

	MOSTF Application Scoring Criteria – Rev June 2026	Max. Points	Points Scored
1	Matching fund(s) source and commitments are confirmed. (based upon percentage of request)	70	
2	Matching commitments are from non-state and/or federal source(s) (based upon percentage of request)	30	
3	The project narrative adequately identifies the goals and needs are adequately identified in a formalized planning document.	30	
4	The project potentially directly benefits a significant number of people OR provides opportunities for a user group with very limited natural resource recreational opportunities.	25	
5	Provides protection of wetlands/marshlands or stream buffers, with minimization of impacts from improvements and management activities.	10	
6	Provides restoration of streambanks and natural hydrologic processes.	10	
7	Provides protection or restoration of vegetated buffers or habitats in a condition appropriate for the region.	10	
8	Provides use of green infrastructure (e.g., bioretention areas, grass swales, and trails constructed with mulch, gravel, or other pervious materials rather than concrete or asphalt).	10	
9	Provides acquisition or stewardship of land with cultural or historical value.	10	
10	The project provides acquisition of or provides stewardship of land or water with significant ecological, conservation, restoration, or natural resource sustainability value.	25	
11	There is a written narrative or plan/budget to maintain, manage, and secure the property for multiple years of commitment beyond project completion date.	15	
12	Provides a methodology for maintaining, managing, and keeping property secure from vandalism, loitering, and crime.	10	
13	The project provides opportunities to enhance the regional and/or statewide economy OR has regional significance.	20	
14	The project restores or enhances wetlands, native forests, native grasslands, or other unique habitats important to native fish and wildlife OR restores or enhances critical areas for the provision of clean water, wildlife, hunting, fishing, military installation buffering, or natural resource-based outdoor recreation	25	
15	Provides additional access to public lands or public waters OR provides new public access to public waters that currently are not available.	25	
16	Provides stewardship of natural resources (e.g., promote effective conservation and sustainable practices, protect the scenic or unique natural features present and visibility of such, and/or encourages visitation by providing a safe outdoor recreational experience).	15	
17	The project provides new outdoor natural resource-based recreational activity or education by property acquisition or property development and enhancements.	25	
18	Project provides access or connection to other outdoor recreation facilities or areas.	10	
19	Project directly benefits wildlife, fish, plants, or habitat in critical need.	15	
20	Provides a detailed itemized budget sheet that reflects the details provided in the planning document.	30	
21	Documentation of public support for the project.	10	
22	Project provides significant nature-based recreational opportunities, conservation of natural resources, or other positive value of the nature of The MOST Act, but those values are not specifically reflected in Criteria's #5-10, 14, 15, 16, and 19. Add appropriate points here up to 50 points.	50	
	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE / TOTAL SCORE	480	