

**Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act**  
**Reauthorized by Public Law 115-141**  
**Title II Project Submission Form**  
**USDA Forest Service**

**Wrangell/Petersburg/Kake Resource Advisory Committee**  
**Project Number 21- 10 updated**  
**Funding Fiscal Year(s):**

<b>2. Project Name: Stikine River Bird Science Symposium 2022-2024</b>		<b>3a. State: Alaska</b>
		<b>3b. County(s): Wrangell Borough</b>
<b>4. Project Submitted By: Carol Rushmore</b>		<b>5. Date: 10/12/2021</b>
<b>6. Contact Phone Number: 907-874-2381</b>		<b>7. Contact E-mail: ecodev@wrangell.com</b>
<b>8. Project Location: Wrangell, Alaska</b>		
a. National Forest(s): Tongass National Forest		b. Forest Service District: Wrangell Ranger District
c. Location (Township-Range-Section): Wrangell Island and Stikine River		
<p><b>9. Project Goals and Objectives:</b> This funding will help support the Stikine River Birding Festival (SRBF), a conservation education event held each spring in Wrangell. The SRBF is a cooperative effort between the Borough of Wrangell and the Forest Service. There are multiple objectives of the festival: 1) increase the understanding and appreciation of the international migratory bird route and the migratory birds on the Stikine River delta and around Wrangell, 2) share with and educate the public on of the uniqueness of the Stikine River delta ecosystem, a Key Coastal Wetland, 3) to provide youth education through wildlife art classes to Wrangell school children through the “Artist in the Schools program”</p> <p>Funding of this proposal will also enable the Stikine River Birding Festival Committee, organizers of SRBF, to 1) further develop the SRBF by attracting qualified artist and bird experts to participate; and 2) enhance the promotion of the festival activities. 3) Improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for the Federal land.</p>		

<p><b>10. Project Description:</b></p> <p>a. Brief: (<i>in one sentence</i>) This funding will help support the Stikine River Birding Festival (SRBF), a conservation education event held each spring in Wrangell, for the next three years.</p> <p>b. Detailed: The funding will be used to support the conservation education components of the SRBF for speaker travel and honoraria; promotional services and educational materials including the Wrangell Island and Stikine River Birding Guide. The funding is multi-year to support the SRBF in 2022, 2023, and 2024. SRBF is held annually in Wrangell in late April or early May. Funding will be used for travel and/or honoraria costs for guest artist and speakers to teach classes and present talks each year which will focus on topics such as: 1) relevant bird topics such as interactions, management, research, habitat; 2) ecosystem, habitats, flora or wildlife found within the Tongass National Forest; and/or 3) using the “products” of the forest to make food (i.e. berries, mushrooms) or art (cedar baskets, wood carving) to enhance the forest education opportunities of the festival. Funds would also be used for promoting the festival activities and events including hall rental, the design and print poster and/or media inserts for newspapers or travel guides distributed at terminals, visitor</p>
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centers, travel planners, businesses throughout Alaska, festival guides, on-line birding event sites, tradeshows and direct mailing and on the festival website; and Public Service Announcements development and distribution for radio advertising, travel writers and print sources within the region and state.

**11. Types of Lands Involved?** The Tongass National Forest and Stikine River Delta. Indoor events are held in the Wrangell Borough's Nolan Visitor Center.

State/Private/Other lands involved?  Yes  No

**Land Status:**

If Yes, specify: Lands within the City and Borough of Wrangell are also involved since the birds may gather in other areas besides the Stikine River delta. Emphasis is on the Stikine River opportunities but other areas of the Tongass or nonfederal lands within the borough that attract migratory birds will be part of the brochure and public awareness efforts. Indoor events are held in the Wrangell Borough's Nolan Visitor Center.

**12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?** (Check at least 1)

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.

Restores and improves land health.

Restores water quality

**13. Project Type**

a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)

Road Maintenance

Trail Maintenance

Road Decommission/Obliteration

Trail Obliteration

Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):

Soil Productivity Improvement

Forest Health Improvement

Watershed Restoration & Maintenance

Wildlife Habitat Restoration

Fish Habitat Restoration

Control of Noxious Weeds

Reestablish Native Species

Fuels Management/Fire Prevention

Implement CWPP Project

Other Project Type (specify): Outreach and education, marketing for educational events, economic development.

b. Primary Purpose (select only 1 from above): promote stewardship of wildlife habitat

**14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish:**

Miles of road maintained:

Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:

Number of structures maintained/improved:

Acres of soil productivity improved:

Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Acres of hazardous fuel treatment
Miles of trail maintained:
Miles of trail obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:
Acres of noxious weeds controlled:
Timber volume generated (mbf):
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: Current jobs maintained and possibly created by increasing visitor overnights and activities they participate in while here.
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): Residents and visitors to Wrangell associated with the Festival. Goal is to see Festival participants increase 10% minimum per year over the next three years. Promotional materials and website will reach considerably more people estimated at a minimum of 6000 annually based on number of Wrangell Travel planners are mailed in response to community inquiries, but that does not include articles resulting from travel writers or public service announcements.
Direct economic activity benefit: Increase of visitors to Wrangell –specifically for SRBF and beyond the festival during the rest of the year.
Other: Conservation educational opportunity for the users of the Tongass National Forest.

