904

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Jessa Kellogg:

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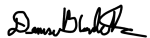
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Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council
206 Old Portland Road
North Waterboro, ME 04061

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Lakes Environmental Association
203 Maine Street
Bridgeton, ME 04009

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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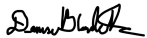
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Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee
P.O. Box 125
Lovell, ME 04061

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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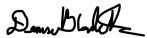
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Little Sebago Lake Association
P.O. Box 912
Windham, ME 04062

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Pam Wilkinson:

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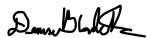
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March 26, 2024

Mousam Lake Regional Association
P.O. Box 333
Springvale, ME 04083

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Friends of Shagg Pond
P.O. Box 111
Sumner, ME 04292

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Donald Porter:

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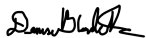
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March 26, 2024

Thompson Lake Environmental Association
P.O. Box 25
Oxford, ME 04270

**SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFA # 202311232
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Dear Alex Bernardy:

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March 26, 2024

Three Ponds Protective Association
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Milton, NH 03851

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March 26, 2024

West Pond Association
235 Bolt Hill Road
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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL COST SHARE APPLICATION

BIDDER: 3 Rivers Land Trust

DATE: 2/15/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

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Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
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<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28
Section III. Goals	10	10
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	17
Monitoring	15	7
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>82</u>

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Preliminary Information**

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Evaluation Team Comments:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Good description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses.
 - Discusses extent of the infestation, past work and current work to be done. Listing priorities based past work and status and priorities expressed by DEP high traffic areas and dense areas.
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted - Variable Leaf watermilfoil
Previous Control Strategies described DASH and barriers.
 - Discusses proposed strategies and actions for grant cycle, using proven methods of barriers and hand pulling. 5 year management plan with good likelihood of success.
- III. Priority
 - 2-year project
 - Plan builds of previous years

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Realistic clear and practical goals. Looking for long term sustainability with establishing lakes association. Discuss education and out reach.

- I. Goals
 - Clear concise goals
- II. States Goals for Spread prevention, early detection and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	17

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objectives did describe how to reach goals.
- II. No public launch describes coordination Clear description of prevention efforts. Preventing spread.
- III. Describes location of work. Vague on how to form lake association, mention training volunteers to help with removal yet were unclear on how it should happen.
- IV. Builds off previous work with continued barriers and hand pulling.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

**STATE OF MAINE
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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Briefly describes roles for surveys, with volunteers.
 - Map of Infested areas
 - Map of areas to work. Use Survey 123

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Staff and volunteers training and experience.
 - 3RLT staff have experience, pulling in residence and volunteers that have experience with CBI on other ponds. Locally developed program/contracted services
 - Have a plan for contractor and logistics for contractor to get on the pond to do the work. If local resources available, boats, gear certified divers,
 - Some capacity. Responsible for finances Involved board. Hire an experienced contractor. 2nd year working on the project.
- II. Cost and Match
 - 35% Cash match All funds for divers.
 - community support of lake residents and volunteers
 - Looking to establish lake association.

**STATE OF MAINE
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 202311232
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BIDDER: 7 Lakes Alliance CLP
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Evaluation Team Comments:

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	30

Evaluation Team Comments:

2 Year grant. Detailed description on AIS history and removal work. Also detail of survey objectives and Outlines strategies for staff equipment and time. Outreach to community members. 2 plant paddles do complete lake surveys. 2 access points Crew splits time between other infestations.

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 - Builds of previous years

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	9

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Brief clear goals for prevention early detection plant management

- I. Goals
 - Clear concise goals
- II. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	19

Evaluation Team Comments:

Brief. Much of the detail in the project and scope section A. Remove all plants increase volunteers with workshops. Map plant locations to assess removal success.

- I. Objective clearly meet steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address spread prevention, early detection and management
- III. Describes location of work. People and resources needed and time frame to complete
- IV. Builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

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Survey all infested. Excellent description of monitoring and coordination with lake associations. Host 2 plant paddles. Timing is good for plant growth. Increasing effort to get more work done. Provide an overview map.

- I. Annual Surveys before and after work described.
 - Map of Infested areas
 - Map of areas to work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Demonstrates trained experienced staff and volunteers.
 - Locally developed program/contracted services
 - If local resources available, boats, gear certified divers,
 - Capacity to manage the project.

Extensive training and experience over many years several workshops every year.
Lake trusts strong collaborative for the watershed.

- II. Cost and Match
 - 50% cash match
 - Demonstrates strong community support.
 - Describe how it will be sustained and five-year plan

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BIDDER: 7 Lakes Alliance VWM

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)		
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	30
Section III. Goals	10	10
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	18
Monitoring	15	10
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>91</u>

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information 501©3, municipal, known substantiated AIS

Evaluation Team Comments:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	30

Evaluation Team Comments:

1 Year Thorough overview and summary of the infestation and waterbody. Good control reported from herbicide treatment allowing focus on other areas within the lake. One plant in GMS. Two new areas Richards Point Cove and Dry Point Cove. 3-4 plants. Describes control strategies and balance with multiple infestations in watershed. Work with shorefront owners on Clean Drain Dry. Dedicated trained crews survey weekly decontaminate between sites.

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Good description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses.
 - Discusses extent of the infestation, past work, and current work to be done. Listing priorities based past work and status and priorities expressed by DEP high traffic areas and dense areas.
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted - Variable Leaf watermilfoil
 - Previous Control Strategies described DASH and barriers.
 - Proposed strategies and actions for grant cycle, proven methods, likelihood of success, plan for monitoring.
- III. Priority
 - Multi-year project 2-year project

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- Builds of previous years

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

For spread prevention within the lake. Remove plants as soon as possible eradicate new areas. Goals

- Clear concise realistic goals
- Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management. Visit Messalonskee to learn infestation history. Looking for long term sustainability with establishing lakes association. Discuss education and outreach.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

Use survey 123 describe work Most work is described in tables and goals. Build off previous work. Not a lot of detail here, but provided in other areas.

- I. Objective clearly meet steps to achieve goals- Prioritize work
- II. Objective address spread prevention, early detection and management
- III. Describes location of work. People and resources needed and time frame to complete

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IV. Builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Annual frequent survey of ASI infestation. Survey additional areas Adopt a shoreline spend time on Messalonskee in 2024. Train public on id and survey. Provided some detail in how they survey. In water surveys and track survey history. Adapted surveys to doing it in a way that gets the information they need to evaluate the infestation.

Use Survey 123 for mapping

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training and Experience (15)• Cost and Match (10)	25	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

Trained experience crew and program manager Own DASH and hire contractor. Specify logistics of staging and disposal. Discuss plant ID workshops at farmer's market. Strong Community Support.

- I. Demonstrates trained experience staff and volunteers.
 - Locally developed program/contracted services
 - If local resources available, boats, gear certified divers,
 - Capacity to manage the project.
- I. Cost and Match
 - 20% or greater cash match
 - Does the project demonstrate strong community support?
 - Does project describe how it will be sustained?

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RFP TITLE: INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL COST SHARE APPLICATION

BIDDER: 30 Mile River Watershed - Androscoggin

DATE: 2/15/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	30
Section III. Goals	10	10
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	19
Monitoring	15	15
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>97</u>

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Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information 501©3, known substantiated AIS, approved methods

Evaluation Team Comments:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	30

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Good description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses.
 - Discusses extent of the infestation, past work, and current work to be done. Listing priorities based past work and status and priorities expressed by DEP high traffic areas and dense areas. Reference 5 year management plan. Level 3 survey
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted - Variable Leaf watermilfoil. 8 days removal in 2023 looking similar in 2024
Previous Control Strategies described hand pulling by divers and barriers to do in 2024.
 - Proposed strategies and actions for grant cycle, proven methods, likelihood of success, plan for monitoring. Public outreach and education and extended CBI coverage. Detailed timelines show increase capacity to meet the needs of the infestation.
- III. Priority Rapid response, small new infestation
 - Builds of previous years. 1 year grant request

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Continue to survey

- I. Goals
 - Clear concise goals eradication
- II. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	19

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Bi-weekly monitoring on difficult spots. Objective clearly meet steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address spread prevention, early detection survey all littoral zones
- III. Map provided; Survey 123 used to describes location of work. People and resources needed and time frame to complete.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

Monitoring effectiveness of barriers. Coordinating with lake association for full lake survey. Timing to assess will meet the needs of the infestation survey to success at end of season.

- I. Annual Surveys before and after work described.
 - Map of Infested areas
 - Map of areas to work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Demonstrates trained experienced staff and volunteers.
 - Locally developed program/contracted services. Project leader has extensive experience. Returning diver and field staff
 - Strong community support with volunteers for survey and marking plants.
 - Demonstrates capacity to manage the project.
- II. Cost and Match
 - 63% cash match

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BIDDER: 30 Mile River Watershed - Tilton

DATE: 2/15/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28
Section III. Goals	10	10
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	19
Monitoring	15	15
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>

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Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information 501©3, known substantiated AIS, approved methods

Evaluation Team Comments:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Good description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses. Carry in launch managed by association.
 - Discusses extent of the infestation, past survey work, and current work to be done for spread prevention and plant observation. Lists priorities to high traffic areas.
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted - Variable Leaf watermilfoil
Previous Control Strategies described DASH and barriers.
 - Proposed strategies and actions for grant cycle, proven methods, likelihood of success, plan for monitoring.
- III. Priority
 - 1 year management project. New waterbody for this applicant

EVALUATION OF SECTION III

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Goals

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Goals
 - Clear concise goals. Reasonable to accomplish. Goals also include survey goals
- II. Goals for Spread prevention, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	19

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective clearly meet steps to achieve goals. New infestation using screens to prevent downstream spread
- II. Objective address spread prevention, early detection and management
- III. Describes location of work. Work with volunteers and staff to complete described work
- IV. New Infestation will builds off previous survey work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	15

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey David Pond on timing to meet the biology of the plant. Sound plan.

- I. Annual Surveys before and after work described.
 - Map of Infested areas, survey for flowers and remove.
 - Will map areas to work with Survey 123.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

Experienced staff and project manager. Limited experience with this plant as it is new to the state. 35% match Town and lake resident support

- I. Demonstrates trained experience staff and volunteers.
 - Limited experience with this plant, Yet it is a new plant to the state and will work to monitor growth and patters.
- II. Cost and Match, Community Support, Sustainability
 - 20% or greater cash match
 - 35% Cash Match. Strong community support, renewed interest and involvement with new AIS plant species.

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BIDDER: Balch Lake Improvement Association

DATE: 2/15/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	20
Section III. Goals	10	7
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	15
Monitoring	15	11
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	19
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>72</u>

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BIDDER: Balch Lake Improvement Association

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information 501©3, known substantiated AIS, approved methods

Evaluation Team Comments:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Brief description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses.
 - Limited details discussed on the extent of the infestation, past work, and current work to be done. Does highlight need to prevent spread
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted – Variable leaf watermilfoil
 - Previous Control Strategies described as contracted DASH hiring new contractor
 - Have had past success will monitor new contractor.
- III. Priority
 - 1 year project
 - Builds of previous years work with NH. Boarder lake

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>

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Section III. Goals	10	7
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Evaluation Team Comments:

I. Goals

Limited goals stated.
Prevent downstream spread, look for new AIS

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

Very brief Objective information steps to achieve goals
Objective address some spread prevention, early detection and management
Provides limited map on location of work. Does not detail people and resources needed and time frame to complete tasks
Some build off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	11

Evaluation Team Comments:

I. Annual Surveys before and after work described.

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- Map of areas to work, but of limited detail
- Minimal description to approach for assessing results. Provided map and described more in tables.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training and Experience• Cost and Match	25	19

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Demonstrates trained experience staff and volunteers.
 - Locally developed program/contracted services
 - If local resources available, boats, gear certified divers,
 - Capacity to manage the project.
 - Cost and Match - 20% or greater cash match Does the project demonstrate strong community support? Does project describe how it will be sustained?

Comments:

No mention of experience of contractor High participation with camp owners. Town support, 86% CASH. Project has been ongoing for more than 10 years and successfully transitioned to new management and contractor.

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BIDDER: Community Lakes Association

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28
Section III. Goals	10	7
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	17
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>84</u>

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BIDDER: Community Lakes Association

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**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information 501©3, known substantiated AIS, Approved methods

Evaluation Team Comments:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Good overall description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses.
 - Discusses some control strategies used and the challenges of previous work and possible solutions for new work. Lists priorities based past work and status and priorities expressed by DEP high traffic areas and dense areas.
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted – Variable leaf watermilfoil
Previous Control Strategies described as DASH and barriers.
 - Proposed strategies and actions for grant cycle, are proven methods with some likelihood of success.
- III. Priority
 - Multi-year project 2 year application
 - Builds of previous years

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	7

Evaluation Team Comments:

Did acknowledge the challenge of someone to hand remove after contractor. Need and careful work.

- I. Goals
 - Stated goal is eradication, which is unlikely.
- II. Limited stated goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	17

Evaluation Team Comments:

Level 3 survey 2024- 2025, no details in how to get the survey done. Briefly describes work with hand pulling and contractor. Use some barriers. Supplemental monitoring in cove. Increase removal efforts with additional diver, does build off previous work.

- I. No detailed objective clearly meet steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address mostly management and spread prevention
- III. Describes location of work provided a map. State need for additional monitoring and diver to complete
- IV. Builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Annual Surveys before and after work described.
 - Map of Infested areas
 - Provided a Map of areas to work, yet it was difficult to read.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

Hire NEM Small dedicated group Jim Chandler more than 10 years' experience. Town support Match 42%

- I. Demonstrates trained experience staff and volunteers.
 - Locally developed program/contracted services
 - If local resources available, boats, gear certified divers,
 - Capacity to manage the project.
- II. Cost and Match
 - 20% or greater cash match
 - Does the project demonstrate strong community support?
 - Does project describe how it will be sustained?

