

April 2020

BP Oil Disaster:
Restoration & Recovery

Overview of the RESTORE Act

10-YEAR
REVIEW



RESOURCES

ECOSYSTEMS

SUSTAINABILITY

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OPPORTUNITIES

REVIVED

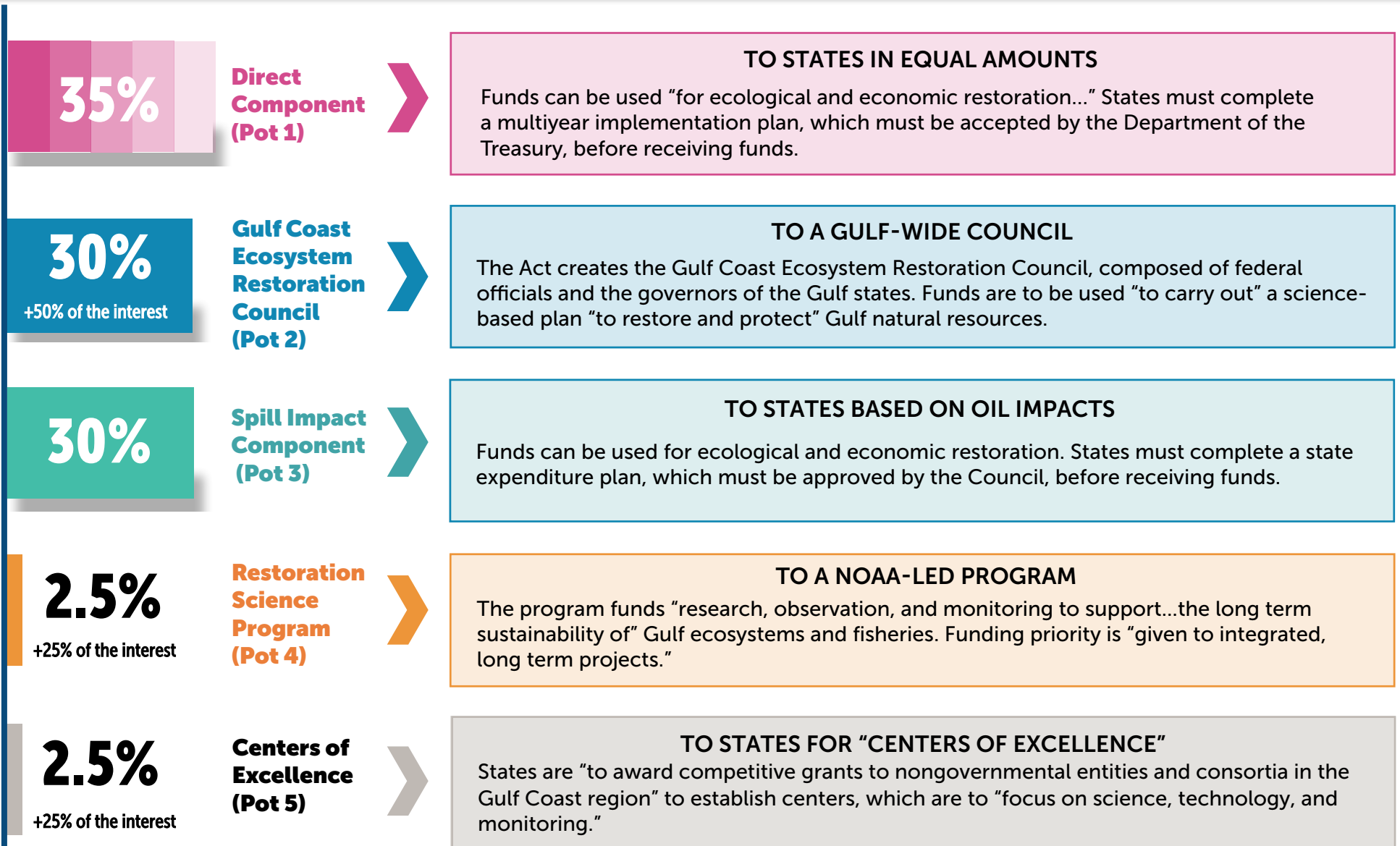
ECONOMIES

The **R**esources and **E**cosystems Sustainability, **T**ourist **O**pportunities, and **R**evived **E**conomies of the Gulf Coast States **A**ct of 2012—better known as the **RESTORE Act**—was enacted on July 6, 2012.

