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Here's a summary of our funding efforts; all requests/proposals will be submitted by City of Diamondhead with Support from Hancock County Board of Supervisors for cost share.

1. **FY 2022 Federal Appropriations:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, Regional Conservation Partnership Initiative-Gulf of Mexico Initiative-Jourdan River (Rotten Bayou and Bayou La-Terre)
 - a. \$5,500,000 appropriations request
 - b. Request report language to strongly encourage NRCS to partner with elected officials to implement structural and non-structural measures in the Rotten Bayou watershed. These will be prioritized projects identified in earlier studies/reports.
 - c. Will also seek funding for these projects through; 1) NRCS MS Office; and 2) MDEQ's RESTORE Coastal Watersheds Program.
 - d. The Pat Harrison Waterway District is also willing to support the effort to secure funding for the Jourdan River/Rotten Bayou projects.

2. **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation-National Coastal Resilience Fund**
 - a. \$437,000 appropriations request
 - b. Projects for this application are: 3.05-Diamondhead Drive East near Aukai Place; 3.06-Watershed Basin G-Hilo Way to Hapuna Place; 3.07-Watershed Basin G-Diamondhead Dr. East and 3.08 Anahola Draw.
 - c. Budget reflects engineering, topo maps, study, permitting and right of way/easement.
 - d. Program to create and restore natural systems to increase protection for communities from coastal storms, sea-level changes, inundation, and coastal erosion, while improving habitats for fish and wildlife species. NFWF is interested in funding projects that seek to re-shape thinking on how to protect communities from projected environmental stressors and use innovative approaches to address these challenges. NFWF seeks to fund projects that include adaptation to projected future environmental conditions, so that they are resilient into the future. Four priority areas. Proposals limited to one priority area:
 1. Community Capacity Building and Planning – done/earlier studies
 2. Site Assessment and Preliminary Design -done/earlier studies
 3. Final Design and Permitting- Funding for on-the-ground projects to turn earlier studies/reports into final designs and engineering plans, continued stakeholder engagement, detailed cost estimates, permitting, and other tasks to make projects shovel ready.
 4. Restoration and Monitoring – construction (intend to seek construction funding after or while final design/permitting is going on)

Let me know if you have questions,

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