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RFP TITLE: INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL COST SHARE APPLICATION

BIDDER: Downeast Lakes Land Trust

DATE: 2/15/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	29
Section III. Goals	10	10
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	16
Monitoring	15	15
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	16
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>86</u>

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BIDDER: Downeast Lakes Land Trust

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Section I. Preliminary Information 501©3, municipal, known substantiated AIS, Approved methods

Evaluation Team Comments:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	29

Evaluation Team Comments:

2 Year Application. Detailed and comprehensive description of the waterbodies the infestation and extent and locations. Discuss progress toward lessening the density. CBI program has been week. Good maps reference to Survey 123. Mention of Tribal removal divers. DASH contractor and looking to build tribal DASH, EPA doing bathymetry work. Looking for funding for DASH work with contractor

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Good description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses.
 - Discusses extent of the infestation, past work, and current work to be done. Listing priorities based past work and status and priorities expressed by DEP high traffic areas and dense areas.
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted - Previous Control Strategies described DASH and barriers.
 - Proposed strategies and actions for grant cycle, proven methods, likelihood of success, plan for monitoring.
- III. Priority
 - Multi-year project

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- Builds of previous years

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Clear and concise goals from the management plan. Prevent Spread, build local capacity remove small pops and limit growth in dense areas.

- I. Goals
 - Clear concise goalsGoals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

Objectives described and laid out, however do not necessarily provide details on how they will accomplish some task Training for community member, yet not clear of how to engage. Hire contractor and tribal crew. Clear objectives for plant removal

- I. Objective clearly meet steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address spread prevention, early detection and management
- III. Describes location of work. People and resources needed and time frame to complete
- IV. Builds off previous work.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

postsurvey for removal efforts. Use Survey 123 and Google Maps to track. Color coded allows tracking over several years.

- I. Annual Surveys before and after work described.
 - Map of Infested areas
 - Map of areas to work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

Describe the coalition yet do not define the role and tribes work on project. Involve community members and guides. Campmeeting provides housing and funding for contractors.

- I. Demonstrates trained experience staff and volunteers.
 - Locally developed program/contracted services
 - If local resources available, boats, gear certified divers,
 - Capacity to manage the project.
- II. Cost and Match
 - greater than 20% cash match

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BIDDER: Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28
Section III. Goals	10	8
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	19
Monitoring	15	15
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	25
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>

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Evaluation Team Comments:

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28

Evaluation Team Comments:

2 Year Grant Extensive CBI coverage. Extensive discussion of all infestation 3 invasive species. Good overview of ASI species and methods though does not detail the methods of management being used.

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Good description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses.
 - Discusses extent of the infestation, past work, and current work to be done. Listing priorities based past work and status and priorities expressed by DEP high traffic areas and dense areas.
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted - Previous Control Strategies described.
 - Proposed strategies and actions for grant cycle, proven methods, likelihood of success, plan for monitoring.
- III. Priority
 - Multi-year project
 - Builds of previous years

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

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Lot of details that cover objectives more than goals. Goals are also mentioned within the objectives, though the goals are not clear.

- I. Goals
 - Clear concise goals
- II. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	19

Section includes goals and objective together includes methods and FOCW crew for some removal Mention beginning to focus on other waters that have previously had little management. Introducing community assistance in removal of VWM

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective clearly meet steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address spread prevention, early detection and management
- III. Describes location of work. People and resources needed and time frame to complete
- IV. Builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey all waterbodies including uninfested waters. Detailed description of survey teams and how they function. Survey removal area pre and post. Look to survey all of Stream and Ponds. Provided maps.

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- I. Annual Surveys before and after work described.
 - Map of all Infested areas
 - Map of areas to work and survey

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Demonstrates trained experience staff and volunteers.
 - Locally developed program/contracted services
 - If local resources available, boats, gear certified divers,
 - Capacity to manage the project.
- II. Cost and Match 20% or greater cash match
Does the project demonstrate strong community support?
Does project describe how it will be sustained?

Mentions lake associations and volunteers survey 2 a summer. Strong community involvement provides training and outreach for community. Multiple funding resources and experienced staff. DASH coming back online developed some new buoys to enhance safety of diver removal team. Financial support from towns >100% match

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BIDDER: Friends of Messalonskee

DATE: 2/27/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	20
Section III. Goals	10	10
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	16
Monitoring	15	13
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	18
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>77</u>

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Evaluation Team Comments:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

Team Notes:

- I. Overview of the Organization
The narrative does not acknowledge the long history of infestation on lake. Some elements are there but the overall strategy does not detail explain how they will approach the infestations. regional context
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
Not a concrete or concise plan for the management of the infestation
- III. Priority 1 Year application

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

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Evaluation Team Comments:

DASH and Potential Herbicide, mentions surveys and growth assessment prior to DASH. Considered this in Project and Scope section. No overall goals

- I. Goals Clearly stated last one plans for transition.
- II. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

Trained volunteers to survey. Lacks detail Contracted DASH potential new herbicide. Locations are listed on the table.

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals detailed each of the areas to be worked.
- II. Objective address some information on how objectives will meet goals.
- III. Describes work. Do describe methods to use more a restatement of goals. Provide details on sites in Monitoring section
- IV. Builds off previous work. Partnership with 7 lakes and working on a regional plan. The plan to do volunteerism does not have details.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	13

Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey by DASH team and volunteers. Short on details timing and overall use.

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- I. Surveys and Maps. Described using NEM and volunteers to monitor. Describe each individual area. Look to work with 7 lakes and did include a Map and use Survey 123. Does not describe timing of monitoring and who will do it. Maintenance mode does not provide evidence.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training and Experience• Cost and Match	25	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers. 5-year coordinator. Experienced Contractor
- II. Capacity to manage the project. Transitioning crew. Volunteers mentioned no plan in how to put crew together.
- I. Cost and Match
 - 32% cash match
 - community support financial support from towns and members
 - Sustainability - Transitioning to regional plan with 7 Lakes.

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BIDDER: Hogan and Whitney Pond Association

DATE: 2/27/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	27
Section III. Goals	10	9
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	15
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	12
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>75</u>

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	27

Evaluation Team Comments:

Team Notes:

- I. Overview of the Organization
Good description of water body and organization.
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
Good description of the history of infestation and some of the challenges that they have had. Discuss presurvey and focus on prevention of spread to Whitney.
- III. Priority Prevent spread to connected Whitney Pond

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

DASH and Potential Herbicide, mentions surveys and growth assessment prior to DASH. Considered this in Project and Scope section. No overall goals

- I. Goals for Spread Prevention, early detection, and management.
Prevent spread to Whitney concrete examples. Long term goal to get infestation to management level with no state funds needed.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

Trained volunteers to survey. Lacks detail Contracted DASH. Locations are listed on the table and prioritized appropriately. Describe the work and who will do it. The work builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey by DASH team and volunteers. Short on details timing and overall use.

- I. Surveys and Maps. Survey 123 and maps provided.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	12

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Mentions lake associations and volunteers survey 2 a summer. Financial support from towns >100% match

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.
- I. Cost and Match
 - 33% or greater cash match?
 - community support
 - Sustainability

Long term coordinator, experienced contractor. Financial contribution from association members. Association members do hand removal to support contracted work. Capacity and sustainability is limited

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BIDDER: Town of Kittery Legion Pond

DATE: 2/27/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	25
Section III. Goals	10	9
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	15
Monitoring	15	12
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	17
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>78</u>

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

2-year application. Good description of pond and previous efforts build on previous efforts including outreach. Focus on high risk spread areas pre and post surveys. Recognizing work relieves infestation for short term.

Team Notes:

- I. Overview of the Organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

DASH Prevent spread use education and outreach. Switch order of importance., mentions surveys and growth assessment prior to DASH. Considered this in Project and Scope section. No overall goals

- I. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>

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Section II. Objectives	20	15
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Evaluation Team Comments:

Well organized objectives address management prevention and early detection. Outlines objectives to meet goals. Not lots of detail.

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	12

Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey by DASH team. Use Survey 123, No Map. Compare years. Not a lot of detail

- I. Surveys and Maps.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	17

Mentions lake associations and volunteers survey 2 a summer. Financial support from towns >100% match

Evaluation Team Comments:

Town resources. Experienced contractor, experience with grants.

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- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.
- I. Cost and Match
 - 20% or greater cash match?
 - community support
 - Sustainability

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BIDDER: Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	25
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Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	15
Monitoring	15	13
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	19
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>

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Evaluation Team Comments:

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

2 Year application. Overall good description of the waterbody. limited details on long history of management, brief history of management activities. Home grown DASH. Risk of spread project to eradicate. No overview of the organization. Three items in project scope to focus on.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

DASH and Potential Herbicide, mentions surveys and growth assessment prior to DASH. Considered this in Project and Scope section. Goals clear yet not realistic without clarification.

- I. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

Objectives are brief and a restatement of purpose and scope. No further details on how objectives will meet goals. Lots about reducing the AIS without a clear plan to do it.

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals.
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	13

Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey by DASH team and volunteers. Short on details, timing, and overall use. Map does not include all infested areas.

- I. Surveys and Maps.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	19

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Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.
 - Cost and Match
 - 20% or greater cash match?

No text description of training and experience. Provided in other financial support from towns.

>141% match

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BIDDER: Lakes Environmental Association

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28
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Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	18
Monitoring	15	14
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	25
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>

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Evaluation Team Comments:

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28

Evaluation Team Comments:

Team Notes:

- I. Overview of the Organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

2 Year application. Detailed description of waterbodies. Dense infestations and new infestations. Good history of previous control strategies and planned control strategies for upcoming grant cycle.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

DASH and Potential Herbicide, mentions surveys and growth assessment prior to DASH. Considered this in Project and Scope section. No overall goals

Goals **CLEAR GOALS FOR EACH OF THE FIVE AREAS**

- I. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

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	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

Prioritize areas of high risk and spread for each waterbody. Information provided in this section and others outlines the approach to managing the infestation. Overall good objectives to meet goals

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	14

Evaluation Team Comments:

Return frequently to working areas. Survey on surface and in water. Detailed plan of how to survey. Survey 123

Survey by DASH team and volunteers. Short on details timing and overall use.

- I. Surveys and Maps.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training and Experience• Cost and Match	25	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.
- I. Cost and Match
 - 20% or greater cash match?

Mentions lake associations and volunteers survey 2 a summer. Financial support from towns
>123% match Locally run and managed. 13 divers 3 DASH systems and barrier crews.
Several experienced crew members and seasoned project manager. Diverse funding.
Strong annual continuity

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BIDDER: Lovell Invasive Plant Protection Committee

DATE: 2/27/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	20
Section III. Goals	10	8
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	16
Monitoring	15	13
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	20

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

Team Notes: Small limited project. Eradication effort.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Realistic concise goals

- I. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

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DEP signage at carry ramp. No motorized boats. Some CBI. No plants 2 diver surveys

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	13

Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey methods 2 dive surveys volunteers monitor area ponds and Cushman.

- I. Surveys and Maps.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	23

Evaluation Team Comments: Locally managed. Professional divers large volunteer crews.

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.
- I. Cost and Match
 - 63% or greater cash match

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RFP TITLE: INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL COST SHARE APPLICATION

BIDDER: Little Sebago Lake Association

DATE: 2/27/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28
Section III. Goals	10	10
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	17
Monitoring	15	15
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	25
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	28

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

Team notes: Good overall description of lake and previous work on the lake and AIS targeted. Adding an additional boat and crew. Discuss challenges and solutions for future work. 2-year application Comprehensive survey in 2024.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.
Clear realistic goals mentioning all aspects of program management, prevention and early detection

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
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Section II. Objectives	20	17
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Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.

Builds off previous work. Schedule and communicate with crews early. Survey and set schedule according to survey. Prioritize areas of risk accordingly to achieve the goals. Build off previous work. Lack information on spread prevention.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Surveys and Maps.

Survey by DASH team and volunteers. At least 3 times a year for survey. A map was provided, details in tables Short on details timing and overall use. All areas checked and removed. Contracted full survey.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

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- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.
- I. Cost and Match

- 20% or greater cash match?

Locally run and managed. Two coordinators and lead diver with program over 20 years. First DASH employed in Maine. Describes the roles of each coordinator and crew/dive member. Detailed training description. 246% Cash Match

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	30
Section III. Goals	10	10
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	20
Monitoring	15	15
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>98</u>

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	30

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

Team Notes: 1 Year application. First time applicant. Good description of the lake and uses, the AIS that is targeted for management and history of the management, priorities and how they have approached these activities. Outreach and discourage launching at unofficial locations. Refers to collaborative management plan and addresses additional activities outside the plan to build capacity.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

Realistic and appropriate goals in the management plan. Include all aspects of the program including prevention early detection and management.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
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Section II. Objectives	20	20
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Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals.
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

Prioritize objectives to meet the outlined goals. Organized based on goals and outline how to address goals. Good detail, addressing needs, challenges and resources in Early detection, management, and outreach and sustaining the effort. Included timeline.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

Full Survey maps and outlines of survey plan. Detailed history. By volunteers and DASH. Work with multiple partners. Surveys and Maps.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.

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- II. Capacity to manage the project.
 - I. Cost and Match
 - 20% or greater cash match?
 - community support

Sustainability Locally run and managed with a hired contractor for heavy removal.

Experienced association, trained volunteer divers and strong CBI program. Very dedicated experienced AIS volunteer on board. And involved with planning.

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BIDDER: Friends of Shagg Pond Association

DATE: 2/27/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	6
Section III. Goals	10	4
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	7
Monitoring	15	8
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	15
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>40</u>

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

1 Year grant application. No lake description not discussion on overall project or history. Does include a goal.

Team Notes:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	4

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Goals Prevent spread. Do not meet project purpose and scope. DASH and hand removal, brief mention of surveys and growth assessment prior to DASH. Considered this in Project and Scope section. No overall goals

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	7

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Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

Eradicate VWM not a realistic goal no discussion of management or background of work done.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	8

Evaluation Team Comments:

Survey 3 times before during and after. Still lacks details and no maps.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.
- I. Cost and Match
- II.

Experienced coordinator lake association members participate and volunteer. Town support. Questions on budget expenses. 25% cash match. Lake community support

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BIDDER: Thompson Lake Environmental Association

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	26
Section III. Goals	10	6
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	15
Monitoring	15	13
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	17
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>77</u>

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	26

Evaluation Team Comments

- I. Overview of the Organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

Team Notes:

1 year application. Municipal boat access. Concise description of lake and management history. Repeat visits and surveys to prevent and early detect.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

I. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.
Little confused by the survey information as described. Unclear goals. Goals more descriptives as objectives short on detail goals, mentioned in the other section entitled objectives.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	15

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Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

Lacks detail. Does mention approved methods and work. Contracted DASH and barriers. Locations are listed on table.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	13

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Surveys and Maps.