The RESTORE Act creates a Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (RTF), which is receiving **80% of any Clean Water Act (CWA) civil and administrative penalties** paid by BP and other companies responsible for the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

ACT OF THE GULF
COAST STATES

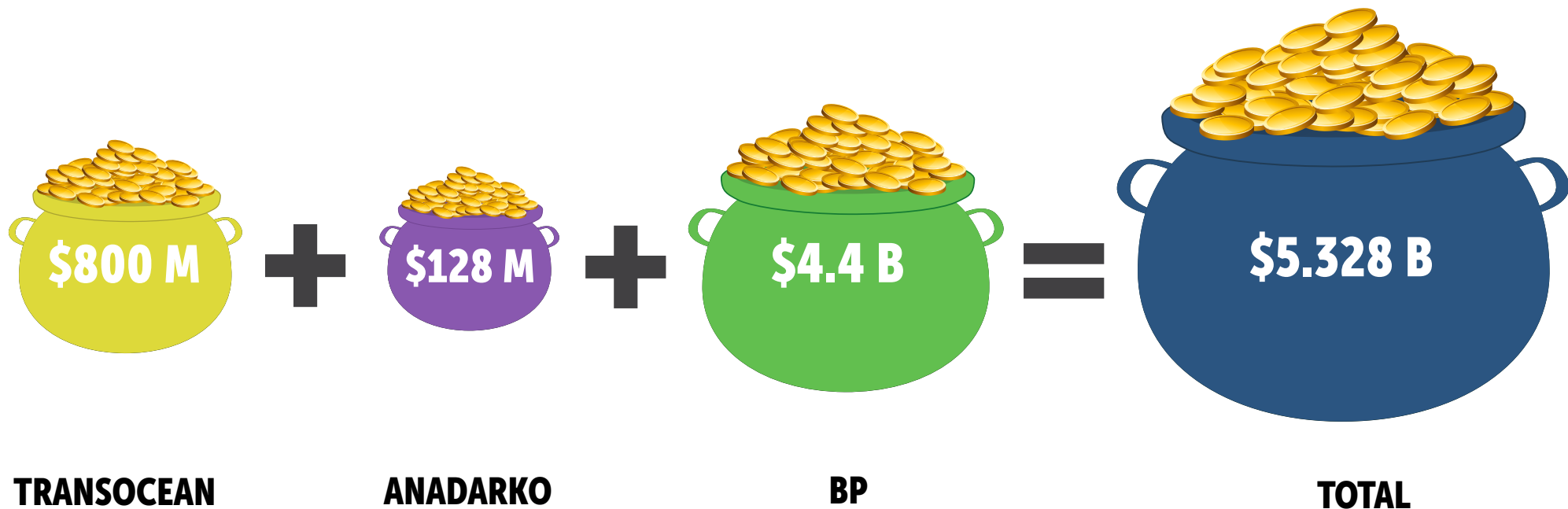
RESTORE funds are divided among five different "pots"



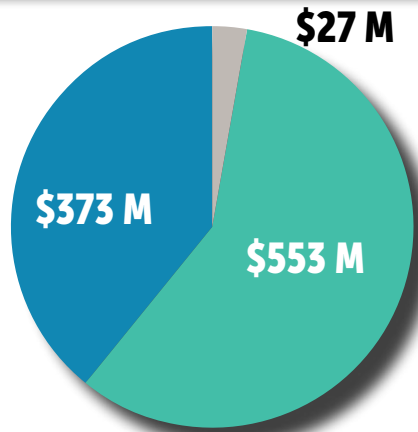
The total interest earned by the RTF will be added to Pot 2 (50%), Pot 4 (25%) and Pot 5 (25%).

HOW MUCH MONEY IS INVOLVED?

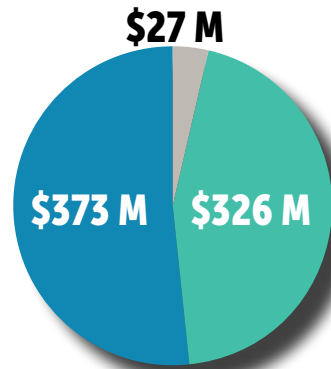
In April 2016, a federal court approved a settlement among the United States, the five Gulf states, and BP. Under that settlement, **BP** agreed to pay **\$5.5 billion** in CWA civil penalties. **\$4.4 billion (80%)** of that will flow through the RESTORE Act. Added to the money paid by other companies – **\$800 million from Transocean** and **\$128 million from Anadarko** – a total of **\$5.328 billion** will flow through RESTORE.



