

**Resilient NJ**  
**Notice of Funds Availability - Frequently Asked Questions**  
**FINAL POSTING**

**Communications about the Notice of Funds Availability**

**I want to take a moment to speak with you on the phone regarding the grant's parameters.**

We are not able to answer questions about the Resilient NJ program over the phone. Our legal requirements mandate that we take questions only through email or at the public Q&A sessions so we can share our responses in an equitable manner.

**Eligibility**

**What kinds of organizations are eligible? Are academic institutions eligible as members of the Regional Teams? ... Consultant Teams? ... NGO Technical Support Team? Are academic institutions part of the DEP review team?**

It is up to the organization to read the criteria and justify in its application why it is qualified to serve in that capacity. DEP cannot respond to individual questions about the eligibility of specific organizations.

Academic institutions are eligible for all funding opportunities associated with the Resilient NJ program.

Academic institutions will not be part of the DEP review team.

**Is my organization eligible as a community-based organization as part of a Regional Team?**

The DEP takes a broad view of what a community-based organization can be. Our focus is to ensure that socially vulnerable populations are represented in the planning process. Community-based organizations will be evaluated based on their demonstrated capacity to execute that activity. DEP cannot respond to individual questions about the eligibility of specific organizations. It is up to the organization to read the criteria and justify in its application why it is qualified to serve in that capacity.

**Is my organization eligible as the Prime?**

The DEP cannot respond to individual questions about the eligibility of specific organizations. It is up to the organization to read the criteria and justify in its application why it is qualified to serve in that capacity.

**Are counties eligible as members of the Regional Teams? ... as the Prime?**

Yes.

**Can a municipality be included in two applications?**

There is nothing in the Notice of Fund(s) availability that prevents a municipality from being included in two applications. However, federal duplication of benefits rules would prevent a municipality from participating in the grant program as part of two different regional groups.

**My municipality suffered from Hurricane Sandy, but is not located within the nine MID Counties. Is my municipality eligible for this program?**

No. The Resilient NJ program can provide funding for activity in the nine counties designated as most

impacted and distressed from Hurricane Sandy by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Can a Regional Team application include FEMA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers involvement?**

The funding cannot be used to fund other federal agencies. They may participate but cannot receive any funding from this program.

**Is there a preferred optimal number of municipalities in a Regional Team application?**

There is no preferred number. Teams must include at least four members: three contiguous municipalities and at least one community-based organization that represents underrepresented or socially vulnerable populations, with one entity designated as the Prime.

**Are noncontiguous municipalities eligible for inclusion in the Regional Team? What if you have three contiguous municipalities and a few other municipalities that are not contiguous?**

No. All municipalities in a region must be a contiguous part of the region. This is necessary to use the flood modeling as well as to ensure that participating municipalities can take advantage of the benefits of regional planning.

**Can municipalities be considered contiguous if they share only a water boundary?**

Yes.

**Are there any rules about an organization participating in more than one role? For example, if we agreed to support one of the Regional Teams, would that hurt us if we later decide to respond to the Request for Proposals for Consultant Teams?**

An organization can be part of a Regional Team and still apply to be a Consultant Team. The only restriction is that the organization would not be able to bid as the consultant on the specific region in which they are already participating. It should be noted that this restriction would only be in place if the organization is a funded partner on a Regional Team. There is no problem with an organization serving as an unfunded stakeholder on any project.

Regional Team partners may serve on multiple Regional Teams so long as there is not a geographic overlap in the different Regional Teams. For example, a county may serve on multiple Regional Teams, but a municipal government cannot receive awards for participating in multiple Regional Teams under this Notice of Funds Availability.

**If a Non-Governmental Organizations is providing technical support to DEP, can it also serve as the consultant to a Regional Team?**

Non-Governmental Organizations that receive funding to provide technical support to DEP (as part of a future Notice of Funds Availability specifically for NGOs) may not receive funding as a participant in any other role in this program.