Survey by DASH team. Link to map Tables detail areas for monitoring. Level 2 survey for all AIS.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training and Experience• Cost and Match	25	17

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.
- I. Cost and Match
 - 20% or greater cash match?

No narrative in this section. Hire contractor experience. Strong Association financial support.

>95% match

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BIDDER: Three Ponds Protective Association

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	18
Section III. Goals	10	6
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	16
Monitoring	15	9
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	20
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>69</u>

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	18

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
 - Good description of Waterbody Characteristics/ uses.
 - Discusses extent of the infestation, past work, and current work to be done. Listing priorities based past work and status and priorities expressed by DEP high traffic areas and dense areas.
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
 - Invasive Species Targeted - Previous Control Strategies described DASH and barriers.
 - Proposed strategies and actions for grant cycle, proven methods, likelihood of success, plan for monitoring.
- III. Priority
 - Multi-year project
 - Builds of previous years

1 Year application. Brief Summary no detail, No discussion on waterbody past work building off work done.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	6

Evaluation Team Comments:

DASH and Potential Herbicide, mentions surveys and growth assessment prior to DASH. Considered this in Project and Scope section. No overall goals

- I. Goals
 - Clear concise goals

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Objectives	20	16

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective clearly meet steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address spread prevention, early detection and management
- III. Describes location of work. People and resources needed and time frame to complete
- IV. Builds off previous work.

Trained volunteers to survey. Lacks detail Contracted DASH potential new herbicide.
Locations are listed on table

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Annual Surveys before and after work described.
 - Map of Infested areas
 - Map of areas to work.

Survey by DASH team and volunteers. Short on details timing and overall use.

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	20

Evaluation Team Comments

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- I. Demonstrates trained experienced staff and volunteers.
 - Locally developed program/contracted services
 - If local resources available, boats, gear certified divers,
 - Capacity to manage the project.
 - II. Cost and Match
 - 20% or greater cash match
 - Does the project demonstrate strong community support?

Mentions lake associations and volunteers survey 2 a summer. Financial support from towns >100% match

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RFP TITLE: INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL COST SHARE APPLICATION

BIDDER: West Pond Association

DATE: 2/27/2024

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Department of Environmental Protection

Name of RFP Coordinator: Denise Blanchette

Names of Evaluators: Denise Blanchette, John McPhedran, Toni Pied

<u>Pass/Fail Criteria</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)	X	
<u>Scoring Sections</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	29
Section III. Goals	10	9
Section IV. Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Prioritization of Infested Areas • Strategy and timeline 	20	19
Monitoring	15	15
Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Experiences (15) • Cost and Match (10) 	25	23
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>

**OVERVIEW OF SECTION I
Preliminary Information**

Section I. Preliminary Information 501©3, known substantiated AIS. Approved methods

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section II. Purpose and Scope	30	29

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Overview of the Organization
- II. Overview of Proposed Project
- III. Priority

Good, detailed description of the pond and its uses. Good overview of the target species and management history, including regrowth of native plants. challenges and success for continued management.

2 year application.

Team Notes:

**EVALUATION OF SECTION III
Goals**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section III. Goals	10	9

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Goals for Spread prevention, early detection, and management.

Clear concise goals, that include management early detection and spread prevention.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Objectives**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
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Section II. Objectives	20	19
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Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Objective steps to achieve goals
- II. Objective address
- III. Describes work.
- IV. Builds off previous work.

Clearly outlines the activities needed to reach the goals. Describes the work equipment and volunteers needed for the work. Adaptive approach based on survey work.

**EVALUATION OF SECTION V
Monitoring**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section V. Monitoring	15	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Surveys and Maps.

Survey throughout the season using a variety of methods and volunteers, contractors. No map , refer to Survey 123

**EVALUATION OF SECTION VI
Local Resources**

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Section VI. Local Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Experience • Cost and Match 	25	23

Evaluation Team Comments:

- I. Training and experience staff and volunteers.
- II. Capacity to manage the project.

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I. Cost and Match

- 20% or greater cash match?
- community support

Original coordinator of 20 years. Pond community involvement high, volunteers survey ,
fundraise and work local DASH after contractor. 60% cash match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Three Rivers Land Trust

DATE: February 12, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- No public boat ramp
- Maximum depth of lake is ~10'
- VLM discovered in 2022 (new infestation and/or newly managed)
- Some areas are dense
- No lake association
- Potential spread downstream to Little Ossipee River, etc.
- Some benthic barriers used, but only in shallow areas. SMIAM needs other equipment (Scuba?) to put down barriers in deeper water where there are dense infestations.
- Have been hiring SMIAM for hand-pulling (what about DASH?)
- 2-year grant application
- Focusing on high and moderate spread risk areas, dense areas, boat traffic areas.

B. Goals

- Form a Lake Association (Three Rivers will help)
- Outreach/education
- Relying on pond residents to do surveys
- Areas from 2022(?) survey will remain clear of VWM.
- Reduce dense growth

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C. Objectives

- Focusing on education/outreach, and seeking assistance from Towns and local residents.
- Formation of a lake association or task force (How?)
- Review benthic barrier placement from 2023 and determine if should be moved to new areas in 2024/25
- Train volunteers to help with removal efforts (?)
- Target and remove small plant populations before they are well-established.

D. Monitoring

- Planning to recruit volunteers for on-going pond-wide surveys.
- Areas to monitor & control are specified in grant app. (table)
- Map provided from Survey 1,2,3

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Ruth Gutman (Three Rivers Land Trust) has attended LSM intro training and has been a NH lake host.
- Three Rivers Land Trust will serve as the fiscal agent for this grant and help to manage the contractor(s) and volunteers until a lake association is developed.
- Laurie Callahan (YCIASP & YCSWCD) has many years of experience and will help coordinate volunteers, education/outreach (including training), and surveys.
- Southern Maine Invasive Aquatic Management (SMIAM, Alex Bernardy) has been managing AIP since 2015.
 - o Two weeks/year (1 week benthic barriers)
 - o Will report to Three Rivers LT & YCIASP
- Shapleigh Pond residents (ie Betsy Fiske) will provide access, locations for volunteer training, donations.
 - o Most residents are seasonal

2. Cost and Match

- 36% cash match (grant request = \$33,472)
- Cash match provided by lake residents. (What about the Town?)
- In-kind match from lake residents, Three Rivers, YCIASP

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DATE: February 14, 2024

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Two-year grant. No CBI because pond lacks public boat access; no lake association. Excellent summary of waterbody, potential to spread throughout waterbody, and efforts to date. This section also references survey assistance by York County SWCD and removal work by contractor SMIAM.

This section also includes objectives for 2024-5 and outlines costs including match.

B. Goals

Given limited staff (one person), the Land Trust will work with volunteer and will work toward developing a lake association.

Clear goals are stated.

C. Objectives

Concise, clear description of Prevention. Control efforts describe coordination with collaborators including towns.

D. Monitoring

Briefly describes roles including effort to recruit new volunteer surveyors and assessment by removal contractor.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Three Rivers staff has experience with CBI and awareness of aquatic invasives from work on nearby ponds. Will apply for PBR if needed. Background and roles of land trust clearly presented, also of York Co. SWCD and contractor SMIAM.

2. Cost and Match

35% match

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Three Rivers Land trust

DATE: 2/6/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

2 Year grant request. Good overview of the pond and the work that was done last season. Taken from management plan. Including survey work to access extent of infestation. List areas of priority

B. Goals

Realistic and practical goals. Highlight preventing spread and reducing AIS in the pond.

C. Objectives

No public launch. List prevention, control and monitoring objectives. Outlines available resources and a plan to achieve goals.

D. Monitoring

Use SURVEY 123 completed level 3 2023 recruit volunteers to continue annual survey Contractor to survey for removal success.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

3RLT fiscal agent responsible for reports. Involved board. YCIASP provide outreach and education in addition to helping locals survey. 5 year management plan draft under review. Hire experienced contract for removal work. Involved residents

2. Cost and Match

35% Cash match additional in-kind 160 hours contract removal. All funds for divers

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance

DATE: February 13, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year grant application.
- East and North Ponds (Curly-leaved Pondweed)
- One public launch on each waterbody.
- Work with owners of private launches on CDD procedures.
- Both lakes are popular fishing destinations.
- Serpentine (where CLP infestation is located) is a popular duck hunting spot.
 - o Hunting dog training course on Serpentine near infestation, but not CLP found in this area in 2023.
- Mean depth in North Pond is 13' and there is a lot of plant habitat.
- Mean depth in East Pond is 18' with lots of plant habitat.
- Several CLP fragments found in September 2023, near one of North Pond's most susceptible areas (Bog Brook), which also happens to be where the public boat launch is located on North Pond.
- Indiv. plants are pulled in the Serpentine since the initial big removal in 2021.
- 2024-2025: Install fragment net before and after dam from E. Pond to N. Pond; continue hand-pulling; staff and volunteers will survey weekly; private launch closed indefinitely; Outreach/Education: at least two plant paddles; Work with volunteers to survey rest of East Pond and North Pond; previously infested areas will be surveyed weekly.
- Specific areas for removal are outlined in tables of app.

B. Goals

- Prevent further spread
- ID new infestations ASAP
- Remove plants found ASAP

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C. Objectives

- Remove CLP before turions drop
- Install frag nets during removal
- Survey all of East and North Ponds 2x/season
- Increase volunteers (AAS, IPP, Plant ID workshops)

D. Monitoring

- Survey infested areas early and at the end of the season.
- Collect weird CLP plants
- Stepping up survey efforts to work with volunteers for a full shoreline survey
- Documented significant plant habitat to focus on 2x/season.
- General overview map provided.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Divers on staff
- Hires New England Milfoil
- Experienced Program Manager
- All staff has been trained
- Has a DASH and surface supplied air
- 2-3 returning crew members in 2024; Crew Leader returning for 4th year.
- Offers free plant ID workshops to community.
- Permission to use private property for staging area.
- Work with local lake associations to recruit volunteers (Lake Trust)
- Composts plants at local farm.

2. Cost and Match

- ~50% cash match (grant request = \$67,180)
- Strong community support
- Diverse funding stream & track record

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: 7Lakes Alliance CLP

DATE: February 14, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Target plant CLP; two-year grant. CBI coverage. High risk of spread.
Detailed description of access points, fishery, duck hunting, and plant habitat.
Describes plant discovery and removal to date done by contractor and 7 Lakes staff. Detail of how survey and removal is done.
This section includes details of objectives for next two seasons including use of fragment nets, potential for screens at the dam, timing of removal, plant composting. Weekly surveying of areas where plants found previously.

B. Goals

Brief but clear goals for prevention, detection and removal. Overall goal eradication.

C. Objectives

Very brief but much of the relevant detail is in section A above.

D. Monitoring

Excellent description of monitoring and coordination with lake associations.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Extensive training and experience over many years. Among other initiatives, approx. 18 plant workshops provided each season.
Lake Trust is strong foundation for the watershed.

2. Cost and Match

Match is ~50%.

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BIDDER NAME 7 Lakes Alliance - CLP

DATE: 2/14/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 Year. Good summary that includes description of lake, history of AIS and Previous control strategies. Providing details on removal efforts and successes and challenges. Outline proposed strategies for next 2 years, staff, equipment, time. Crew splits between VLM and CLP

- B. Goals** Spread Prevention, early detection of plant spread to ensure immediate eradication. Plant management

- C. Objectives** removal all found plants. Before turions set. Install frag nets to prevent downstream spread. Survey all of East and North Ponds. Mark with GPS any found plants.

- D. Monitoring.** Surveys all infested areas before and through year by kayak and snorkel. Coordinate IPP paddles. Host 2 paddles per season and plant id training

- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Managing AIS in Belgrade region for 15 years. Pond Associations contribute volunteers and coordination's education efforts. Organized Lake trust provides outreach support and information. Dozen volunteers for survey. Long time manager of the project Offer training workshops to waterfront owners.
 - 2. Cost and Match** >50%

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EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One-year grant application.
- Great Pond (Variable-leaf water milfoil)
- One public launch on Great Pond and one carry-in launch on Great Meadow Stream.
- Works with owners of private boat ramps on proper CDD procedures.
- Fishing destination; camps; swimming area.
- Expansive littoral area; high motorboat activity
- Four tributaries have a history of VWM
- VWM first found in 2010; Significant infestation but has decreased over time with management.
- Management has included hand-pulling, DASH, benthic barriers (including burlap), and an herbicide treatment in 2022.
- Uses contractor (New England Milfoil) and trained staff.
- One VWM plant found after herbicide treatment in July 2023 (removed and not found again).
- VWM was found in two new areas in 2023 (removed & monitored through 2023 season).
- Start season with survey of each infested area;
- Crew splits time between VWM and CLP infestations
- Smaller streams will be visited on a weekly basis and plants will be pulled.
- Larger streams will be surveyed every 2-3 weeks; Perimeter of North Bay surveyed twice and the rest of N. Bay once(?).
- If sig. regrowth occurs in treated area, 7 Lakes will notify DEP.

B. Goals

- Prevent further spread by removing plants ASAP

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EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

- ID new infestations ASAP
- Eradicate VWM from new areas discovered in 2023.
- ***Visit infested areas of Messalonskee to learn the management history.***

C. Objectives

- Do removal in “stubborn areas” several times/season
- Survey entire perimeter of Great Pond once.
- Increase volunteer participation in AAS (striving for 100% coverage); launch AAS on Messalonskee Lake in 2025.
- Details for locations for removal in table.

D. Monitoring

- Survey infested areas throughout season (snorkel/hooka).
- Enter data into Survey 1,2,3
- Join FOM staff on Messalonskee Lake for a minimum of 60 hours to learn about infestation in preparation for management in 2025.
- Survey entire perimeter of Great and Long Ponds once/season.
- Train public on plant ID and survey
- Host plant paddles throughout watershed.
- General overview map provided as well as sector map of Great Meadow Stream.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Divers on staff
- Hires New England Milfoil
- Experienced Program Manager
- All staff has been trained
- Has a DASH and surface supplied air
- 2-3 returning crew members in 2024; Crew Leader returning for 4th year.
- Offers free plant ID workshops to community. (& at weekly Belgrade Lakes Farmers Markets in 2024)
- Permission to use private property for staging area.
- Work with local lake associations to recruit volunteers (Lake Trust)
- Composts plants at local farm.
- Staging area at Camp Bomazeen on Great Pond.