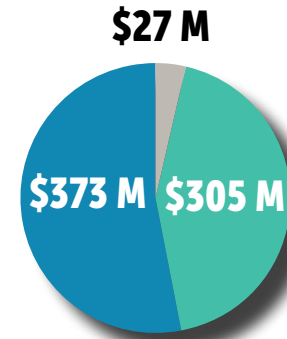
HOW WILL THE \$5.328 BILLION BE DISTRIBUTED?



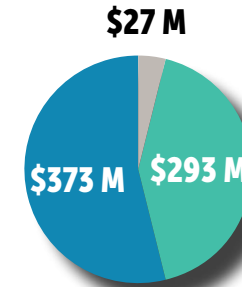
LOUISIANA
Total: \$953 M



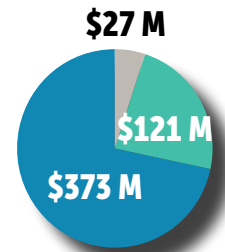
ALABAMA
Total: \$726 M



MISSISSIPPI
Total: \$705 M



FLORIDA
Total: \$693 M



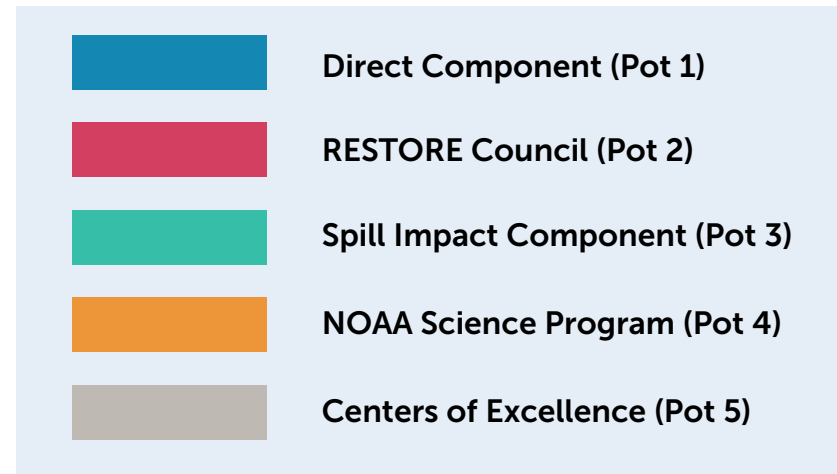
TEXAS
Total: \$521 M



RESTORE COUNCIL



