



PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK FUND

The establishment of the Protected Areas Network (PAN) Fund reflects a significant commitment by the RMI Government to support efforts under the Reimaanlok (National Conservation Area Plan), which lays out a roadmap to achieve the Micronesia Challenge as well as regional and international goals. The PAN Fund provides a source of supplemental funding to local governments and communities for the sustainable use and management of natural resources.

Reimaanlok sites are invited to submit proposals using the application form provided below for projects that fall under one or more of the four focal areas:

- Protected areas - the creation, monitoring, management, or enforcement of marine and terrestrial protected areas;
- Associated sustainable livelihoods – the development of new and alternative livelihoods for communities living in the proximity of protected areas;
- Capacity building - the training of resource management personnel, conservation officers, fishermen, aqua culturists, or others; and
- Education and awareness – educational and awareness -raising programs for community members or students for issues related to resource management or conservation.

Funding of up to \$25,000 will be made available each year to 4 individual projects that spread out over 1 to 2 years. Project funding concludes at the end of the 2-year term that may be renewed at the discretion of the MIMRA Board. Project renewal will be based on MIMRA Board's approval in consideration of the reviews and recommendations provided by the PAN Office as well as the performance of a previously approved PAN project.

Applicants may apply any time. Forms are available through the PAN Office and on the MIMRA website – rmimimra.com. Completed Applications can be submitted by: personal delivery to the PAN Office at MIMRA; postage mail to: MIMRA, c/o RMI PAN Office, P.O. Box 860, Majuro, MH 96960; or email to: rmipanoffice@mimra.com.

In accordance with the procedures set out in the PAN Regulations 2020, applications received by the PAN Office will be screened to determine if they are eligible and complete. Only submittals deemed complete by the PAN Office will be considered and scheduled for a technical review by the Coastal Management Advisory Council (CMAC) prior to moving forward to the MIMRA Board for final determination.

APPLICATION FORM

This form must be completed as accurately as possible and where appropriate clarifying documents should be attached. If provided space is insufficient, please use additional sheets with the question number clearly indicated.

Background Information

1. Name of Applicant/Organization:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

2. Person Responsible for Project:

3. Location of Project:

4. Did the applicant review the PAN Act and PAN Regulations before beginning this application process?

5. Please select which type of protected areas have been established for the project site as part of the Reimaanlok process. Attach the current resource management plan and map that delineates the boundaries for the type of protected area(s).

- ☐ Type I – Subsistence only. This area is managed for subsistence non-commercial use.
- ☐ Type II – Special Reserve. This area is subject to a high level of protection, and occasionally a very low level of subsistence or special occasion activities.
- ☐ Type III - Restricted and Protected Area. This area has total restrictions subject to no activities, either within a large protected area or in an identified protected area.
- ☐ Type IV – Traditional Mo. This area includes either parts of land, a whole island, or a reef area that is managed and restricted through the practices of Mo by Chiefs (Iroij) only.

6. Are all the Local Resource Committee members aware of their role on the overall administration and operation of the resource management plan? If no, please explain. Attach a list of the LRC members and role in project (if any).

7. Are there any outstanding land/use disputes related to the site? If yes, please explain.

Project Details

8. Title of Project:

9. Project Type (Identify one or more):

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10. Project Objectives (What are the intended achievements of this project?):

11. Project Activities (List activities that will take place in order to meet the objectives):

12. Project Outcomes (What will be the changes you expect to see taking place as a result of this project?):

13. Please indicate the type of assistance needed for the site and how it relates to one or more of the following focal areas:

☐ Financial. Please include total amount requested below and attach a budget breakdown of all anticipated expenses including in-kind or other co-financing (if any) that will be used towards the project.

\$_____ (USD)

☐ Technical. Please explain.

☐ Logistical. Please explain.

☐ Other. Please explain.

14. What are the proposed dates for the project? Please attach a timeline of activities and outputs.

Start: _____ End: _____

15. Will other organizations be involved in this project? If yes, how? Please attach letters of support from project partners.

16. How will you sustain this project in the future?

17. Documents to be submitted with the application form.

☐ Attachment 1 – Copy of current resource management plan.

☐ Attachment 2 – List of LRC members and roles.

☐ Attachment 3 – Map of project site.

☐ Attachment 4 – Budget breakdown.

☐ Attachment 5 – Timeline of activities.

☐ Attachment 6 – Letters of support from project partners (if any).

☐ Attachment 7 – Any other relevant document(s) for the project.

I certify that the information contained in this application and supporting documents is true, accurate, and complete.