2. Cost and Match

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- ~51% cash match (grant request = \$49,340)
- Strong community support
- Diverse funding stream & track record

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BIDDER NAME: 7Lakes Alliance VWM

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EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One year grant. CBI coverage. Describes access, habitat, fisheries, plant targeted. Includes summary of history of plant discovery and infested areas of Great Pd back to 2010. Notes genetic work on milfoil. Also details previous control work and changes in approaches in response to plant growth. Contractor works on large infestations, 7 Lakes crew on small areas. Herbicide treatment in 2022. One plant found in mouth of GMS in 2023.

This section also includes detail of control strategies (that should be in Objectives) including survey frequency and potential for repeat herbicide treatment.

B. Goals

Concise goals outlined for spread prevention. Eradicate new discoveries from 2023. Visit infested areas of Messalonskee in preparation for working in that lake in 2025.

C. Objectives

These read more like sub-goals; detail of objectives is in section A.

D. Monitoring

Frequent surveying of specific areas of infestation. Use of laminated maps to track regrowth within seasons and between years. Additional surveys of areas outside of known infested areas. Adopt a shoreline, IPP plant paddles.

Minimum of 60 hours spent on Messalonskee in 2024.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Extensive and long-standing experience and training of staff.

2. Cost and Match

51% cash match

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BIDDER NAME: 7 Lakes Alliance -VWM

DATE: 2/12/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 1 Year Thorough overview and summary of the infestation and waterbody. Good control reported from herbicide treatment allowing focus on other areas within the lake. One plant in GMS. Two new areas Richards Pint Cove and Dry Point Cove. 3-4 plants. Describes control strategies. Dedicated trained crews survey weekly decontaminate between sites.
- B. Goals** Spread Prevention within GP and surrounding waters. Detect any new areas of infestations. Eradicate VWM from new areas. Visit infested sites on Messalonskee lake learn history and previous efforts.
- C. Objective** Prioritize areas to work.

- D. Monitoring.** Survey al GP remove regrowth areas with weekly visits. Increase volunteers' recruitment on other pond launch Adopt-A -Shoreline in Messalonskee. Survey maps described track history of issue areas Coordinate IPP paddles with surrounding waters.

- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Trained experienced crew mixed with some new members. DASH boat on site and contractor available Camp provides housing for workers. Strong community financial and outreach support
 - 2. Cost and Match** 51% Cash Match.

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Grant

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: February 13, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One-year application
- Androscoggin is relatively shallow (avg depth ~14')
- Heavily used for recreation (boating, fishing, swimming, birding, hunting, camping)
- Three public boat ramps (route 133, Stinchfield Beach Road, Androscoggin Yacht Club.
- Private access at three campgrounds and several road assoc. ramps.
- Rare plants on shoreline(?)
- VWM discovered in 2020 (somewhat close to public boat ramp); DEP worked with 30 Mile to remove initial infestation and again in 2021.
- Developed survey team in 2021.
- Hired divers in 2022 & 2023.
- 30 Mile staff surveyed 2-4 days/week, May-August; all plants found were removed.
- Challenges w/algae bloom and high rain/water levels.
- SUR first started in 2021; communicates with ME Warden Service on enforcement.
- Education/Outreach to public via zoom presentation, annual lake association meeting, events, newsletters.
- Designed and distributed brochure about infestation (CBI)
- Lake Association has been the lead on plant survey with support from 30 Mile.
- Doubled CBI coverage in 2021 (7 days/week).
- Will follow similar plan from 2023 in 2024, with the addition of using benthic barriers.
- Survey ~ 4 days/week; focus on infested area until under control; Once infestation is under control, will monitor and survey other areas of the lake.

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BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

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EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

- Removal will occur as soon as plants are found.
- Benthic barriers to be used in higher density areas.

B. Goals

- Prevent spread: survey; manual removal; benthic barriers; boat inspections; outreach.
- Monitor whole lake to detect infestations early.
- Eradicate VWM

C. Objectives

- Weekly surveys of infested areas
- Remove VWM plants ASAP
- Survey whole littoral area of lake
- Deploy benthic barriers in established VWM areas
- Continue/expand CBI program.
- Outreach to local community, recruit volunteers, attract new funding.

D. Monitoring

- Start surveying in May, starting with areas infested in 2023 to assess regrowth.
- Train team and start weekly surveys (June)
- Deploy benthic barriers and monitor weekly
- Once survey team leaves for season, 30 Mile staff will continue monitoring into October.
- Surveys of the rest of the lake will be ongoing throughout the summer by volunteers.
- Detailed map of VWM plant locations provided.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Program Leader has been with 30 Mile for three seasons (this will be #4)
- 2-3 seasonal staff will be hired and trained by 30 Mile staff.
- Diver is returning and has been trained by DEP.

2. Cost and Match

- ~64% cash match (grant request = \$13,000)
- Working with local lake association on fundraising and has had success getting donations from community.

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BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association - Androscoggin

DATE: February 14, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One year grant; CBI program. Detailed and complete background description of the lake. VWM confirmed 2020. Excellent summary of survey and removal work to date. Also mention of significant algal bloom. Level 3 survey of lake found no VWM outside of cove. Communication to boaters at ramp.

This section includes information that could be in Objectives section. References 5-year plan.

B. Goals

Clear goals stated.

C. Objectives

May use benthic barriers and plan to survey complete littoral zone of the lake in 2024.

D. Monitoring

Includes monitoring of effectiveness of any benthic barriers deployed. Supporting ALIC in lakewide survey as in 2022.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Project leader has 4 years' experience. Surveying cove 3 to 4 days each week – is this too much?

2. Cost and Match

Active lake association, support from town, fundraising. 63% match.

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association - Androscoggin

DATE: 2/12/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope 1 Year. Rapid response. Clear well written summary of waterbody it's location within the watershed and the risk VWM poses. Describes infestation history previous work, survey and density and concern for potential to spread to other waters in the watershed. 8 removal days in 2023. Public outreach and education and extended CBI coverage

B. Goals Continue to survey extent. Remove marked plants quickly. Eradicate VWM. Survey close waters and build strong sustained survey team.

C. Objectives

D. Monitoring bi-weekly survey in high-risk areas, pond perimeter. 100% survey of targeted area. Survey all littoral in lake. Deploy barriers on established regrowth. GPS and map infestation.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience 30 mile established local organization. Full time and seasonal AIS survey staff, train volunteers. Returning diver flexible availability to accommodate removal. Active on lake groups Diverse funding base.

2. Cost and Match 63% cash.

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: February 13, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One-year application
- Swollen bladderwort – found in 2023 by a 30 Mile volunteer
- Tilton Pond flows into David Pond; Average depth of 16’.
- High risk of spread: access on main traffic route, high density (well established) of swollen bladderwort.
- Newly listed AIS; full impacts not yet known
- 30 Mile organized volunteers to survey and assess extent of infestation; volunteers also spent time removing plants.
- Town of Fayette voted to close launch to prevent trailered boat access; new signage installed.
- 30 Mile staff surveyed outlet and inlet to David Pond in September 2023 (no swollen bladderwort found).
- Control strategy will focus on preventing further spread: hand remove plants from high traffic areas (incl. by boat ramp); fragment net is proposed for outlet area; remove flowering plants (working with Tilton Pond residents and volunteers, will take note of plant's phenology, i.e when it flowers).
- Focus survey efforts on David Pond: New coordinator for Basin-David-Tilton Ponds Association (BDTPA); will work with new coordinator to assist with surveys and training volunteers.

B. Goals

- Prevent spread through manual removal and installation of fragment net at outlet.
- Work with BDTPA IPP Team and experienced volunteers to survey high priority areas.
- Contain swollen bladderwort.

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BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association

DATE: February 13, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

C. Objectives

- Bi-weekly surveys of public access & remove plants.
- Bi-weekly surveys of pond perimeter and remove flowering plants.
- Bi-weekly surveys of outlet stream to Jackman's Mill culvert.
- Level 1 survey of David Pond
- Install and maintain fragment net at outlet.
- Outreach to educate local community, recruit new volunteers, attract funding, prevent further spread.

D. Monitoring

- Bi-weekly survey and removal work, starting in late May.
- Remove any flowering plants that are found during surveys, GPS locations, clean fragment net at outlet.
- Once team is fully trained (early June) start bi-weekly surveys of David Pond, focusing on high-priority areas (inlet, boat access, narrow navigation areas).
- Map provided

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Program Leader has been with 30 Mile for three seasons (this will be #4)
- 2-3 seasonal staff will be hired and trained by 30 Mile staff.

2. Cost and Match

- ~35% cash match (grant request = \$4,500)
- Gets support from Town of Fayette.
- BDTPA has not been very active, but this project has sparked some action.
- Diverse funding stream.

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BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River Watershed Association - Tilton

DATE: February 14, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One year grant; no CBI program at carry-in access point. Discussion of risk of spreading invasive bladderwort to other area ponds. Town of Fayette's concern for spread led to installation of barrier for trailered boats. Control strategies are laid out including monitoring of flowering. Fragment net at outlet is proposed. Notes role of tri-lake survey team.

B. Goals

Clear goals stated.

C. Objectives

Brief but clear statement of objectives to support the goals.

D. Monitoring

Describes survey for flowering and benthic plants, also procedure to marking flowering plant locations.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Limited experience with this plant but that's true for all involved with this species.

2. Cost and Match

Renewed interest in Basin-David-Tilton association. 35% match.

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BIDDER NAME: 30 Mile River watershed Association - Tilton

DATE: 2/12/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope 1 Year. New Infestation U. Inflata. Clear well written summary of waterbody it's location within the watershed. Describes infestation history (newly discovered) previous work, survey and density and concern for potential to spread to other waters in the watershed.

B. Goals Continue to survey extent. Remove flower spikes to prevent reseeding. Gather information on life history of the plant to better inform management and spread control. Survey close waters and build strong sustained survey team.

C. Objectives

D. Monitoring bi-weekly survey in high-risk areas, pond perimeter Level 1 survey (minimum) of David Pond. Begin removal survey late May GPS and map infestation.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience 30 mile established local organization. Full time AIS survey staff, train volunteers. Active on lake groups Diverse funding base.

2. Cost and Match 35% cash. Asking for \$4,500

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Balch Lake Improvement Association (BLIMP)

DATE: February 14, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One-year application
- Mitigate the spread of variable-leaf water milfoil
- High boat traffic use; fishing; kayaking; swimming.
- Flows downstream to little Ossipee River.
- Maine/NH water
- Mitigation is a combination of DASH & herbicide (NH)
- Entire lake is surveyed and removal work is done several times/season (including new and previous infestations).

B. Goals

- Minimize impact of VWM
- Be on guard for new AIS (BLIMP's "Science Committee")
- Work with NH-DES and coordinate with both state agencies.

C. Objectives

- Use a contracted DASH company and hand harvesting
 - o First year with a contractor (previously using own DASH team).
 - o Monitor contractor to verify compliance with MDEP regulations.

D. Monitoring

- Individual surveys of the lake, occurring throughout summer.
- Volunteer harvest coordinator who will be doing daily inspections and coordination with contractor.
- Map provided with numbered areas to harvest.

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EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Volunteer camp owners for survey, coordination, fundraising (bake sales, concerts, boat parades, calendar sales, etc)

2. Cost and Match

- Camp owners contribute \$50/camp with approx.. 65% participation
- Support from Town of Acton
- ~86% cash match (grant request = \$14,000)

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Grant

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EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One year application; CBI Program.

Minimal project explanation with no substantive description of past years' work and results. Application states that the entire lake is surveyed and worked 2-4 times each season; that seems high.

B. Goals

OK goal statement.

C. Objectives

Very brief regarding objectives similar to relatively little explanation in Project Purpose and Scope. Using new removal contractor in 2024.

D. Monitoring

Minimal description of approach to monitoring and assessing results.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

No mention of level of training and experience of the contractor or others involved with the program. Mentions fundraising. Approximately 65% campowners participate in BLIMP.

2. Cost and Match

86% match.

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Balch Lake Improvement Association

DATE: 2/12/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 1 year Overall brief, concise, application. Limited details. Does highlight use and need to control spread. Work with NH

- B. Goals** Prevent spread downstream Monitor for other AIS

- C. Objectives** Use DASH. First season with new contractor, closely monitor work and progress.

- D. Monitoring**

Lake survey through summer, Volunteer harvest Coordinator daily inspections and coordination with harvest team

- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Uses camp owners for coordinating harvest and survey. Community activities for fundraising

 - 2. Cost and Match** 86% participation from lake residents, Local town contribution (Acton ME) NH DES mentioned in scope. 85% CASH Match

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BIDDER NAME: Community Lakes Association

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EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year application
- VWM on Lake Christopher & Lake Christopher Outlet Pond
- Eradicate VWM from Lake Christopher.
- Two remaining areas in the lake; very small population of plants outside Pump House Cove; widespread infestation in Outlet Pond.
- Much of Lake Christopher is too deep for good plant habitat.
- North end of the lake has several small coves with habitat.
- South end of lake has two access points for boats (state boat ramp & public wharf).
- Swimming at North end and 4H Camp & Learning Center.
- A few plants outside of Pump House Cove (could spread if not contained).
 - o Inspect once/month and remove plants found.
- Major concern with 1.25 acre Outlet Pond.
 - o Area was once completely infested.
 - o Have made good progress, but still heavily infested.
 - o Not accessible to motorboats
 - o Could be a source for a new infestation in Lake Christopher
 - o Concerns about spending much of time and resources controlling this area and a few plants at Pump House Cove getting out of control.
- Control strategies have included hand-pulling (insufficient) and benthic barriers (helped make progress); removal of mats in a timely fashion was challenging.
- Hired New England Milfoil to use Lake Auburn's mini-DASH.
 - o This process stirs up the mud and made poor visibility.
- Used volunteers for some hand pulling.
- This year, will try to harvest two days in one week and two days in the next to allow mud to settle; Follow DASH with hand-pulling; Clamshell mats will be

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used sparingly (easier to deploy and remove); Remove any flowering spikes, if present prior to harvest.

- Removal efforts will be followed by a drone survey of Outlet Pond and IPP survey once every month in Pump House Cove and littoral zones.

