

# Boardwalk Preservation Fund Webinar



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## Boardwalk Preservation Fund (BPF)

### 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
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### Increase Storm Resiliency



### Improve ADA Access to Boardwalk and Facilities



### Safer and Longer Lasting Infrastructure



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## Boardwalk Preservation Fund (BPF)

### 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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## Eligibility

### 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
  - 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 district scores on the 2020 Municipal Revitalization Index.

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## Eligible Projects

- For a boardwalk project to be an eligible use of BPF grant funds, it must meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Boardwalk Construction that adds new boardwalk components
  - Boardwalk Maintenance
  - Boardwalk Reconstruction
  - Repair of Ancillary or Appurtenant Structures
- Examples
  - Replacement of old and crumbling decking along the boardwalk with resilient, longer lasting and/or safer materials.
  - 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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## Questions & Scoring Cont.

### Budget

Scoring Criteria		
Marginal Response 0-4 Points	Acceptable Response 5-9 Points	Excellent Response 10-20 Points
Applicant provided insufficient detail to assess reasonability and expectation of meeting project deadlines.	Applicant provided sufficient detail to determine reasonability and expectation of meeting project deadlines.	Applicant provided more than sufficient detail to determine the project is reasonable and clearly demonstrates the ability to meet project deadlines.

### Project Match

Scoring Criteria		
Required Response 1 Point	Acceptable Response 2-10 Points	Excellent Response 20 Points
Applicant has identified a match of 5%.	Applicant has identified a 5%-99% match.	Applicant ranks in the MRN top 50 or has identified a 100% match.

### Project Match Point Breakdown

Points	Match Over	Match Up To
2	5%	15%
4	15%	25%
6	25%	35%
8	35%	42%
10	45%	55%
12	55%	65%
14	65%	75%
16	75%	85%
18	85%	95%

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Overall Budget with Total Project Cost Projections

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

### Budget Template

- Overall Budget with Total Project Cost Projections
  - Year 1 Projected Costs
  - Year 2 Projected Costs
  - Year 3 Projected Costs

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### Phases & Timelines

- Timelines are set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, CFDA 21.027, Funds must be:
  - **Obligated by 12/31/2024**
  - **Expended by 12/31/2026**
- Municipalities must demonstrate the ability to meet these timelines
- Projects that are broken down into phases must provide descriptions and timelines for completing each phase.
  - Chronological Timelines
  - Roadmaps
  - Gantt Charts

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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.**

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## 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.

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## Prevailing Wage

- Prevailing wage means the wage 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 municipalities 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 are hired.

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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 Registration
  - Certified Payroll Database & Electronic Submission of Public Work Contractor Registration Applications
  - 34:11-56.35(d) Penalties, Stop Work Orders
- More Information available on the Department of Labor website, including:
  - Wage Determinations
  - List of Registered Contractors
- A Prevailing Wage slide deck will be sent out along with this presentations slide deck.

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## 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 seq. 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:DRM.BPFApplication@dca.nj.gov)
- Answers will be posted on the DCA Website by September 22, 2023.

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# Questions?

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# Thank You & Goodbye!

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