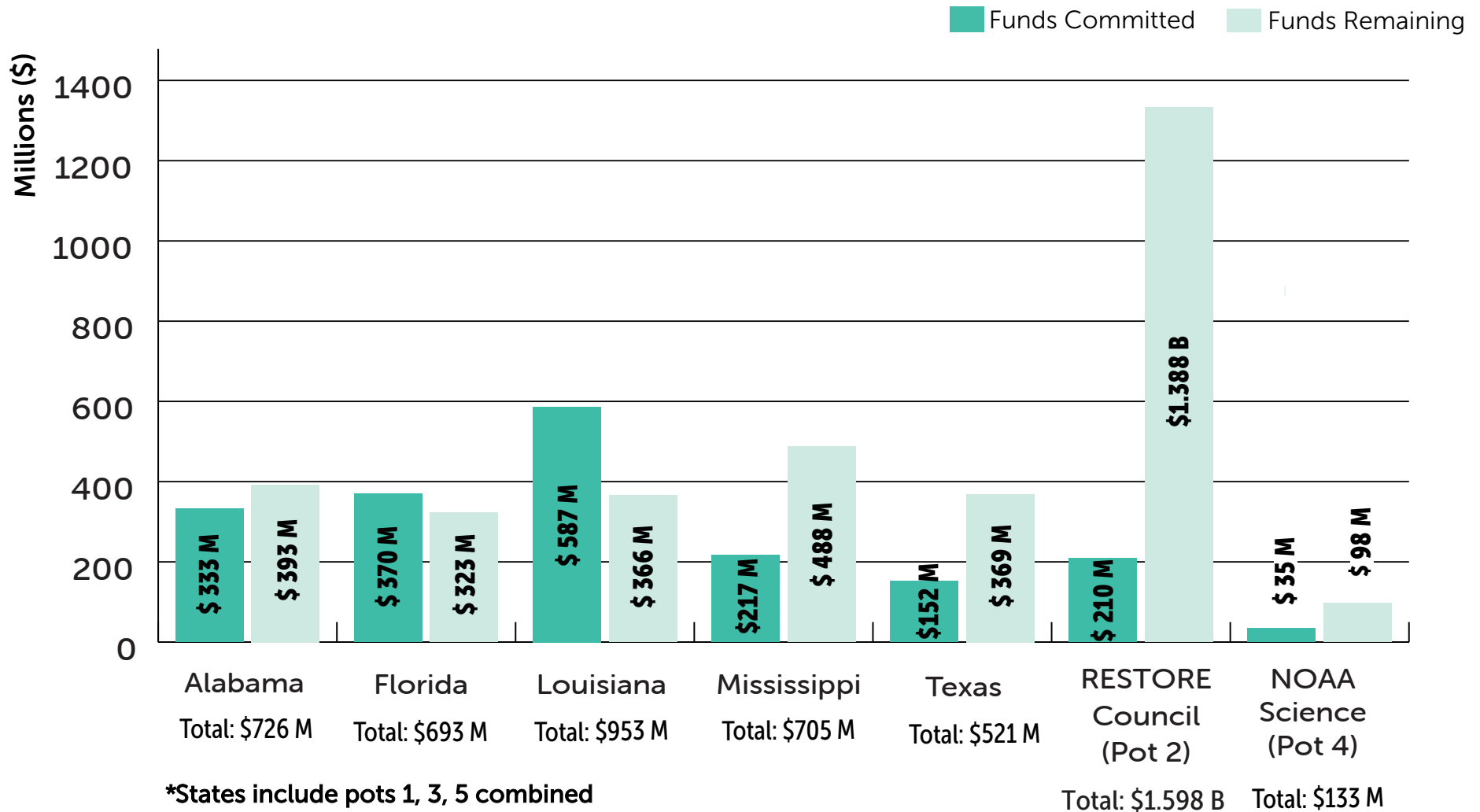
NOAA SCIENCE PROGRAM



NOTE: BP is paying CWA civil penalties over a 15-year period, with the first payment made in 2017. Transocean and Anadarko have already paid their penalties.

RESTORE FUNDS SPENT BY STATES AND COUNCIL

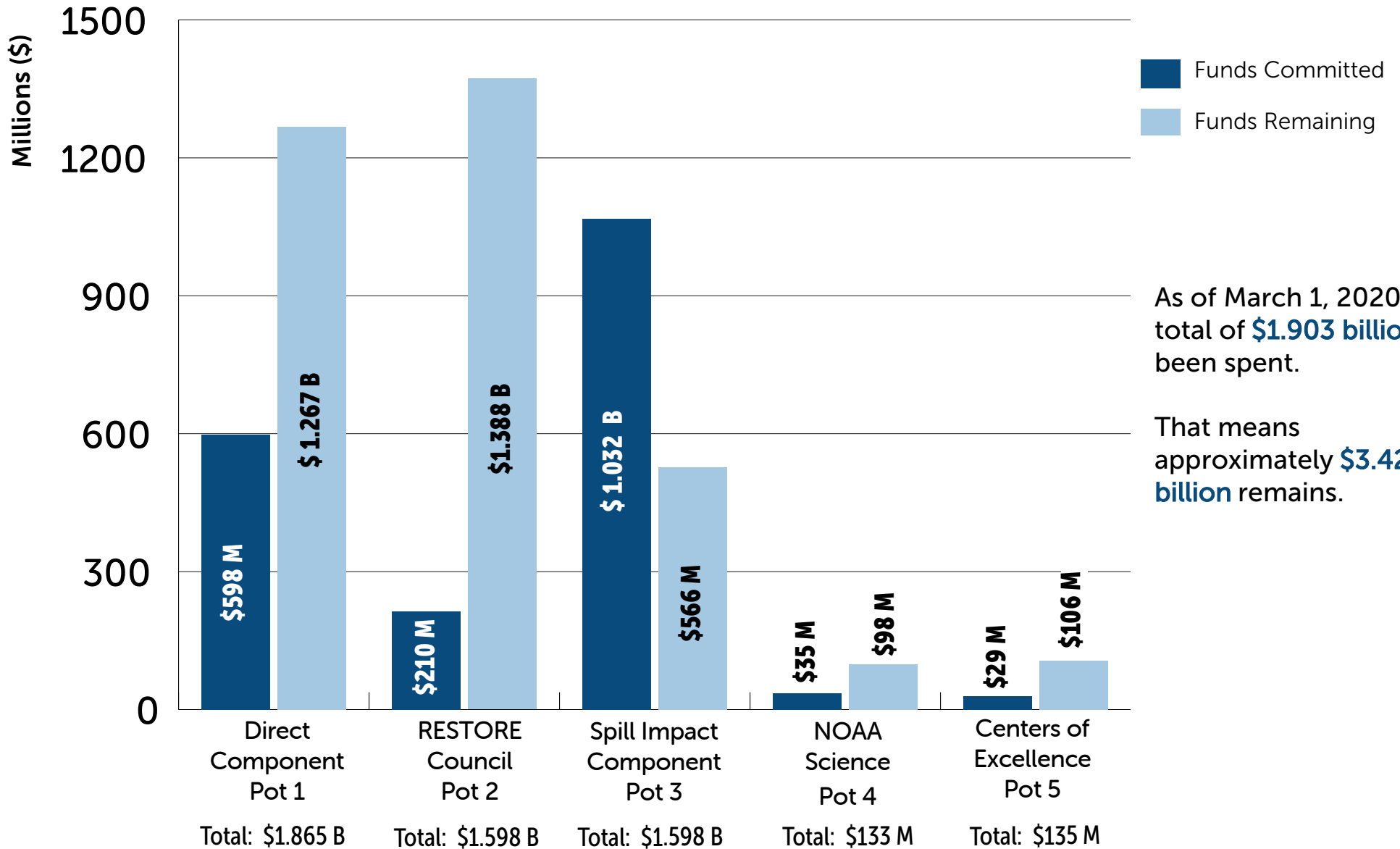
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RESTORE FUNDS SPENT BY POT