B. Goals

- Eradicate VWM from Lake Christopher and Outlet Pond.
- Hire someone to help with hand-pulling on a more regular basis after New England Milfoil is done harvesting.
- Perseverance and careful work.

C. Objectives

- Level 3 IPP Survey of Lake Christopher at beginning and end of 2024 & 2025 seasons.
- Monitor Pump House Cove and area just outside for returning VWM and remove ASAP.
- Continue removal program in Outlet Pond.
 - o Hire NEM for 4 days/year(?)
 - o Following NEM with hand-pulling
 - o Use clamshell barriers as needed
 - o Remove flowering spikes

D. Monitoring

- IPP surveys will be done before removal work.
- Monthly monitoring and pulling
- Drone survey prior to NEM work; hand-pulling; drone survey at the end of season.
- General overview map provided.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- CLA has run program on Lake Christopher and outlet for a long time. (track record)
- Jim Chandler has 18 years of experience with plant control.
- New England Milfoil is an experience contractor
- Volunteers contributed 114 hours in 2023.

2. Cost and Match

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- ~42% match (grant request = \$14,387)
- Town support; private donations
- Volunteer support

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Two-year grant; no CBI program.

Purpose is eradication of VWM. Long description of project purpose and detail regarding lakes. Some reference to significant past work on the lake and in downstream area.

B. Goals

Stated goal is eradication of VWM. Recognition of time and effort needed to eradicate. Hiring person to conduct frequent manual removal.

C. Objectives

Level 3 survey of Lake Christopher during 2024-2025. Briefly describes work for Pump House and Outlet Pond areas, the latter with hand removal and small DASH run by contractor. Contractor will work 2 days, then return later for final 2 days given difficulty seeing all plants. Also using clamshell mats.

D. Monitoring

Survey before removal work begins. Planning drone survey for Outlet Pond. Also surveying headwaters of L. Androscoggin River. Few details here on who will do the work.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Jim Chandler with nearly 2 decades of experience with VWM. Small but dedicated volunteer group.

2. Cost and Match

42% match.

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EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 Years, Vague map. Good overall description of the lake the infestation methods used challenges and work continuing. Drone survey following work.
- B. Goals** Eradicate VWM from Outlet Pond and Lake Christopher. Hire someone to help with hand pulling in addition to contractor
- C. Objectives** Survey, use 123 to track Supplement monitoring to include Little Andy and larger lake. No plants in pump house cove. Surveyed once a month. Increase removal efforts with additional hired diver
- D. Monitoring.** Ipp Surveys before and after season. Drone on outlet pond
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Hire NEM Jim Chandler years on plant work. 114 volunteer hours
 - 2. Cost and Match** 42% match. Well established lake group 18 years

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BIDDER NAME: Downeast Lakes Land Trust

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year grant application
- Community-based management project since discovery in 2019.
- Funding needed for DASH removal work.
- Significant plant habitat because of flooded area created by several dams in system. (Almost half of Big Lake is 10' or less in depth.)
- Dark, tannic water = difficult survey and removal conditions, especially after rain events.
- Level 3 surveys in 2021-2023 throughout Big, Long, Lewey, and Grand Falls Flowage show significant, mostly incipient growth in numerous areas.
- Provides description of infested areas in each waterbody.
- 95% of known VWM populations were removed in 2023 (with the exception of Clifford Bay).
- 2020-2021 removal was mostly done by MDEP.
- 2022-2023 removal was done by Passamaquoddy Tribe's invasive plant control divers (hand-pulling & benthic barriers), and contracted divers (New England Milfoil); herbicide treatment in 2023.
- Most treatment areas have shown improvement (density of plants), some areas have remained the same, and Big Musquash Stream has gotten worse.
- All survey and removal efforts are documented using Survey 1,2,3.
- Proposed control strategy for 2024 & 2025 is building off previous four years.
 - o Continue to contract with NEM for removal of high density areas and post removal surveys.
 - o Tribal invasive species divers will focus efforts on incipient populations outside dense infestations.
 - o Tribal divers will respond to reports of new infestations.
 - o Tribal invasive species removal team is purchasing and outfitting their

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own DASH (hoping to be fully operational in 2025).

- USEPA is creating a detailed bathymetric map of four lakes, which will help provide better depth data, bottom composition and plant community locations.

B. Goals

- Prevent further spread (No new lakes in region infested with VWM coming from this system as a result of education, outreach, VWM reduction)
- Build local surveying capacity (Determine extent of VWM throughout system)
- Remove incipient populations. (Retain existing invasive plant free areas)
- Diminish existing growth (Evaluate areas treated with herbicides and maintain/control growth in these treated areas.)

C. Objectives

- Grow and establish a sustainable prevention and monitoring base of volunteers and staff.
- Work with partners to offer training to community (two dates set in 2024 and hoping for another in 2025).
- Work with partners to survey Big Lake and connected waters and engage lake residents in plant ID and survey training for more survey volunteers/coverage.
- Work with partners to do outreach (spread prevention, CDD).
 - Signs
 - Explore ways to disseminate information (fishing website, visitor centers, door-to-door mailing).
 - Engage local businesses; provide space to display announcements.
- Remove incipient infestations.
- Reduce dense VWM growth.

D. Monitoring

- Pre & Post monitoring surveys done in combination with Tribe and NEM each year since 2021 and will continue.
- When VWM plants are found, they are marked with a floating buoy and GPS coordinates are put into Google Earth and Survey 1,2,3.
 - Each year is represented with a different color pin in Google Earth
- Maps provided
- Survey areas treated in 2023, early in Spring/Summer 2024 to determine re-growth; Any re-growth in these areas will somewhat determine the 2024/2025 removal efforts.

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E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Big Lake Coalition is made up of well-established, experienced individuals and organizations.
- Downeast Lakes Land Trust has 24 years of experience conserving land and water resources.
- Contracts with NEM

2. Cost and Match

- ~23% cash match (grant request = \$165,200; in-kind match = \$234,940)
- Strong financial support from the Tribe and DLLT
- In-kind match from Campmeeting

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Tribe worked with DLLT on this two-year grant. Application says there is a CBI program but it has been very weak at best. (Later in application it states no CBI program.) Background in this section on lake system is similar to what was provided in previous applications.

Application includes annotated maps to show infestations. Formatting is a bit confusing regarding area descriptions but is manageable.

Description of results of removal and reference to Survey 123 maps online.

Strategies for this grant cycle included removal by tribal divers trained in 2023.

Narrative notes source of funding for different removal strategies. DASH boat (Tribal) under construction. EPA continuing depth survey in 2024. Plan for 2025 provides for adjustment on the fly.

Likely that Tribal DASH will be ready to manage larger infestations in 2025.

B. Goals

Clear goals appear to be from the Management Plan.

C. Objectives

Objectives for prevention, early detection and management are laid out (and in some cases) mixed with a restatement of goals. But detail of how they'll achieve this. There is description of plant training planned for 2024. Tribal staff will continue to survey.

D. Monitoring

Color-coded marking plan of infestations is organized by Tribe. Significant attention to surveying herbicide treatment areas.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Describes Big Lake Coalition; Tribe work on the project; DLLT as fiscal agent.

2. Cost and Match

23% cash match.

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BIDDER NAME Downeast Lakes Land Trust

DATE: 2/12/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 Years, very detailed and comprehensive description of the waterbodies the infestation extent, history and control. Including survey work on management strategies and progress. EPA bathymetry study significant tribal contribution. Working on DASH unit run by the tribe.
- B. Goals** Prevent spread to other lakes. Manage infestations in big. Lewy and Long. Limit new areas of infestation by reducing overall population of VWM
- C. Objectives** Consider additional herbicide. Hire NEM supplement with Tribe Dive Team. Establish sustainable base of volunteers for monitoring and survey. Work with guide tribe and community for outreach
- D. Monitoring.** Pre-Post survey following treatments. Use Survey 123 to track efforts and Google Maps
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Big Lake Coalition, Tribe DLLT Lake Guides Campmeeting . Newly formed working on development of community action coalitions. Contract NEM. Tribe provides additional removal work.
 - 2. Cost and Match** Large in-kind match from tribal contribution to the project. Cash Match 23% (request 82 K each year)

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BIDDER NAME: Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

DATE: February 14, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year grant proposal
- Annabessacook (VWM), Cobboseecontee Lake (VWM, EWM, EFB), Cobbossee Stream (VWM, EWM, EFB), Pleasant Pond (VWM), Horseshoe Pond (VWM).
- Reduce current infestations, prevent spread within and outside watershed, eradicate where feasible.
- Boating, fishing, swimming, hunting, tourist destination, seasonal & year-round residents.
- Campgrounds, Residential kids Camps, Marinas, Country Club, State Park, conservation lands, Sportsman's Club.
- Annabessacook Lake efforts: herbicide treatment in 2020; closed old boat ramp and new ramp opened in 2022; SUR in place; persistent patches in most well-established VWM area; confusion between native milfoils vs VWM.
- Cobbossee Lake efforts: Many boaters "pond hop" according to CBI data; removal of EFB in 2023 using protocols developed in 2022; starting to see success in minimizing density of high priority patches of EFB; EWM has moved to several locations, primarily in the middle of the lake (rather than the north end); herbicide treatments done at north end have proven to be successful.
- Pleasant Pond/Cobbossee Stream efforts: Focus on keeping boat access points free of VWM and re-visiting/cleaning up large infestation in Upper Pleasant Pond, and pushing infestation downstream from upper-most extent in Cobbossee Stream; EWM found in Cobbossee Stream in 2023.

B. Goals

- Annabessacook Lake:

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- Hire New England Milfoil to remove VWM (3-4 weeks in 2024 & 2-3 weeks in 2025).
- FOCW Plant Control Team will do spot pulling to supplement NEM removal efforts.
- FOCW Survey Team, Annabessacook Lake Improvement Association volunteers, and Cobbossee Watershed District will work together to do a full shoreline survey.
- Update Management Plan
- Retrain volunteers in 2024 & 2025 on AIS identification.
- Cobbossee Lake:
 - FOCW Team of six and trained volunteers will survey entire littoral zone twice between May – October in 2024.
 - FOCW Team will remove EWM and VLM.
 - FOCW Team and volunteers will continue to remove EFB.
 - FOCW will continue to engage and train volunteers on plant ID and survey methods.
- Pleasant Pond/Cobbossee Stream:
 - Hire New England Milfoil to remove VWM for 4-5 weeks (2024) and 5-6 weeks in 2025. (Good results on Annabessacook may mean more time can be spent on Pleasant Pond/Cobbossee Stream)
 - Remove VWM and EWM (if found).
 - FOCW Plant Survey Team will survey upstream early in 2024 to ID current state of EWM and VWM.
 - FOCW Plant Survey Team will continue to survey downstream throughout the summer.
 - Removal efforts will focus on keeping boat channels open and clearing access points.
- Education/Outreach important to FOCW strategy
 - Local schools
 - 2024: will host multiple trainings for AIS ID and volunteer surveyor trainings, with a goal to train at least three new volunteer surveyors on each major waterbody in the watershed (10 on Cobbossee). (2025? Increase to 8 surveyors on each waterbody and 15 on Cobbossee)
 - Reintroduce DIY Plant Control Program on Pleasant Pond and Cobbossee Stream by 2025.

C. Objectives

- Annabessacook:

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- Prevent spread by surveying and monitoring shoreline.
- Quickly remove VWM when found.
- Reduce removal time needed in 2025.
- Cobbossee Lake:
 - Create & maintain robust volunteer survey program.
 - Quickly find and remove EWM in 2024 (Refurbishing FOCW DASH to help with this process)
 - Continue in 2025
 - Focus on high boat traffic areas, public launches, marinas, islands, and mouth of outlet.
- Cobbossee Stream:
 - Early herbicide treatment for EWM
 - NEM will continue their work in the upper extent of VWM infestation and move their way downstream toward Horseshoe Pond.
 - Begin focusing on Horseshoe Pond in 2025.
- Pleasant Pond:
 - 2024 – NEM will begin with Upper Pleasant Pod and continue to remove growth upstream.
 - 2025 – spot removal & reintroduce DIY Plant Removal Program.

D. Monitoring

- Annual surveys of previously infested areas, high priority areas (on infested and un-infested waterbodies) including access points, high boat traffic areas, and significant plant communities.
- Determine extent of spread of AIS.
- FOCW Plant Survey Team will work on infested lakes, but will also work with volunteers to survey all uninfested lakes and entire length of Cobbossee Stream and Pleasant Pond.
- Maps provided (some general and some specific).

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Experienced, trained staff
- Contracts with New England Milfoil
- Returning staff
- Motor boats, kayaks, scopes, Scuba equipment, two surface supplied air systems, vehicles and a safe place to dump AIS once removed.
- Partners with local lake associations towns, local businesses, Maine DEP, as

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well as Cobbossee Watershed District

2. Cost and Match

- ~185% cash match (grant request = \$120,000)
- Cash match from towns, private donors, foundation grants, businesses, fundraising events, lake associations.

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BIDDER NAME: Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

DATE: February 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Two-year grant; CBI program with extensive coverage. Three IAPs. Purpose statement to reduce infestations where they occur and prevent spread to other waterbodies.

Detailed discussion of infestation history on Cobbossee, Annabessacook, Cobbossee Stream, Pleasant and Horseshoe Pond.

B. Goals

This section includes detailed information that are actually objectives to meet the goals. There are extensive efforts throughout the watershed including, for example, FOCW removal team will work on shallow and relatively small areas, updating management plan with DEP, full survey of Anna planned, training volunteers in ID, etc.

C. Objectives

This section includes goals for work on each infested area. Notes early season herbicide treatment on Cobbossee Stream. FOCW is restarting their own DASH boat.

D. Monitoring

Surveying all uninfested waterbodies in addition to work on known infestations.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Detailed description of FOCW capacity including staff, CBI program, boats (DASH back on line) and Work in Progress buoys.

2. Cost and Match

Cash match is greater than 100%.