**Must each of the three eligible municipalities include Low- and Moderate-Income census tracts?**

Regional Teams are not required to include Low- and Moderate-Income tracts to be eligible for this program. However, the scoring of applications will prioritize the selection of regions that include Low- and Moderate-Income tracts.

**If we're part of the NJ Coastal Resilience Collaborative as an individual NGO, would that be a conflict of interest?**

The NJ Coastal Resilience Collaborative is a group of NGOs that works with the state to provide planning and technical assistance on resiliency issues. The individual NGOs are eligible for funding from this program. There is no conflict of interest, as the NGOs are not providing support to the state on this program.

**Does the municipality have to go out to bid for the community-based organization if that organization will be Prime and seek reimbursement for staff time?**

It is not a requirement of this program that the community-based organization be procured as a member of a Regional Team. Their expenses are reimbursable as part of this program.

**Is the Meadowlands District eligible for this program, since it is part of a state agency (the NJ Sports and Exposition Authority)?**

For the purposes of this grant, most state agencies are not eligible to participate as part of a Regional Team. However, an exception is made for regional planning commissions (e.g. Meadowlands, Pinelands Commission) and other similar commissions and authorities.

**For large academic institutions with multiple schools and departments, would the partnering of one program of the university on a Regional Team or the Consultant Team preclude the rest of the university's programs from being eligible to provide programmatic assistance to the DEP?**

Recognizing the varied structures of universities, it is difficult to give a universal response to this question. The participation of one team from a university providing programmatic assistance to DEP will not automatically disqualify other teams from being able to serve on a Regional or Consulting Team. There may be no overlap of staff between said teams. In addition, the university teams will be required to demonstrate that appropriate firewalls are in place to ensure that there is no possible conflict of interest.

**Can three contiguous municipalities cross county boundaries?**

Yes.

**Can a municipal engineer be the consultant for that region?**

Yes.

**If a consultant assists a Regional Team with the preparation of the grant application, will that in any way impact the same consultant's eligibility to either: 1) be a consultant within the Regional Team (assuming the consultant is procured in line with State and Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery procurement rules); or, 2) be on a Consultant Team selected through DEP's forthcoming Request for Proposal?**

Assisting a Regional Team with preparing the grant application will have no impact on an organization's eligibility to participate in any other part of the program. Please remember that DEP cannot reimburse any costs associated with the preparation of an application.

**Benefits of the Resilient NJ Program**

**Our town has already done so many plans after Sandy. Why should we do another one?**

Resilient NJ builds on other planning initiatives you may have participated in, but is different in the following ways:

- The program focuses on self-determined regions, which makes it easier to address issues that extend along shared coastlines, watersheds, infrastructure systems and economies. It allows regions to identify shared resources, consider shared services and develop solutions at an appropriate scale to address the risk posed by flooding.
- Resilient NJ has newly developed modeling that illustrates potential future flooding due to climate change in riverine communities for planning purposes.
- The program uses a unique approach to a regional asset-based risk assessment that informs strategic resiliency planning. The approach goes beyond assessments typically performed in Getting to Resilience plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Strategic Recovery and Resiliency Plans, Rebuild by Design or other flood vulnerability assessments.
- The program has a core focus on engaging and incorporating the needs of socially vulnerable populations into the developed resilience strategies.
- Unlike other programs, this program has dedicated funds to implement actions developed through the planning phase.

**Can resiliency plans be designed to be creditable through the Community Rating System?**

We expect that activities that will be eligible for points in the Community Rating System will be identified as actions within the plans.

**Can funding be used for updates to hazard mitigation plans or floodplain management plans for Community Rating System?**

Yes, as long as you are not duplicating any work that has already been funded.

**Once the planning phase has been completed and projects have been identified, does the DEP anticipate future funding for the design and construction of these projects?**

As we develop the plans, we will seek to identify potential funding opportunities for the actions and projects that are identified in the plans. The only implementation actions permitted through this program are planning and related projects as defined by HUD, to be completed in Phase 2. At this time, it is unknown if funding will be available from other sources for design, engineering, or construction in the future.

