

Boardwalk Preservation Fund (BPF)

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Background

- Aims to make critical investments in the boardwalk infrastructure of the Jersey Shore
- Address the most critical and necessary capital needs
 - Rebuilding crumbling infrastructure

 - Removing blight
 Mitigating condemned/
 abandoned properties
- Improving local tourism and economies
- 3 Major Objectives

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Funding/ Approvals

- American Rescue Plan (ARP)
 - Section 604 of the Social Security Act
 - Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, CFDA 21.027
- NJ Senate Bill 3989
 - Establishes a "Boardwalk Preservation Fund"
 - Supplementing chapter 27D of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes
 - Appropriates \$100,000,000 for the fund

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Eligible Applicants All New Jersey coastal counties and municipalities with existing boardwalks that are seeking funding for boardwalk construction, repair, and maintenance are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants could be any of the following: · Coastal Municipality **Eligibility** · Coastal County Coastal Municipal/County Partnerships or consortia To qualify for the match waiver, the lead municipal applicant in a joint proposal must have one of the highest 50 distress scores on the 2020 Municipal Revitalization Index.

Eligible Projects

- - Boardwalk Maintenance Boardwalk Reconstruction
 - Repair of Ancillary or Appurtenant Structures

- Replacement of deteriorating pilings and boardwalk infrastructure. Improving access and safety by building ADA compliant ramps and railings.
- Expanding an existing section of the boardwalk.
- Provide grant funds to businesses that need to complete upgrades to align with the proposed boardwalk construction.

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Important Definitions

Boardwalk

A footpath, walkway, corridor, or causeway that is typically elevated and located along a beach or shore, and that may contain or provide access to commercial facilities.

Ancillary/ Appurtenant Structures

adjacent to the boardwalk that provide necessary amenities such as public restrooms, water fountains and ticket booths or commercial facilities.

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Important Definitions

Local Match

DCA

DRM

Refers to the Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation within DCA, which promotes the long-term resilience of New Jersey's communities by supporting initiatives to fortify housing, neighborhoods, and infrastructure against severe weather events and flooding damage. Additional information about the division is available on the DMA

https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/.

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SFRF

Refers to the State Fiscal Recovery Funds were authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, through the Coronavirus State and Local Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program. SFRF in this case refers to the portion of funds awarded to the State of New Jersey.

GDRO

Refers to the Governor's Disaster Recovery Office, who's mission in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been to ensure that every possible avenue of relief is pursued to assist in the recovery of our State for its residents, businesses, and government entities.

Funding Considerations

Requirements

- They will automatically be awarded 20 points in the Local Matchelement of the scoring Criteria
- May be covered using local funds or state funds from non-COVID funded programs

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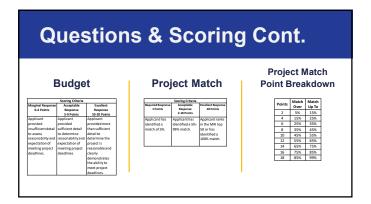
Reimbursements for **Prior Investment**

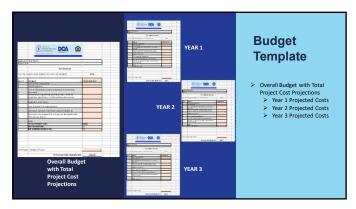
- In general, reimbursement for prior boardwalk development projects is PROHIBITED
- The purchase of materials and supplies related to any project proposed in the scope of this application and selected for funding can be considered for

Maximum Request for Funding

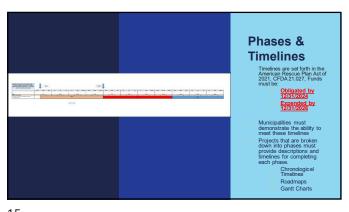
Application Applicant/Entity Information Questions (5 Sections) Project Description Funding Objectives Phases and Timelines Project Match Budget Checklist Acknowledgements and Certifications

Questions & Scoring 1) Program Description 2) Funding Objectives 3) Phases and **Timelines** Response 6-14 Points The applicant's Response 5-9 Points Response 0-5 Points annlicant's 15-20 Points he applicant's





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Let this application and timeline tell us your whole boardwalk story....even if it is post 2026 story.

• No Cap

• Opportunity to submit your full scope and estimated cost of the proposed project

• Describe potential phases of the plan

• We want to ensure the equitable distribution of funds while maximizing state resources to fulfill your vision

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A DCA
Partner and
Source of
Match –
The I Bank

The New Jersey Transportation
Infrastructure Bank is an
independent State Financing
Authority responsible for providing
and administering low interest
rate loans to qualified
municipalities, counties, and
regional authorities in New Jersey
for the purpose of financing
transportation quality
infrastructure projects.

Pedestrian corridors are eligible.

Important Dates	
Applications Available	August 15, 2023
Technical Assistance Webinar	August 29, 2023
Questions Due	September 15, 2023
Responses Posted	September 22, 2023
Applications Due	October 31, 2023
Awards Offered	January 2, 2024
Grant Agreements Executed	January 31, 2024
Project Start	February 1, 2024
Funds Obligated By	December 31, 2024
Funds Expended By	December 31, 2026

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Certification Statements/ **Assurances**

As a condition of receiving an SFRF award, recipients are required to certify that they agree to certain federal and state assurances. A Statement of Assurances will be posted on the DCA website along with the application.

Prevailing Wage

- Prevailing wage means the wage rate paid by virtue of collective rate paid by virtue of collective bargaining agreements by employers employing the majority of workers of that craft or trade subject to said collective bargaining agreement, in the locality in which the Public Work is done.
- New Jersey Prevailing Wage Contract threshold for <u>municipalities</u> is \$16,263.00, as of July 1, 2019, and is readjusted every five years in conjunction with the CPI.
- Subcontractors named in a bid must be registered at the time a bid is submitted, all other subcontractors must be registered at the time they

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Prevailing Wage

- New Statutes
 - 34:11-67.1. Owners' responsibility for wage claims against subcontractors 34:11-56-50 et seq. Contractor

 - Certified Payroll Database & Electroni Submission of Public Work Contractor
- More Information available on the Department of Labor website,
- includina: Wage Determinations
 - List of Registered
- Contractors A Prevailing Wage slide deck will be sent out along with this presentations slide deck.

Open Public Records Act

All applications will be subject to public disclosure, including but not limited to, a request pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seg. If an Applicant believes that information contained in its application merits confidential treatment pursuant to OPRA, any such purportedly confidential information submitted in an application must be specifically identified and marked by the Applicant. Notwithstanding any such designation, the State, GDRO, DCA, DRM, and the DRM Deputy Commissioner reserve the right in their respective and separate sole discretion to disclose all information contained as part of the application submission

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Reservation of Rights

DRM reserves the right to request additional information or clarification, if necessary, or to reject all applications with or without cause, and waive any irregularities or informalities in the applications submitted. DRM further reserves the right to make such investigations as necessary as to the qualifications of any entity applying.

Agency Approvals

- All applicants must comply with and seek written approval from the Department of Environmental Protection, the State Historic Preservation Office or any other State Agency or Authority as necessary for project implementation. If approvals are already in process, applicants must include proof of submission with their application.
 - DRM reserves the right to withdraw funding for any project, that at any point demonstrates the inability to meet the deadlines.

Written Question Period

- Any questions regarding the BPF or the application will have to be submitted in writing by September 15, 2023
- Questions must be submitted to: DRM.BPFApplication@dca.nj.gov
- Answers will be posted on the DCA Website by September 22, 2023.

Questions?

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Thank You & Goodbye!