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BIDDER NAME Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

DATE: 2/12/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 year Discusses history and overview of each waterbody and the use and activity in the watershed. Overviews each AIS and some of the control methods used to manage each area of infestation. Does not offer details on methods here.
- B. Goals** NEM 3-4 weeks Annabessacook hope to reduce in 2025. Supplement with FOCW Plant Control Team. Do full survey. Provide new outreach FOCW- Team of 6 and volunteers from CLA to survey CL. Remove EWM
- C. Objectives**
- D. Monitoring.** Annual Surveys on all watershed surveys. Detailed description of the survey teams and functions. Survey removal for efficacy
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Strong community involvement provide training and outreach for community. Multiple funding resources and experienced staff. DASH coming back online developed some new buoys to enhance safety of diver removal team.
 - 2. Cost and Match**

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Friends of Messalonskee

DATE: February 14, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One year grant application
- Identify areas of previous and new VWM growth and remove.
- Swimming, fishing, boating, bird watching, hiking, ice fishing, skiing, snowmobiling.
- Three state-owned boat ramps (one carry-in)
- Large VWM infestation in Belgrade Stream (inlet to Messalonskee Lake).
- FOM has been using hand-pulling, benthic barriers, and DASH.
- FOM has identified "hot spots" for VWM via survey efforts.
- Plans to use volunteers to ID new growth or existing VWM.
- Gets support from private donations, local businesses, schools, grants.

B. Goals

- Prevent spread of VWM within Messalonskee and to other waterbodies.
 - o Enhance CBI Program by partnering with 7 Lakes Alliance.
- Maintain controlled areas via regular surveying, hand-pulling, burlap and plastic barriers; contract DASH.
- Increase volunteer outreach.
- Work with 7 Lakes Alliance and Maine DEP on 5 year regional management plan.

C. Objectives

- Partner with 7 Lakes Alliance to manage CBI program.
- Hand-pulling and burlap barriers in specific locations (listed).
- Promote existing opportunities for volunteers and create new opportunities.
- Work with 7 Lakes Alliance and Maine DEP to adjust 5 year Management Plan; Bring 7 Lakes Alliance up to date on VWM growth and mitigation measures.

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D. Monitoring

- FOM crew surveys lake and removes VWM.
- In 2023 New England Milfoil, FOM Milfoil Crew, Board Members, and Plant Survey group surveyed.
- Reports to Survey 1,2,3.
- Maintenance mode for 2024.
 - o Laying more burlap & plastic benthic barriers
- Specifies areas for DASH & barriers
- Maintain and control areas of overgrowth and eradicate areas with few plants for 2024, using DASH, hand-pulling and barriers.
 - o Will invite 7 Lakes to view these areas.
- Included a map showing each spot described on the lake.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Program Coordinator (Danielle Boutin) has been the program for five seasons.
- Milfoil Crew (?) works for six weeks (4 days/week) doing barriers and hand-pulling.
- Contract with New England Milfoil for DASH
- Contract with 7 Lakes Alliance for CBI
- Looking for new technologies and training methods, new partnerships, increase membership and volunteers.
- Work with 7 Lakes Alliance and DEP on a regional plan for 2025.

2. Cost and Match

- ~32% cash match (grant request = \$57,110)
- Support from private donations and "Governmental"

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

The narrative in this section does not acknowledge the long history of infestation on this lake nor does it demonstrate a cogent strategy to address the VWM infestation. Some elements are there, such as explaining the regional context and support for their program, but the actual state of the infestation and strategy to address it is not elucidated. This section also fails to mention the planned 2025 transition from FOM to 7 Lakes for invasives management.

B. Goals

The goals are clearly stated and the last goal includes the planned transition.

C. Objectives

The partnership with 7 Lakes for the CBI program is mentioned as is work with DEP and 7 Lakes on the regional plan and eventual transition of removal work to 7 Lakes. The plan to increase volunteerism doesn't indicate who will do it and how it will be done. The objective involving plant removal lacks detail and doesn't indicate any use of DASH, but DASH is in the table.

D. Monitoring

Mentions that most of the lake was surveyed in 2023. Mentions use of the Survey 123 app but doesn't describe timing of monitoring planned for 2024 nor who will do it. Most content in this section gives a brief overview of each known infested area that should be in Objectives. Buried at the end of this section is note that they will use DASH, hand removal and barriers. The application also claims most of the lake is in maintenance mode but doesn't provide evidence to support that. Maybe there's information in the Survey 123 data that would illuminate that. FOM crew mostly using burlap and plastic barriers. Will invite 7 Lakes staff to review infested areas.

E. Local Resources

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1. Training and Experience

Coordinator has 6 year's experience running the program. Last paragraph refers to investigating new technologies and training methods but includes no detail; there is also redundancy and it appears it wasn't proof read. There is mention of the regional plan and coordinating with DEP and & Lakes. Notes work with 7 Lakes on CBI program.

2. Cost and Match

32% match.

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BIDDER NAME Friends of Messalonskee

DATE: 2/14/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 1 year Concise summary of the Lake from Plan. Describes methods to be used. Hand pulling, barriers and contracted DASH. Volunteers to ID new growth. working since 2000's? Support of volunteer's local business, FOM provides outreach and stewardship.
- B. Goals** Spread Prevention to other waterbodies by CBI in partnership with 7 Lakes, maintain areas of controlled AIS with survey hand pull and burlap. Increase volunteerism. Work with 7 Lakes and MDEP to create 5 year regional plan.
- C. Objectives** Work with 7 lakes on CBI, does not provide details of how to achieve goals, simply restates the goals in the objectives.
- D. Monitoring.** Surveys all infested areas before and through year by boat used Survey 123 to map. Maintain large areas eradicate small new areas. Lists each area of infestation.
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** 5 year coordinator. Milfoil crew of 5. Work 6 weeks 4 days a week barriers and hand pulling. Contract with NEM. Contract with 7 Lakes for CBI.
 - 2. Cost and Match** 32% CASH

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Hogan Whitney Ponds Association

DATE: February 21, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Two-year grant, no CBI because no public access. Annual goal is to prevent infestation from moving into Whitney. Little removal in 2023 due to high water; fall survey showed areas of growth in previously clear areas.

NEM for 2 years each in 2024 and 2025.

Brief but informative summary including note regarding change coming in WL management including removal of Welchville Dam

Notes that renters at south end bring boats.

Started with NEM in 2018. Headed toward being maintenance project.

Survey in spring 2024 before removal. NEM to clear area in channel.

B. Goals

Long-term goal: manage annual removal without needing grant funds. Highest priority to keep VWM out of Whitney.

C. Objectives

This section very briefly describes surveying efforts. Notes approach to marking sites and LSM-trained surveyors.

D. Monitoring

Areas surveyed before and after VWM removal; use Survey123.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

10 year program. Mentions ways to increase local resources but they seem similar to efforts in previous applications and it's not clear whether these have been successful.

2. Cost and Match

33% match? Appears that some match figures are really in-kind?

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Hogan Whitney Ponds Association

DATE: February 19, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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NEM for 2 years each in 2024 and 2025.

Brief but informative summary including note regarding change coming in WL management including removal of Welchville Dam. Claims that native plants doing well where removal has occurred – is there clear evidence of this?

Notes that renters at south end bring boats. Apparently previous 319 project? Started with NEM in 2018. Headed toward being maintenance project.
Survey in spring 2024 before removal. NEM to clear area in channel.

B. Goals

Long-term goal: manage annual removal without needing grant funds. Highest priority to keep VWM out of Whitney.

C. Objectives

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME Hogan and Whitney Pond Association

DATE: 2/14/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 year. Detailed description of lake uses and habitat previous work and the challenges and successes of that work. Combined contracted and local effort.

- B. Goals** Spread Prevention to Whitney Pond. Focus on channel between the ponds. New patch located. Long term and short-term goals. Long term get pond to maintenance level.

- C. Objectives** Work with NEM to prioritize areas near and within channel. Encourage residents to look for plant in these areas.

- D. Monitoring.** Surveys all infested areas and lake wide hrough year by boat used Survey 123 to map. Maintain large areas eradicate small new areas. Lists each area of infestation.

- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Long term coordinator, experienced contractor. Members financial support limited physical support. Looking for additional support from local businesses.
 - 2. Cost and Match** 25% CASH

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Town of Kittery

DATE: February 16, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year grant application
- No CBI Program
- Description of pond
 - o 4-acres
 - o No known fisheries, but ppl kayak and fish
 - o Max depth of 10', mean depth of 5'
 - o Canada goose population that feeds on BN & CLP(?)
- Good description of past management efforts
- Town is requesting funding for two more years to do robust pre and post surveys to determine if removal efforts are effective.
- Build on previous outreach efforts (CDD)
 - o Hire contractor for two weeks of DASH removal late spring 2024 & 2025
 - Focus on highest spread risk areas (access points)
 - Pre & Post surveys

B. Goals

- Reduce dense growth of CLP and BN to a level of annual maintenance.
- Return pond's recreational value
- Prevent spread to other places (via education & outreach)

C. Objectives

- Prevention/Early Detection
 - o Informational mailer to private property owners near the pond.
 - o Put mailer on Town's website and social media
 - o Invite recreational users to meet with Town staff to learn about AIS in the pond and management efforts.
- Management/Plant Control

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BIDDER NAME: Town of Kittery

DATE: February 16, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

- Hire AIS removal contract for two weeks of DASH in late spring, focusing near public access points.

D. Monitoring

- DASH contractor will survey conditions prior to manual removal and after.
- Use Survey 1,2,3
- Compare effectiveness of year-to-year removal.
- No map???
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E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Capacity and knowledge from Town of Kittery
- Experience hiring DASH contractor (NEM)
 - Will hire a different contractor in 2024
- Town will provide loader & dump truck for removal, as well as a place to dump plants.
- Project managed locally by Public Works Inspector who has worked on this project for the past two years.

2. Cost and Match

- 25% cash match (grant request = \$17,376)

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Kittery Legion Pond

DATE: February 19, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

2-year project; no CBI since no boat access. Complete and clear description of the pond and challenges.

Limited use recreational area for paddle craft.

Narrative recognizes that DASH work relieves the infestation but only in the short term.

Two weeks of DASH in late spring 2024 and 2025; this will conclude 5 year's of removal.

B. Goals

Clear goals but I would switch the order of importance, i.e., preventing spread is paramount.

C. Objectives

Planning outreach via informational mailing to owners near the pond; inviting recreational users to meet with town staff.

Hiring contractor for DASH removal. Mentions 3 tasks but only 2 listed.

D. Monitoring

Contractor will conduct pre and post removal surveys and record information with Survey 123.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

New (to this project) DASH contractor. Town has experience overseeing grants. Town support for collecting and disposing of plant material.

2. Cost and Match

25% match.

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME Town of Kittery

DATE: 2/14/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 year. Detailed description of lake uses and habitat previous work and the challenges and successes of that work. Contracted labor for removal. Do robust assessment of effectiveness.
- B. Goals** Reduce dense growth. To maintain with annual removal effort. Regional Spread prevention through outreach and education,
- C. Objectives** Work with contractor for 2 weeks. Prioritize access areas. Work with YCSWCD to provide education and outreach..
- D. Monitoring.** Contractor to surveys all infested areas and lake wide. Lists each area of infestation.
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Long term coordinator, experienced contractor.. Looking for additional support from local businesses. Town resources
 - 2. Cost and Match** 25% CASH

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council (LACC)

DATE: February 16, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year grant application
- CBI Program
- Good description of lake and recreational uses.
- Eradicate EN
- Highlighted the threat Arrowhead poses to other waterbodies (from boats and waterfowl)
- 20th year fighting VWM
- Description of past /current efforts to combat VWM and UI
- Two DASH boats
- Herbicide treatments

B. Goals

- Eradicate European naiad
- Reduce infestation of VWM (by 50%)
- Reduce UI infestation (by 50%)

C. Objectives

- Herbicide treatment for EN
- Herbicide treatment for VWM (Little Ossipee Lake Inlet to Ridgeway road, 26 acres)
- Employ two DASH boats to for VWM removal from mid-May-Thanksgiving week.
- Use paddlers to remove UI

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D. Monitoring

- Plant patrollers will monitor AIP and will observe how well native plants are returning to managed areas.
- Pre & post reports
- DASH crew will ID and monitor AIP blooms and effectiveness of DASH and herbicides.
- Map included, but doesn't include all infested areas.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- No text description of training and experience
- Some information provided in other sections (locally developed program, resources available, history of program)
- Areas to manage are provided in table(s)

2. Cost and Match

- Filled out budget table for one year of costs and doubled in the Project Financial Summary for 2-year costs.
- 154% match (grant request = \$160,000 (\$80k/year))

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal Cost Share Grant

BIDDER NAME: Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council

DATE: February 19, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

2-year grant; CBI program exists. States more than 900 boats launching and removing annually – does that number come from counters at the ramp? Home grown operation with 2 DASH boats; 20 years' experience.

Project to 1. Eradicate naiad, 2. Use chemical on another area of VWM to allow for DASH in areas not addressed to date and 3. Pay people in paddle craft to remove inflated bladderwort. Argues that helping Arrowhead helps all lakes.

B. Goals

Goals are clearly stated but not necessarily realistic – including the challenge of measuring percent reductions in plant growth.

C. Objectives

Brief but clear restatement of what is in Project Purpose and Scope.

D. Monitoring

Notes Deb Broderick's role in assessing effectiveness of herbicide treatment. Pre and post monitoring by DASH crew but doesn't clearly state that this is reported via Survey 123.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

I don't see anything in the application regarding training and experience.

2. Cost and Match

Cash expenses is for one year only. It appears match if greater than 100%.

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council

DATE: 2/26/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 Year application. References 5 year plan 3 Invasive species. Reduce BN by 50%?. 20 years managing VWM home grown DASH with 2 boats reduced VWM 30% applied herbicide in 2023. Plan to fund for next 2 years if needed. Mentions bass tournaments as threat for spread.
- B. Goals** Eradicate BN Reduce VWM and Inflata 50%
- C. Objectives** Rely on DEP RR on BN with herbicide, no further details or explanation of follow up or other activities. Fund ProcellaCOR treatment of VWM and deploy 2 DASH crews. Harvest Inflata by hand with kayaks.
- D. Monitoring.** Volunteer surveys and by DASH crew. Limited details
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Did not fill this section out beyond tables and mention in purpose and scope.
 - 2. Cost and Match** >141%

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Lakes Environmental Association

DATE: February 20, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year grant application
- CBI Program
- Long Lake/Brandy Pond, Songo River, Sebago Cove (no CBI), Sebago Lake
- Good description of each waterbody ("alcohol enthusiasts" in Songo River).
- Targeting VWM on all waterbodies
- Description of control methods (past and present)
- Uses Survey 1,2,3
- Returning & year-round staff
- Dense to more manageable infestations that need constant maintaining (and funding)

B. Goals

- Long Lake: Removal all VWM found and keep lake free of AIS via surveying of hot spots.
- Brandy Pond: Keep free of VWM via surveying and spot removal of new patches.
- Sebago Cove: Keep primary boating channels open and free of VWM; Clear VWM from high-density populated areas.
- Songo River: Keep main boating channel, main river, Sebago Lake State Park boat ramp, free of VWM; Keep backwater covers free of VWM.
- Sebago Lake: ("Dependent on particular site") Northwest River Cove = free of VWM; Frye Island = functional eradication at Quail Circle & Long Beach marinas; Kettle & Mataponi Coves remain free of VWM; Sebago Basin = knock back infestation.