Applicant Signature (Print Name & Title)

Date

APPENDIX I – PAN Fund: Budget Template

Applicant's Name: _____

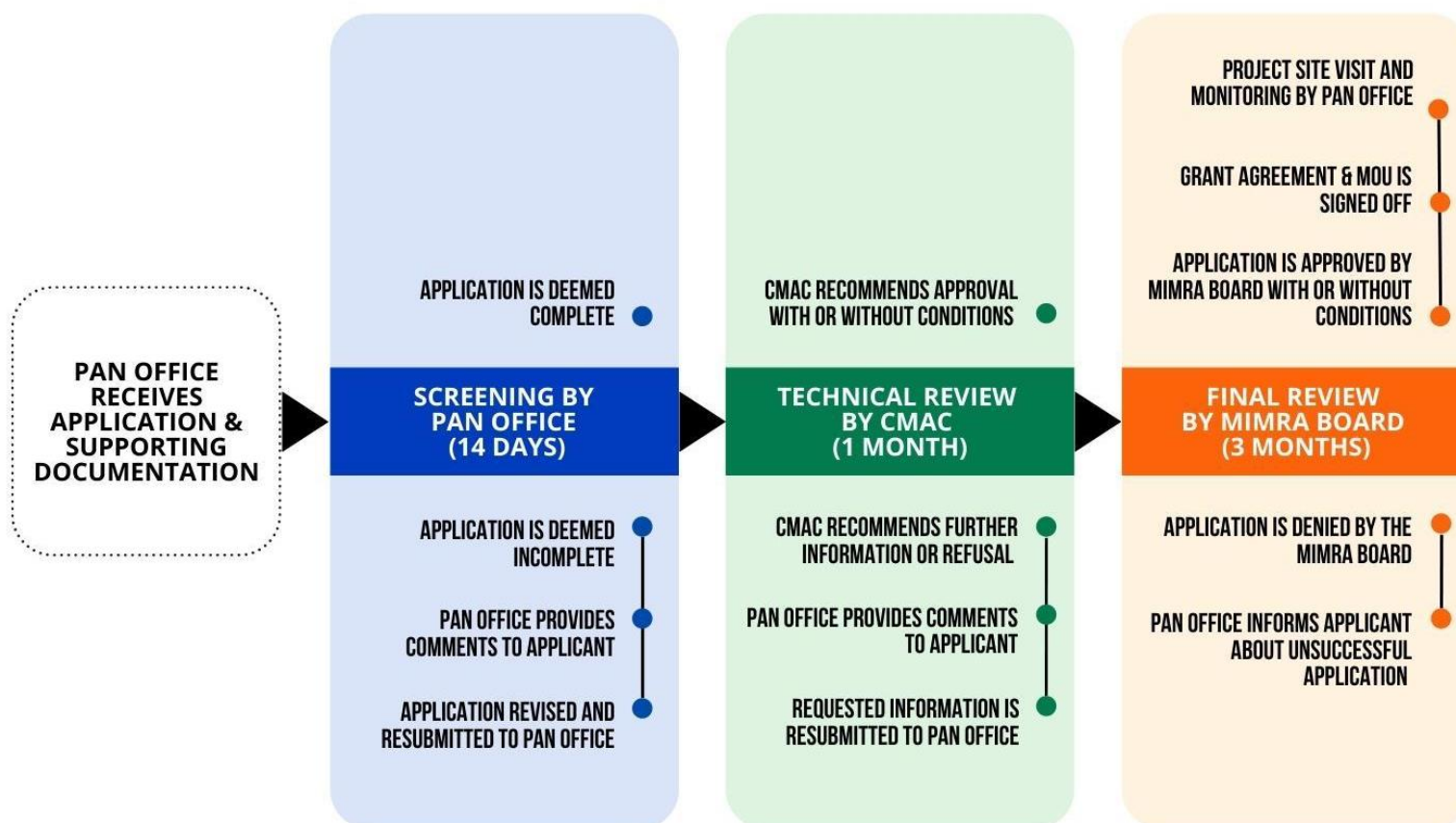
Project Title: _____

	Description	Requested Amount	In-kind Amount
PERSONNEL			
TRAVEL			
EQUIPMENT			
SUPPLIES			
CONTRACTUAL			
OTHER			
TOTAL			

APPENDIX II



PAN APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS



APPENDIX III - CMAC Technical Evaluation Form

Eligible applications will be evaluated by the Coastal Management Advisory Council (CMAC). The review committee will assess applications as a whole and provide individual scores, comments, and/or recommendations. CMAC will rate all applications using the following scale:

- 3 = Strong
- 2 = Average
- 1 = Weak
- 0 = Unacceptable

TECHNICAL POINTS TO BE REVIEWED	SCORE (0-3)
Project relevance: Does the project address an issue and/or priority that is identified in the existing resource management plan?	
Community involvement: Is there strong community support for the project, as reflected by the participation of the LRC members?	
Focal area: Does the project fit under one or more of the four focal areas?	
Objectives: Do the objectives clearly convey the purpose of the project?	
Outcomes and Impact: Are the expected outcomes clearly articulated with positive impacts (environmental, economic, or social) on the Reimaanlok site?	
Budget: Is the detailed budget realistic and reasonable (reflects efficient use of funds to meet proposed objectives)?	
Supplementary Funding: Does the applicant offer special financial or in-kind commitments for project activities?	
Project activities and timeline: Are the activities clearly stated with realistic, attainable dates?	
Technical capacity: Does the applicant and any project partners have the ability and expertise to conduct the scope and scale of the proposed work?	
Sustainability: Is there a plan for funding the project after the PAN grant has ended?	
TOTAL SCORE (Out of 30 points)	

Overall comments:

Recommend application for PAN funding?

Yes

No

Reviewer Signature (Print Name & Title)

Date