<b>15. Estimated Project Start Date: 2022</b>	<b>16. Estimated Project Completion Date: 2024</b>
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**17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.**

City of Wrangell

**18. Identify benefits to communities.**

The SRBF is an excellent opportunity to encourage education of migratory birds (interactions, habitats, management) with the general public through the speaker presentations and through the enhance birding brochure. Additional workshops can be added with educational components to expand on other issues and subjects common to the Tongass National Forest – flora and fauna, edible plants etc which educate locals and visitors for a better understanding of the unique ecosystems of the Tongass. Birding education and awareness with local children through art and live bird presentations can provide a long-lasting appreciation for migration and the natural resources around us. The last few years of the SRFB renewed a sense of cooperation and excitement in Wrangell that can be nurtured to grow to provide a stronger sense of partnership within the community.

**19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?** The SRBF is trying to provide a fun educational learning experience on a crucial resource of the Tongass National Forest – The Stikine

River and its importance as part of the migratory fly-way. Included are other opportunities to facilitate understanding of the overall Tongass ecosystem. Wrangell residents and/or visitors utilize the Tongass for recreation, food, and livelihood and by offering a fun venue to participate in celebrating a resource of the Tongass – educates everyone, but also supports the economy. Public relation efforts and festival promotions via print, radio, website (links to local, regional and state websites) provides opportunities to promote the Tongass National Forest, to educate the public on its resources, and facilitate a greater understanding of birds and other resources of the Tongass.

<b>20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment?</b> (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement:
<input type="checkbox"/> Americorps	<input type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

**21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber?**     Yes         No

<b>22. Anticipated Project Costs</b>
a. Title II Funds Requested: <b>\$24,000 (\$8000 per year)</b>
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:** The Wrangell CVB has and will contribute to continue to support the SRBF with a cash donation (minimum of \$750), but also in-kind services by staff and CVB members. The CVB provides links on the community website and FB and maintains the festival website. CVB helps provide advertising and promotional materials and contributes to cost sharing of printing and advertising opportunities. The SRBF Committee also will continue to pursue additional business sponsorship which included cash, products, and in-kind services. Copper River International Migratory Bird Initiative (CRIMBI) is also a potential sponsor to assist with the SRBF. Other sources include donations from participants and Alaska State Council on the Arts grants and Rasmuson Foundation grants.

**24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)**

a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above:

Diagnostics are on the SRBF website to track usage as well as the CVB website to track click throughs. Inquiries specific to SRBF generated from the website or other promotional activities are tracked currently and will continue to be monitored.

b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring: Forest Service and Wrangell Borough. Information is collected by workshop presenters and/or SRBF Committee organizers overseeing the particular event. Economic Development Director will monitor bed nights.

c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k): Monitoring tools on the website are existing. SRBF Committee and Economic Development Director will monitor the numbers participating in events and beds filled as part of their responsibilities. No additional costs are required for monitoring.

**25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.**

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

Other, please explain:

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**Project Recommended By:**

*/s/ Patrick Fowler*

*/s/ Kimberly Powell*

**Chairpersons**

**Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee**

**Project Approved By:**

*/s/ (INSERT Signature)*

**Forest Supervisor**

**Tongass National Forest**

# Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

## Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries	2000			
j. Materials & Supplies				
k. Monitoring				
l. Other				
1. Travel, transportation and honoraria (\$5000/year)		15000		
2. Educational 4c brochure		4500		
3. Public Outreach (inserts/posters/psa)(\$500/year)		1500		
4. Festival supplies, rental,		3000		
m. Project Sub-Total		24000		
n. FS Indirect Costs	2000			
<b>Total Cost Estimate</b>	2000	24000		26000

### NOTES :

**Col. A:** FS costs incurred as part of proposal implementation. Coordinate with FS to identify any FS cost for items in Col. A.

**Col. B:** Title II funding requested to implement the proposal.

**Col. C:** Matching funds being contributed by proponent or third parties. Proposals funded with a Participating Agreement will require a minimum 20% match.

**Col. D:** Sum of columns A, B, and C for each individual row.

**Row A:** Costs associated with project planning, not project implementation, such as assessment of miles of trail needing maintenance. Assessments and planning needed to develop a specific proposal. For Col. B: proponents must request permission in advance to request Title II funds to complete NEPA/CEQA analyses, as this is expected to be completed prior to proposal submission.

**Rows B, C, D, and E:** cost associated with environmental compliance and project design. Proponents must request permission in advance to request Title II funds to complete NEPA/CEQA analyses, as this is expected to be completed prior to proposal submission.

**Row G:** Costs associated with preparation of contract or agreement instruments used to implement the proposal. Contracts used to complete projects have special provisions; contact the FS to identify these early in the process.

**Row G:** Costs associated with administration of contract or agreement instruments used to implement the proposal.

**Row H:** Estimated value of any contracts/agreements used to implement proposal. Contracts/agreements used to complete projects have special provisions; contact the FS to identify these early in the process.

**Row I:** Cost of salaries to implement project

**Row L:** Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.

**Row K:** Costs associated with performing monitoring described in Items 24a, 24b, and 24c. Amounts should be similar between Item 24 and Row K.

**Row N:** Forest Service indirect costs, including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.