

# **Emergency Management**

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## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO): North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund

NCEM is now accepting Applications for grants funded thru the Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund. Eligible applicants are State agencies, units of local government, and nonprofit corporations for use for flood mitigation efforts. Applications must be received by NCEM no later than Close of Business (5pm) on **31 March 2022**.

### <u>Who?</u>

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

#### What?

Funds can be used for:

(1) Flood mitigation efforts that stabilize areas and reduce future damage or

(2) Predevelopment assistance to provide small and underserved communities with technical assistance to identify and design shovel-ready projects related to disaster relief and flood mitigation.

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 affect the community and mitigate against future damage.

Eligible Project Examples (not intended to be a full list but may help applicant to identify possible needed projects):

• Construction of new or improvement of existing owned stormwater infrastructure, including natural drainage infrastructure and flood control equipment.

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- Repair of existing stormwater infrastructure damaged or destroyed by flooding, which must include improvements to mitigate against future flooding.
- Engineering expenses related to planning and implementation of flood mitigation solutions.
- Elevation of buildings, elevation of controls or other improvements of water or sewer infrastructure, or other related projects to protect the infrastructure from flooding.
- Stream gauges and flood warning systems

#### Where?

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

#### When?

Key Target Dates:	
21 February 2022	NOFO Released
31 March 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 referenced 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 Disaster Relief & Mitigation Grant"

Application email should include a pdf attachment organized based on the following 6-point outline. Please make sure that you address each number below 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 mitigates future damage or flooding include impact on community. (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 flooding, including hazards with a frequency beyond a hurricane or other named storm.

- Clear benefit for residents, businesses, and other entities within a community with priority on those where flooding 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
- Linked to a comprehensive stormwater assessment or 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>)
- <u>Sworn (Notarized) No Overdue Tax Debt Certification (G.S. 143C-6-23.(c))</u>