

Summary of Community Flood Preparedness Fund Round 6 Updates

In response to stakeholder feedback and statutory changes, the Department has made the following updates to the Round 6 Funding Manual, as compared to the Round 5 manual:

- The addition of Tribes as eligible applicants (reflects legislative change);
- The inclusion of the Chief Resilience Officer of the Commonwealth as one of the entities establishing the grant manual and making awards (reflects legislative change);
- The definition of “Community-scale project” has been clarified, and updated to include projects that provide flood mitigation to critical facilities;
- The inclusion of language promoting consistency and collaboration between overlapping local governments when developing resilience plans, and requirements that resilience plans are consistent with hazard mitigation plans and other similar plans;
- Language specifying that the Advisory Review Committee will consider the progress and management of active CFPF grants by an applicant when making recommendations;
- Requiring applicants who are awarded grants in the Coastal region to register their projects/initiatives in the DCR Coastal Resilience Web Explorer prior to receiving reimbursements;
- Applicants seeking funding for project grants or loans in Round 6 must have an approved resilience plan before the beginning of the Round (does not apply to applications for capacity building or study grants);
- Applicants that are not in a low-income geographic area must provide 50% match for staff grants;
- Property acquisitions will only be considered if they provide community-scale benefits or are a part of an acquisition plan that provides community-scale benefits;
- Projects proposing to protect or provide flood mitigation benefits either to or using public recreation areas (parks/beaches/etc) will also be evaluated on their benefits to areas outside of the public access area;
- A prohibition on studies that would duplicate existing data;

- A new funding category has been added to support US Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Projects and Flood Risk Management Projects. An additional \$25,000,000 has been added to the round to fund this new category;
- Language has been added emphasizing that applications must be submitted for a discrete activity or project;
- Successful applicants may now receive up to 25% or \$250,000, whichever is less, to support pre-award and startup costs;
- The Manual clarifies that Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund (RVRF) loans are available as project match independent of any other RVRF offering;
- Various updates to budget submission requirements; and
- Other minor changes, including technical and clarifying changes.