**Duplication of Benefit**

**We participated in something that sounds similar. How do we determine if we are eligible?**

As a HUD-funded initiative, Resilient NJ cannot reimburse participants who have participated in similar regional resiliency initiatives. To determine if this grant may be considered a duplication of benefits, please review the HUD guidance published on page 71060 of the *Federal Register* Volume 76, No. 221 from November 16, 2011. As part of the application, all members of the Regional Team will need to submit the Duplication of Benefits affidavit from Appendix B signed by an authorized representative. A Microsoft Word version is available on the Resilient NJ website. DEP cannot respond to individual questions on whether a previous activity is a duplication of benefit.

**Should each participating municipality within the Regional Team complete its own Duplication of Benefits Certification?**

Yes.

**I am aware that a municipality must list all federal and/or state financial assistance received for disaster recovery or resiliency planning projects. However, is there a specific date range (e.g., from 2005 to present) for this required list, or must the affidavit include all assistance ever received?**

The Resilient NJ program is part of the federal response to Hurricane Sandy. As such, applicants should list assistance received since Hurricane Sandy, which occurred October 29, 2012.

### **Selection of Regional Teams/ Consultant Teams/ NGOs**

**Does our region get an advantage if we know what projects we want to do?**

Projects for the implementation phase of the program will be identified as part of the Phase 1 Planning process; planning and implementation priorities are driven by the Regional Teams. If Regional Teams have projects that they have already identified as priorities for future resilience, those will be considered in the planning phase. However, previously identified projects will not be considered as part of the application process.

**How will the Consultant Teams be selected?**

There will be a Request for Proposals posted by the New Jersey Department of Treasury to prequalify teams of consultants for the Resilient NJ program. After being evaluated, the qualified Consultant Teams will be given an opportunity to bid on the Regional Projects. This process will be overseen by DEP in conjunction with the Department of the Treasury. Regional Teams are not responsible for the selection of the Consultant Teams.

**Can you please provide more information about the Request for Proposals for the Consultant Teams? ... the Notice of Funds Availability for the NGO Technical Support Team?**

The Request for Proposals for the Consultant Teams and the Notice of Funds Availability for the NGO Technical Support Team are still being developed.

You may sign up for the Resilient NJ listserv to be notified about future program announcements at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/oclup/resilientnj/getinvolved.html>.

We are unable to provide any additional information about future funding opportunities at this time.

**If a consultant is under contract with one or more towns in a Regional Team, will it prohibit them from responding to the Consultant Team Request for Proposals?**

It would not prohibit them from responding to the Request for Proposals. However, it should be noted that if a town wants to pay its own consultant using funds from this program, the town must put out a Request for Proposal compliant with HUD procurement regulations and specific to doing the work for this grant program. Otherwise, the work of the consultant would have to be an in-kind contribution.

**How will DEP score Regional Team applications? Will a single project that incorporates all three towns score better than three individual projects for the three towns?**

This is not a question for the Regional Team application process. Potential projects will be identified as part of the Phase 1 Planning process. Previously identified projects will not be considered as part of the application process.

**What if there are two applications that show equal need from regions that are in the same general area? Will they disqualify each other?**

The scoring and selection of Regional Teams will depend on the quality of the application and the information provided therein. Two applications from the same region would not disqualify one another.

**Is the experience of different departments/offices/programs within a local government considered as a qualification if they are included as part of the Project Team?**

Yes.

**How will the Multi-Disciplinary Consultant Teams be selected?**

There will be a Request for Proposals posted by the New Jersey Department of Treasury to prequalify teams of consultants for the Resilient NJ program. After evaluation, the qualified Consultant Teams will be given an opportunity to bid on the Regional Projects. This process will be overseen by DEP in conjunction with the Department of the Treasury. Regional Teams are not responsible for the selection of the Consultant Teams.

**On page 15 of the Application package, it sounds like there are two parts to the selection of the Consultant Teams. Is this the case?**

Yes. There are two parts to the selection. The initial Request for Proposal will produce a number of qualified Consultant Teams. Those pre-qualified consultants may bid for the regional projects. Please refer to the application document for the details.