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C. Objectives

- Details provided in "Goals" section
- Focuses control efforts around marinas, docking facilities, boat ramps, boating channels.
- Survey for AIS with known infestations and without known infestations.
- Responds quickly to new infestations
- Worked with the Town of Naples to draft an ordinance to require regular surveying of high-risk areas.

D. Monitoring

- Return often to harvested areas to assess efficacy.
- Monitor and pull straggling plants
- Use Survey 1,2,3
- Crew member to be on the lookout for fragments during control work.
- Survey work via kayak, paddleboard, snorkel, surface supplied air, sea sledging.
- 2024 work: entire Songo River and littoral area of Brandy Pond and Long Lake.
- Maps???
- Details in tables

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Local team
- Three DASH systems, survey boat, barge.
- At least 13 divers
- Crew leaders have returned for several seasons and crew members are returning for 2nd and 3rd season.
- Scuba and CPR certifications
- Hookah and full-face masks
- Returning year-round staff

2. Cost and Match

- Match from individuals, municipalities, foundations, businesses, volunteers.
- Cutting budget in 2024 due to the ending of a 4-year private foundation grant.
- Town of Naples ordinance helps fund survey work on Long Lake/Brandy Pond.
- Portland Water District (helps fund work on Sebago Lake).
- Cash match 2024 = 123% (grant request = \$65,000)
- Cash match 2025 = 132% (grant request = \$65,000)

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Two-year grant; CBI Program exists. Work on multiple waterbodies. Detailed project description includes summary of each waterbody and approximate costs for each waterbody over the two-year period. Would have thought more funding would go to Sebago Cove than the other lakes/areas but not the case. Long/Brandy and Songo get most funding. Target species VMM. Describes control strategies for different density of infestation including barriers, DASH and manual removal for isolated plants. Effective but expensive operation. Continuing with same strategies; Survey123 for documentation. Need to keep up the effort to maintain success to date.

B. Goals

Clear and detailed goals for each of the five areas being managed under this grant.

C. Objectives

Generally outlines LEA's approach to managing infestations. Details of objectives are presented in Project Purpose and Scope. Trains and hires CBI in the region; Rapid Response to Long Lake infestation; Naples ordinance mentioned among other things.

D. Monitoring

Describes pre and post treatment monitoring including timing, pre and post treatment visits to assess efficacy, techniques (e.g., snorkeling, dive tows), documentation using Survey123, fragment patrol during removal. Will also survey managed areas of Brandy and Long to make sure plants not returning.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Extensive experience carried forward through the years from one manager to the next. Divers are fully trained. Approx. 13 divers in 2024 and 2025. Upkeep and investments into equipment continues.

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2. Cost and Match

Foundation Grant ended in 2023, therefore reduced budget for 2024 and 2025 seasons. But will continue to search for outside funding sources. Detailed discussion of match for each removal area includes in-kind support (e.g., docking space at campground) and funding from towns. Still working on financial buy-in from NW River residents. Elsewhere on Sebago, LEA members donate to target control work. Notes unique situation in Sebago Cove and relatively low contributions. Cash match >100%.

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BIDDER NAME Lakes Environmental Association

DATE: 2/26/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 Year application. Detailed description of each waterbody to be worked. Describes the target species and previous control strategies and planned control strategies for the upcoming 2 year grant cycle.
- B. Goals** Realistic and appropriate goals for each water body project in the applications. Long Lake and Brandy Pond the goal of eradication is a priority.
- C. Objectives** Prioritize high spread areas. More detail about the objectives in the Purpose and Scope or Goals section than in this section. Discussion of monitoring in this section
- D. Monitoring.** More discussion of objectives to meet the goals here. Will prioritize finding new areas of AIS to manage efficiently and maintain AIS free areas.
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Locally run and managed. 13 divers 3 DASH systems and barrier crews. Several experience crew members and seasoned project manager. Exec. Director has been involved with the program since its inception over 20 years. Working relationships with community
 - 2. Cost and Match** >100% Lists match by waterbody

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee (LIPPC)

DATE: February 20, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Cushman Pond
- One-year proposal
- No CBI
- VWM functional eradication monitoring
 - o Two maintenance dives

B. Goals

- Keep invasive aquatic plants from returning to Cushman Pond. (*Pond was recently opened to bait trapping*)

C. Objectives

- Perform two maintenance dives.
- Monitor spots where bait traps are used
- Sporadic CBI coverage (no motorized boats allowed)
- CDD signage at carry-in ramp

D. Monitoring

- Two professional dive surveys in deeper water.
- Residents and non-residents will monitor shoreline.
- LIPPC volunteer steward surveys entire shoreline of every lake and pond in the watershed.
- Map is old IFW depth map
- Table does not contain any details.

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EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Professional divers
- Volunteers both residents and non-residents
- Volunteer lake steward
- Efforts supported by Town of Lovell
- Program has been operating for close to 30 years with many of the same participants.
- Dive team has included the same people since inception.

2. Cost and Match

- Cash match = 63% (grant request is \$1,960)

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EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One-year grant; sporadic volunteer CBI at low-use access point.
Long-standing local effort to eradicate VWM from Cushman. Pond was removed from the infested list in 2019 and DEP has supported very limited grant funds for twice annual maintenance dives. Would be preferable if LIPPC uses Survey123 rather than depth map in application.

B. Goals

Clear goal to prevent re-infestation of Cushman. Concern about opening to bait traps.

C. Objectives

Two dives in 2024. Monitor spots where bait traps deployed. Sporadic CBI coverage by Town.

D. Monitoring

Annual survey of shoreline by LIPPC volunteer steward.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Local divers have 30 year's involvement with project. Town of Lovell supports work.

2. Cost and Match

63% match

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BIDDER NAME Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

DATE: 2/26/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 1 Year application. Brief low detail description.
Though the proposed project is small and limited.
- B. Goals** Realistic and appropriate goals
- C. Objectives** Prioritize eradication. No plants discovered.
- D. Monitoring.** Major focus of the project to keep free of AIS.
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Locally run and managed.
 - 2. Cost and Match**

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RFP #: 202311232

RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Little Sebago Lake Association (LSLA)

DATE: February 21, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year grant proposal
- CBI Program
- Hybrid VWM
- Good description of lake and access points
- Description of infestation & challenges with management
- Description of lake use
- Survey areas of early/fast growth and popular fishing spots, prior to boating season.
- Outreach to residents to help ID areas of concern.
- Respond to areas identified with VWM and pull if positive ID.
- Seasoned Crew
- Lower Lake regrows more quickly and needs more monitoring/management
- During the next two years: Use second DASH with dive crew on Lower Lake and keep other DASH on Upper Lake to use as needed; make changes in second year as needed.
- History: 80 onion bags/day to about 13 bags over two days; fewer bags in some areas last year, but also some new areas discovered.
- Foundation grant to do a comprehensive survey in July 2024; modify milfoil removal as needed, based on 2024 survey.

B. Goals

- Reduce VWM density each year.
- Spread the word about program and other potential AIS threats.
 - o Implement an IPP program.
 - o Outreach begins in June
 - o Two coordinators who have been involved with program for over 20

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years.

C. Objectives

- Schedule a meeting in June with divers, captains, and crews.
 - o Provide training
- Survey Lower Lake, coves in Middle Lake, Upper Narrows and Upper Lake slalom ski area, other covers & hot spots.
- Start management program according to what is found during surveys.

D. Monitoring

- Start by surveying sensitive areas.
- Start removal in a two-week rotation between Lower, Middle, Upper lake (what about using both DASH units simultaneously?)
- All areas are managed at least three times between June – September.
- Enter data using Survey 1,2,3
- Map provided
- Details in table(s)

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Two, experienced (20+ years) coordinators
- Little Sebago Lake Association runs CBI Program
- Two DASH boats
- Crew of seasoned divers
- CPR training for Crew
- Membership from local residents
- Support from Towns of Gray and Windham

2. Cost and Match

- 246% cash match (grant request = \$34,000)

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Two-year grant; approx. 20 year CBI program.

Clearly describes the lake features and human use. Monthly surveys for plant fragments at boat access.

Hybrid milfoil. Thirty milfoil areas in the lake require annual survey and potential removal; several areas present removal challenge. Suggests discussing other methods with DEP.

Decrease in clarity and oxygen is documented? Fish kills. Makes case for continued work including potential property value impacts.

Focus on areas with early season milfoil (e.g., Sheldrake). Extra TP samples for 2024. Increase in harvest is portion of Lower Lake.

Detailed description of approach to working the infested areas (start in south) and outreach to residents regarding marking and removing plants (protect native plants). Using GPS to return to mark and return to infested areas.

Will keep one DASH in upper lake to save time transiting lake. Keeping one DASH in south to respond to growth there. One crew member dive certified to perform RR to lake resident reports.

New beds found in 2023, at least one fairly large. Separate foundation grant for level 3 survey in July.

B. Goals

To reduce amount of milfoil removed, continue to spread message of plant and other threats via FB, newsletters, annual meeting.

C. Objectives

Summary of overall approach starting with organizations meeting in June. Will suggest that all team member attend on-line training. If enough crew, will work upper lake simultaneously with lower lake.

D. Monitoring

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EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

Briefly describes approach for surveying first to know where to begin removal and proceeding throughout the lake. All rechecked and removed at least 3 times. Contracted survey planned in 2024.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

20 years of experience in the two coordinators. Very experienced divers and new diver coming on-board. CPR training by certified instructor. Each town provides approx. \$10K annually.

2. Cash Match

Well over 100% match.

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DATE: 2/26/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 Year application. Good description of the lake and uses, the AIS that is targeted for management and history of the management. Noting successes and challenges that remain. Good detail in outlining strategies and how to get to goals.
- B. Goals** Realistic and appropriate goals in management and outreach and spread reduction. Trying to implement an IPPer Program
- C. Objectives** Prioritize keeping AIS free areas clear and reducing areas of high risk for spread. Description of how program use survey and management to achieve goal of locating isolated patches.
- D. Monitoring.** Major focus of the project to keep free of AIS and direct the removal work.
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Locally run and managed. Two coordinators and lead diver with program over 20 years. First DASH employed in Maine. Describes the roles of each coordinator and crew/dive member. Detailed training description.
 - 2. Cost and Match** >100%

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RFP TITLE: Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal COST SHARE GRANT

BIDDER NAME: Mousam Lake Region Association

DATE: February 21, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One-year grant application
- Mousam Lake and Goose Pond
- CBI Program
- Utricularia inflata (*first grant/year of management*)
- Refine removal methods for U. inflata
- Three weeks of DASH removal in 2024 (two weeks in spring and one in fall)
- Reduce U. inflata in high priority areas (DASH and hand removal)
- Pre & Post surveys (assess success of 2023 hand removal)
- Survey un-infested areas to determine if they are still free of U. inflata
- Expand financial & volunteer resources (build local capacity)
- Provide training and outreach (learn to distinguish between native bladderworts and U. inflata; work on trying to discourage use of private launches w/no CBI)
- Prevent spread to other waterbodies

B. Goals

- Prevent spread to other waterbodies
- Early detection of any newly infested areas
- Management of dense U. inflata growth

C. Objectives

- Reduce risk of spread
 - o CDD and Infested lake signs at informal boat ramps
 - o Ask private ramp owners to use public launch w/CBI & encourage CDD
 - o Expand CBI schedule
 - o Survey outlet
 - o DASH and hand-pulling U. inflata

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

- Early detection
 - o Survey 8 *U. inflata* removal sites from 2023 to determine regrowth
 - o Expand IPP team and provide training for plant ID, survey methods, and removal methods.
 - o Engage new volunteers and increased participation from current volunteers.
- Management
 - o Prioritize removing small populations of *U. inflata*
 - o Remove dense infestations with DASH (2 weeks spring, 1 week fall)
 - o Continue to experiment with removal techniques
 - o Build volunteer MLRA Dive Team
 - o Tables for 2024 target sites for DASH and hand removal.
- Included "Action Steps" detailing tasks for each objective.
- Included details related to people and resources needed, and how MLRA will work to sustain these.
- Included timeline for activities.
- Outlined potential challenges for carrying out objectives and possible solutions.
- Detailed plans for expanding CBI and CDD practices.

D. Monitoring

- Outlined history of monitoring on Mousam Lake and plan to continue with regular surveys.
 - o Continue partnership with LSM, YCIASP, MLRA IPP Team to survey sectors developed.
- Post-removal surveys to determine efficacy.
- Maps??? (in management plan?)
- Areas detailed in tables

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Mousam Lake Region Association (MLRA) membership
- Trained volunteers (survey & plant removal)
- YCIASP (Laurie Callahan) support
- Dennis Roberge – discovered *U. inflata* in Mousam and has extensive experience with aquatic plant ID and survey methods.
- LSM support
- Will hire a DASH contractor to do removal
- Experience with other cost-share grants/grant management (soil erosion control)

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& watershed survey)

- Using personally owned watercrafts and gear for volunteers to use during survey and hand-removal.

2. Cost and Match

- 60% cash match (grant request = \$14,920.51)
- In budget, grant funds are spread across multiple expenses.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One year grant; CBI Program. Very clear and detailed description of project. Narrative includes information from the draft management plan. The work done under this grant addresses a relatively new invasives plant and results of this project will help DEP with future response to this species. Surveys after 2024 ice-out will inform success of 2023 manual removal. Strategies include DASH (deeper areas), manual removal, surveying other areas of the lake for infestations, training in ID, outreach. Will remove dense areas early in season. Notes the need to build capacity, change boater behavior and recruit more volunteers (how will they do the latter?). Focus of dive team local had been mystery snail control but now switched to invasive plant. Describes 2023 work including hours and gallons of plant removed; also notes financial contributions to the lake association. Also notes construction of equipment to improve harvesting. Maximizing CBI coverage. Coordinating with dam keeper.

