

Section	Change
2.C. Overview and Goals:	<p>Newly titled section (previously part of Eligible projects/Scope of Work)</p> <p>Added newly articulated MassBays vision statement and mission.</p> <p>Inserted a new region, to replace “Salem Sound,” called “Lower North Shore.” This ensures that the entire MassBay area is covered by an RC, and the nomenclature makes more sense within the existing naming convention. (Salem Sound is replaced throughout the RFP with Lower North Shore.)</p> <p>Strengthened language regarding RSPs’ role in promoting MassBays’ goals and programming, changing “mechanisms...may include” to “Applicants are expected to.”</p> <p>Clarified that directives for participating in program activities will come from the Executive Director rather than the Management Committee’s Executive Committee.</p>
2.H. Reporting:	<p>Deleted “Proponents are required to submit a delivery schedule with their Scope of Work, and should propose an appropriate reporting schedule”; moving it to the Section 3.B. Application Content and Format.</p>
3.A. Evaluation Criteria:	<p>Clarified that non-EEA and non-governmental reviewers may take part in proposal review as representatives of the Management Committee.</p> <p>Added that support letters should be solicited specifically for this application (in the past we’ve received old letters, or letters in support of other projects).</p> <p>Clarified that MassBays priorities are oriented toward improvements to habitat as outcomes, i.e.: <i>focus on protecting, restoring, and enhancing coastal habitats, including shellfish and sea grass beds, salt marshes, and beaches, especially identifying and responding to projected impacts of climate change and sea level rise on those habitats.</i></p>
3.B. Application Content and Format:	
3.B.(2) Logic Model:	<p>This new requirement replaces previous language requiring short-, intermediate, and long-term goals to be articulated under each proposed activity, thus cutting down on redundant language and allowing connections between activities and goals to be more easily seen by reviewers, and connections among regional efforts more visible.</p>
3.B.(3)(b) Process by which priorities have been identified	<p>Inserted: <i>As MassBays’ work must be responsive to partners’ capacity, availability of supplemental funds, and timing of opportunities,</i> all regional priorities should be developed in conjunction with local networks.</p>
3.B.(3)(c) Detailed Work Plan:	<p>Revised format to delete request for short-, intermediate-, and long-term objectives (see Logic Model, above); replaced a requirement to indicate funding sought or committed to include additional factors, i.e.:</p> <p><i>External factors necessary to complete the project: funding (sought and committed), partner activities, and political or environmental conditions.</i></p>
3.B.(7) Supporting Materials:	<p>Required (rather than suggested) at least two MassBays-specific letters/statements of support, as evidence of local support for the applicant’s work.</p>