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**Over \$1.05
billion**

of RESTORE funds spent on
over 130 ecological projects
Gulfwide



**Over \$660
million**

RESTORE funds spent on
over 180 human use
projects Gulfwide



**Over \$190
million**

of RESTORE funds spent on
planning and administration
of projects Gulfwide



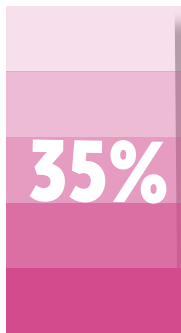
HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE RESTORE ACT ?

General Participation Opportunities

Certain activities conducted under the various funding pots may trigger **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** review. If so, there may be an opportunity for public comment.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: **Review and comment** on any NEPA documents that are released.

Direct Component
(Pot 1)



Before states (and, in Louisiana and Florida, some local governments) receive their **equal-share funds**, they must, among other things, develop a multi-year implementation plan. The public must be given at least 45 days to review and comment on those plans.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: **Submit** project ideas to the lead entities in each state; **review and comment** on multi-year implementation plans when they become available for public comment; **attend** any public meetings.

Gulf Coast Ecosystem
Restoration Council (Pot2)



The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council is required to develop lists of priority projects and programs to be funded. These are called the **Funded Priorities List** (or FPL). Only members of the Council may submit proposals. The Council has approved its third list, FPL 3a, in March 2020. More information about the Council's activities can be found on their website: restorethegulf.gov.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: **Submit** project ideas to individual Council members; **attend meetings** hosted by the Council or individual Council members; **review and comment** on the Funded Priorities List when it becomes available for public comment.

Spill Impact Component
(Pot 3)

30%



States have developed state expenditure plans and received funds based on spill impacts. State applicants may periodically update their plans and submit their revisions to the RESTORE Council. As with the state expenditure plan, the public must be given at least 45 days to review and comment on these amendments.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: **Submit** project ideas to the lead entities in each state; **review and comment** on plan amendments when they become available for public comment; **attend** public meetings.

Restoration Science Program
(Pot 4)

2.5%

+25% of the interest



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is tasked with administering the **NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program**.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: We are not aware of any opportunities for members of the general public to participate.

Centers of Excellence
(Pot 5)

2.5%

+25% of the interest



Each of the Gulf states has received funds to award competitive research grants to Gulf Coast non-governmental entities and consortia (including universities) to establish "**Centers of Excellence**" focused on science, technology, and monitoring. Each state's Centers of Excellence Program (CEP) is required to establish "rules and policies" governing competitive selection and grant administration.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: Provide input on research priorities when the CEP asks for public feedback; **review and comment** on CEP rules and policies.