The following criteria will be used to score grant proposals. A proposal’s score is calculated by adding together the total points earned from General Criteria, Program Alignment, and the appropriate Project Category. The point number following each criterion represents the maximum points a proposal can earn for that item.

**General Criteria**  **Total Points Possible: 100**

- The proposal includes all required information. (20 pts)
- The project narrative clearly explains the goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of the project. (20 pts)
- The project will increase site/community resilience or better prepare an organization to plan and implement resilience projects. (40 pts)
- The requested project budget amount and allocation of funds seem appropriate and sufficient. Costs are reasonable. (20 pts)

**Program Alignment**  **Total Points Possible: 185**

- The proposed project is closely aligned to the stated goals of the CRTF program. (40 pts)
- The proposed project is located in an Environmental Justice area, as defined by the VA DEQ EJScreen+ tool. (30 pts)
- The proposed project is located in an Environmental Justice area where at least 61% of the population is low income, as defined by the VA DEQ EJScreen+ tool. (15 pts)
- The proposed project is located in an Environmental Justice area where at least 67% of the population are people of color, as defined by the VA DEQ EJScreen+ tool. (15 pts)
- The proposed project involves the community in a meaningful way in the development and/or implementation of the project. (20 pts)
- The proposed project demonstrates achievable outcomes. (20 pts)
- The proposed project has a meaningful public outreach or educational benefit. (20 pts)
- The proposed project is publicly accessible. (25 pts)
Project Category Scoring Criteria

Capacity Building Projects  Total Points Possible: 80

- The proposed activity represents a critical step for the organization to increase its ability to implement future resiliency projects. (30 pts)
- The activity addresses a stated need or deficiency in the organization. (10 pts)
- The organization has limited or no access to other funding sources for this activity. (30 pts)
- Proposed activity is consistent with and supports the organization's mission/goals. (10 pts)

Implementation Projects (Green Infrastructure & Shoreline Protection)  Total Points Possible: 80

- Specified plants are appropriate for the site conditions described. (20 pts)
- At least 90% of specified plants are regionally native to the project location. (25 pts)
- The project is appropriate for the site and the stated goals and objectives. (20 pts)
- The maintenance plan is reasonable and sufficient to maintain the project and includes typical maintenance tasks appropriate for the practice. (15 pts)

Stewardship Projects  Total Points Possible: 80

- The proposed activity is appropriate for the site. (20 pts)
- The organization has limited or no access to other funding sources for this activity. (20 pts)
- The activity will have a lasting impact on the site. (25 pts)
- The activity will correct deficiencies in existing green infrastructure practices and bring them into compliance with state or federal guidelines. (15 pts)

Tree Planting Projects  Total Points Possible: 85

- Specified trees/plants are appropriate for site conditions. (20 pts)
- At least 90% of specified trees/plants are regionally native to the project location. (25 pts)
- The project adds tree canopy to alleviate heat island effects. (20 pts)
- The maintenance plan is reasonable and sufficient to maintain the project and includes typical maintenance tasks appropriate for the practice. (20 pts)