

North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Emergency Management

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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO): North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Emergency Management Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund

NCEM is now accepting Applications for grants funded thru the Emergency Management Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund. Eligible applicants are State agencies, units of local government and nonprofit corporation to facilitate transportation resilience against natural disasters. Applications must be received by NCEM no later than Close of Business (5pm) on **31 March 2022**.

Who?

The State is seeking applications for Emergency Management Transportation Resiliency Grants. State Agencies, units of Local governments (municipal/county/state-recognized tribal) and nonprofit corporations may submit applications for projects to the State Emergency Management Long-Term Recovery Group, who will convene a panel to score and rank the projects. Nonprofit corporation projects are limited to nonsectarian or nonreligious purposes or facilities which addressed such items in the section below.

What?

Funds can be used to ensure transportation resilience against natural disasters. Total available funding for this grant program is \$15,000,000 with the anticipated number of grants available between 5-30. Projects can be 100% funded with <u>no cost share</u> and are paid on a <u>reimbursement</u> basis.

Proposals are expected to fully explain how the project will mitigate the damages or access to transportation infrastructure from natural disasters. Funds may be used for any of, and activities consistent with, the following:

- 1) Projects that update and prepare transportation infrastructure for storms, mudslides, and flooding events taking projections of future risk into consideration.
- 2) Risk assessments for critical transportation routes, building on existing and future reports such as the I-95 and I-40 Flood Resilience Feasibility Study.
- 3) Creating community-informed flood risk and vulnerability assessments that identify resilience gaps and project opportunities for transportation routes in North Carolina to help maintain vital transportation functions following flooding events.

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Where?

Applications must be submitted in full to the following email address: <u>NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov</u> Application will be reviewed for completeness with completed applications scored and ranked.

When?

Key Target Dates:	
21 February 2022	NOFO Released
31 March 31 2022	Application Deadline
30 April 2022	NC Review Panel Scoring completed
15 May 2022	Selected Applicants Begin to be Notified
May-July 2022	Complete and Sign grant agreements

How?

The Period of Performance (POP) is up to 36 months, starting on the date of the recipient's award. This process starts with the application Submission as outlined below.

Application/Submission Information and Instructions

Application deadline 31 March 2022 (5:00PM)

Application to be submitted to <u>NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov</u> with subject line "Applicant name - NCEM Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Grant"

Application email should include a pdf attachment containing the following. Please follow the 6-point outline below and include information for each number as completeness will be used as part of the selection: (scoring weight in brackets):

- 1) Applicant Name, Address, Contact Information, and Project Name, Nonprofit corporations should also include the "Certificate of Existence from the NC Secretary of State, bylaws, and documentation to support ownership or right for project specific facility. (10)
- 2) General description of the Project. (15)
- 3) Describe how the project provides resiliency or the assessment will inform changes to transportation infrastructure. (35)
- 4) Scope of Work (SOW) and cost estimate for the project to achieve #3 above, including an understanding of how the estimate was achieved. (20)
- 5) Timeline from approval of Grant to project completion. (10)
- 6) How and who will manage the project if awarded and their qualifications. (10)

Characteristics of competitive proposals include:

- Efforts to mitigate against frequent disruptions to transportation infrastructure from nature disasters.
- Clear benefit for residents, businesses, and other entities within a community with priority on those where loss or limited access to transportation infrastructure poses a risk for life, health, and safety.
- A demonstrated likelihood of success and feasibility demonstrated by reports, engineering

reports and analysis by professional engineers, etc.

- A current (within the last six months) estimate of probable cost or another similar document
- Link to a comprehensive planning effort with community support.
- Sustainable outcomes that can be maintained following use of funds.
- A reasonable strategy for implementation.

For more information, contact:

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Projects that are selected will require applicants to sign a Grant Agreement (MOA) and will be expected to comply with the terms of the agreement, including reporting and interim and final inspections as necessary or risk timely payment or funding. Also, applicants will be required to submit the below listed OSBM required documents/forms with the signed MOA if awarded a grant under this fund:

- <u>W-9 (09 NCAC 03M .0202</u>)
- <u>Electronic Payment / Vendor Verification Form (09 NCAC 03M .0202)</u>
- Conflict of Interest Policy (<u>G.S. 143C-6-23.(b)</u>)
- Sworn (Notarized) No Overdue Tax Debt Certification (G.S. 143C-6-23.(c))