B. Goals

Goals are clearly stated. Are these directly from management plan?

C. Objectives

Objectives related to reducing spread risk via CBI/signs/outreach/directing people to public access points (v. private), detecting new infestations and plant removal. Notes advocacy for legislation which should not be here or in the management plan.

Detailed discussion of role of volunteers including D. Roberge, recruiting and training new volunteers, organizing volunteers and timing of surveys.

Also detailed discussion of approach to plant removal.

Two weeks early spring removal and one week late fall. Notes preventing spread

Very detailed steps for removal, outreach and sustaining project. MLRA will be working on filling those roles in coming months.

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Timeline for work is detailed. Advocacy work is detailed.

Rationale for removal sites very good – ask for this specifically in the application?

Section on environmental conditions (water levels, high wave action) and working within them (legislation mentioned again here).

Section on changing behaviors, also on CBI with analysis of number of boats.

Reducing spread risk factors with communication, education, training, accountability. Notes the initiative to have a regional approach to AIS.

D. Monitoring

Extensive knowledge from two experienced aquatic plant surveyors. MRLA willing to change priorities, e.g., continue with DASH if needed to know efficacy of removal. Will assess effectiveness of control work with pre- and post-harvest surveys.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Lake association started in 1956. Significant donations in WQ fund and Dive Team fund, extensive membership. Donations after discovery of bladderwort. All MLRA volunteers who surveyed in 2023 were trained. Mandatory training in future years. Laurie's workshops; Dennis Roberge is very accomplished surveyor. Mentions LSM involvement. Hiring contractor with flexibility to extend removal into the fall. Experience with grants including 319 projects.

2. Cash Match

Total match is 37.5%. Detailed budget narrative in the application.

Total cost in table doesn't quite match but table 3 is correct.

MRLA disposing of material so contractor doesn't need to spend time on that.

Has background, e.g., how they estimated in-kind time.

Extensive modeling done to mix of types of crew members for inkind in table 2.??

40% increase in donations in 2023.

MRLA supports their dive team with \$5K annual investment!

Currently using private boats for work (mystery snail).

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DATE: 2/26/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 1 Year application. First time applicant. Good description of the lake and uses, the AIS that is targeted for management and history of the management, priorities and how they have approached these activities. Refers to collaborative management plan and addresses additional activities outside the plan to build capacity.
- B. Goals** Realistic and appropriate goals in management and outreach and spread reduction. Also goals to understand the life history of the plant to better manage it.
- C. Objectives** Prioritize objectives to meet the outlined goals. Good detail, addressing needs, challenges and resources in Early detection, management and outreach.
- D. Monitoring.** Major focus of the project to keep free of AIS and direct the removal work and spread prevention. In addition to documenting the growth and patterns of the plant on Mousam Lake.
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Locally run and managed with a hired contractor for heavy removal. Experienced association, trained volunteer divers and strong CBI program. Very dedicated experienced AIS volunteer on board. And involved with planning.
 - 2. Cost and Match** 60%

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BIDDER NAME: Friends of Shagg Pond Association

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EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One-year grant application
- No CBI (has public access)
- Contain and eliminate VWM
- Use contractor and volunteers
- No lake description
- No description of extent of AIS
- No discussion of previous control strategies

B. Goals

- Educate lake users about threat of VWM and how they can prevent spread.
- Remove VWM fragments
- Goals do not meet project purpose and scope.

C. Objectives

- Eradicate VWM using various assets provided by state, town, and landowners.
- Does not describe how goals or project purpose will be achieved.
- Does not discuss spread prevention, early detection, or management.
- Does not describe locations for management, although tables do provide details.

D. Monitoring

- Survey done in spring, once during summer, and once at the end of the season.
- Surveys are compared to previous surveys to better understand growth and effectiveness of control methods.
- No map

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E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Coordinator is experienced and has training.
- Coordinator works for New England Milfoil
- Has own DASH
- Support from Town of Woodstock
- 90% of Association members make donations or volunteer.

2. Cost and Match

- 25% cash match (grant request = \$17,864)
- Questions about budget expenses:
 - o NEM vs Contractor vs Diver?
 - o Trailer expense? Is this to purchase a trailer?

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One year application; no CBI program.

Insufficient information on the overall project, past removal, status of infestation.

This section includes a goal and says that the goal will be addressed by "contractor volunteer" and a DASH system owned by a landowner (?).

B. Goals

I get the gist of what is proposed but this is not clearly written.

C. Objectives

This section states a goal of eradication but provides no background of work done or indication of whether eradication is achievable (I think it is not).

D. Monitoring

Most clearly expressed part of the application but still lacks detail.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Nine years' experience for project coordinator who has built own DASH boat.

Town of Woodstock donates to effort. 90% of lake association members contribute funding or in-kind.

2. Cash Match

Minimum 25% match.

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EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 1 Year application. One sentence. No details on any aspect of the infestation including the target species, waterbody project or history.
- B. Goals** Prevent spread. No management goals stated.
- C. Objectives** Eradicate VWM. No detail or description of how
- D. Monitoring.** Surveys 3x a year before during and after removal activities
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Coordinator experienced at removal. Town donations
 - 2. Cost and Match** 25%

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One-year grant proposal
- CBI Program
- Municipal boat access
- VWM present for about 30 years
- Description of past efforts
- Contract w/SMIAM for VWM management
 - o Monitor Pine Point (which once had a large VWM infestation) and remove any regrowth
- Description of planned management techniques
- Uses Google maps (survey 1,2,3?); Link to map included.

B. Goals

- 20 hrs surveying high-risk areas.
- Level 2 survey done by SMIAM.
- Isolated plants found will be removed; larger infestations will be removed.
- Surveying for other AIS as well as VWM.
- CBI at public boat ramp 2-3 days/week.

C. Objectives

- Use a combination of hand-pulling (more sparse areas) and DASH (dense areas)
- Benthic barriers will likely not be needed this year(?)
- Survey high-risk areas for all AIS
- Send suspicious samples to VLMP (LSM)

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

D. Monitoring

- Milfoil crew will monitor “reclaimed areas” on TLEA map
 - o Areas that have gone 2-3 years without VWM
 - o Visit at least once/2024 season
 - o Remove any VWM plants found
- Link to map included.
- Tables detail areas for management/monitoring

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- No narrative in this section.
- Included some information about local resources in sections above.

2. Cost and Match

- 95% cash match (grant request = \$20,000)

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EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One year grant; CBI program.

8th consecutive year of removal with the same contractor.

Describes history of infestation and management of Pine Point Cove.

Combination of DASH, barriers and hand-pulling based on density and extent of growth. Describes approach to "reclaimed areas" and areas with relatively limited growth that can be controlled with repeat visits during the season. Treated areas on Google Maps.

B. Goals

Information presented here actually objectives. Level 2 survey will be done.

Mention of certified boat inspectors at ramps. Relatively short on detail in this section.

C. Objectives

Likely won't need DASH in 2024 but not clear why that's the case. Surveying of high-risk areas. Very light on substantive detail in this section.

D. Monitoring

Notes surveying of "reclaimed areas."

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

No information provided here.

2. Cash Match

95% match.

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DATE: 2/26/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 1 Year application. Concise description of the lake and the infestations and management history. Highlighting successes and anticipated challenges for continued management.
- B. Goals** More descriptive goals like objectives, does described desired outcomes between this section and the next and methods used to reach the outcomes for management and spread prevention.
- C. Objectives** Eradicate VWM. No detail or description of how
- D. Monitoring.** Surveys on all known areas of infestation by in water and by boat.
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Limited information. Hire contractor with years of experience on this waterbody. Association donations
 - 2. Cost and Match** 1795%

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DATE: February 15, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- One year grant application
- Milton Three Ponds (BN)
- Detailed survey by TPPA volunteers and New England Milfoil to be conducted.
- In 2024, will use DASH, manual removal by volunteers, proposed herbicide treatments on NH side (and maybe ME).

B. Goals

- Conduct a detailed survey (prior to DASH and herbicide treatment)
- Drastic reduction in infestation in 2023

C. Objectives

- Use trained TPPA volunteers with NEM's DASH team to survey.
- Laurie Callahan of YCIASP will conduct training for volunteers.
- Contract with NEM for five weeks.
- Contract with SOLitude Lake Management for herbicide.
- Potentially use AquaStrike?

D. Monitoring

- DASH
- Surveys
- Maps included

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Over a dozen TPPA volunteers for survey at least twice/summer and also doing manual removal.

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- Offer training workshops on BN ID and hand removal.
- Financial support from Towns, MDEP, NHDES.
- Active Lake Association membership base.
- CBI and Lake Host Programs.

2. Cost and Match

- Cash match ~386% cash match (grant request = \$15,000)
- Support from TPPA members and Towns.

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DATE: February 14, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

One-year application. Very brief with no detail of years of previous monitoring, manual removal and herbicide treatments. I'm not expecting a full re-hash of what's been done but I expect a concise summary of previous work on Milton Three Ponds -- this is lacking.

B. Goals

Includes information that should be in project purpose and scope including 2023 plant growth. Content in this section does not state overall goals of the project.

C. Objectives

Describes trained volunteers but we have little evidence they are active. Very brief description of potential plant removal methods; detail is lacking. Laurie Callahan will help with trainings.

D. Monitoring

Short on details for techniques used and timing of monitoring.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Mentions lake association and VIPs (claims that they survey the pond at least twice each summer).

2. Cost and Match

Applicant has more than the required match (>100%).

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EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 1 Year. Brief Summary. Little detail, mentions survey work, DASH and Herbicide in NH
- B. Goals** Hire NEM and do Herbicide. Survey before. Discussed past work done drastic reduction from past seasons.
- C. Objectives** Trained volunteers to survey Anticipate YCIAP to conduct trainings. Herbicide with Aquastrike.
- D. Monitoring.** Surveys by DASH volunteers and TPPA
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Dozen volunteers for survey. Long time manager of the project Offer training workshops to waterfront owners. Tech assistance from NH and ME. Financial support from Milton and Lebanon. Active Lake Association
 - 2. Cost and Match** >100%

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EVALUATOR NAME: Toni Pied

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

- Two-year grant proposal
- No CBI Program
- Private boat access
- 20th year of managing CLP
- Most of pond is less than 15', has good clarity, and is good habitat for plants.
- Description of recreational uses of pond
- Description of pond
- Has own DASH and uses primarily in Fall
- Good description of past management efforts
- Started contracting with NEM in 2015 (removal done in May)
- Has seen good progress over the course of the removal program.
- Volunteers are on the lookout for floating plants and new residents are educated about CLP.
- NEM will work for five weeks in 2024

B. Goals

- Control CLP growth throughout Pond.
- Limit growth of CLP and floating fragments.
- Maintain screens at outlet
- Early detection by surveying by divers, underwater cameras, and surface scopes.
- Persistence with current methods.

C. Objectives

- Harvest as much CLP as possible during spring survey
- CLP harvested is composted on site

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

- At least one volunteer fragment collector during harvests.
- Equipment: DASH, boats, volunteers, fish totes, collection bags, warning flags, fragment nets, lawn tractor & trailer, markers, anchors, dive gear.

D. Monitoring

- Pre-management surveys; mark AIP locations w/GPS to return for harvest.
- IPA Team utilized for monitoring throughout season to ID plants.
- Diver tows for survey and marking plants for removal.
- No map
- General descriptions referring to Survey 1,2,3 in Table.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

- Fundraisers throughout the year.
- Send letters to West Pond property owners.
- Volunteers donate goods to dive program.

2. Cost and Match

- 60% cash match (grant request is \$56,000)
- Questions about budget:
 - o Are NEM's costs broken out between divers, boat captain, surface help, DASH boat & equipment?
 - o Does West Pond hire their own Coordinator?

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BIDDER NAME: West Pond

DATE: February 19, 2024

EVALUATOR NAME: John McPhedran

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Project Purpose and Scope

Two-year grant; no CBI (no public access).

Complete summary of history of ~20 year's management of CLP infestation including observations of native plant impacts. WPA built DASH in 2007 but the infestation was more than could be managed. Began hiring contractor in 2015 for early season removal which was improvement over previous approach. WPA volunteers continue harvest after contractor concludes. Don't see massive floating mats of CLP as they did early on. NEM under contract for five weeks in 2024.

B. Goals

Acknowledges that eradication not possible. Goal is to limit growth so CLP doesn't overtake entire pond. Fragment screens in place at outlet.

C. Objectives

Surveying for plants using scopes, underwater camera, and sonar. All CLP is marked for removal and composted. Fragment collectors during harvest. Equipment used for harvest and composting is detailed. Adaptive approach based on plants found.

D. Monitoring

Pre-removal surveys are conducted and plants geo-located for monitoring of effectiveness. Also use dive tows to cover large areas.

E. Local Resources

1. Training and Experience

Fundraisers have been held over the years for the pond association to support the 4 to 5 weeks of DASH. Most property owners have contributed to the removal effort. Credit card donation possible on website.

2. Cash Match

60% cash match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

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DATE: 2/26/2024

EVALUATOR NAME: Denise Blanchette

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- A. Project Purpose and Scope** 2 Year application. Good, detailed description of the pond and it uses the target plant and the history of the management on the Pond. There is also a good overview of strategy and timing in how to manage the AIS. Concise description of the lake and the infestations and management history. Highlighting successes and anticipated challenges for continued management.
- B. Goals** Goals are clearly stated and realistic to the infestation. The goal to manage the density and new growth along with continued management and community engagement.
- C. Objectives** Clearly outline the activities need to reach the goals. Hiring NEM for 5 weeks continued surveys to target new colonies of AIS then move to larger colonies.
- D. Monitoring.** Full waterbody surveys frequently though out the season. IPA survey team of volunteers, Diver tows
- E. Local Resources**
 - 1. Training and Experience** Original Coordinator 20 years experienced at removal still involved, new leadership also active and experienced. Pond Community highly engaged in surveys and fundraising. Association runs own volunteer DASH following contracted work.
 - 2. Cost and Match** 60%



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I, Denise Blanchette

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