**Is it likely that the low bidder will be awarded all the contracts?**

We cannot comment on how the process will proceed at this time.

**Will the consultants be bidding on a specific region or will they be assigned to a region?**

We cannot comment on how the Consultant Teams will be matched with Regional Teams at this time.

**Must the Consultant Teams be multi-disciplinary, or must they be composed of multiple consultant entities?**

Respondents to the Request for Proposal may seek to meet the qualification requirements however they wish.

**When will the programmatic assistance Notice of Funds Availability for NGOs be released?**

The Notice of Funds Availability for NGOs has not yet been released and we cannot provide information about it at this time.

**What types of expertise might DEP need from NGOs under the NGO Notice of Funds Availability?**

We cannot provide additional information at this time. The Notice of Funds Availability is being developed and is projected to be released later this year.

**As an applicant, we must demonstrate to you the historical resiliency needs for that region, and why DEP should fund that particular region, but not necessarily identify projects. Is this correct?**

We're looking for applicants to demonstrate need, the capacity to do the work, and to explain the unique characteristics of their region. There is no need to identify any specific projects as part of this application; this is what the planning phase of the program is for.

**Will the required budget be general, or will it have to lay out specific expenditures for projects?**

The purpose of the budgets is primarily to compensate staff for meeting attendance and associated expenses, including salary, fringe, indirect, supplies, and travel cost. Staff is expected to participate

actively, guide the decisions for their community, and to review products as they are developed. Although most of the work on community outreach for this program will be conducted by the Consultant Teams, Regional Teams members, including the community-based organizations, will provide assistance.

**Do we need to identify funds in the application budget to pay for the Consultant Team?**

No. The Consultant Team will be provided to you and funded through a separate funding opportunity as part of this program. Regional Teams do not have to identify funds or make payments to the Consultant Teams. If a region intends to hire its own contractor to serve as part of the Regional Team, funding for that contractor would need to be identified in the budget.

**Should Consultant Teams discuss specifics about regions that are selected for this program or will the consultant submission be more general?**

We cannot respond to questions about the consultant Request for Proposal at this time.

**Is it acceptable for the municipal administrator to sign the Letter of Commitment?**

Yes.

**Under the demonstration of capacity section of the application, what type of projects are you looking for? Any specific category? Does it have to be environmental-related?**

This application is looking for you to have experience and capacity to manage this type of project and/or projects of a similar scale. Examples include experience managing other grant programs, working with other communities in your region on a shared project, and experience working with Community Development Block Grant funds. The projects do not have to be environmentally related.

**Do the Regional Teams have a role in the assignment of their Consultant Team? That is, will they have an opportunity to indicate their preference for a Consultant Team?**

No. The Consultant Teams will be selected through a Request for Proposal issued by the Department of Treasury and will be scored based on the criteria in the application.

**Will the Consultant Teams responding to the planning consultant Request for Proposal be given information on the planning projects submitted by the communities?**

We cannot respond to questions about the consultant Request for Proposal at this time.

**What can the funds be used for?**

**Can I include proposal costs, such as grant writer fees, in the project budget?**

DEP will not be responsible for any proposal preparation costs.

**Our town uses a consultant for engineering, planning and/or other technical services. Are these individuals eligible for reimbursement for participation in the program?**

As per HUD rules, consultants are not able to use existing contracts for reimbursement under this program. Any town that wishes to reimburse a consultant for her or his time must procure that firm or individual under a process specific to their participation in Resilient NJ and compliant with HUD procurement regulations. However, towns have the option to include consultants as in-kind match in the budget sheet. In-kind match is not required, but will be taken into consideration in scoring applications.

**Can actions/recommendations identified in the Regional Plans be physical infrastructure?**

Yes, physical infrastructure may be proposed as actions in the Regional Plans. However, this program cannot fund implementation of those types of actions. Examples of fundable actions are identified in the application document.

**How the work will be split between the Regional Teams and the consultants?**

The role of the Regional Team is to identify regional assets, engage the local communities, set resilience priorities, select a community-supported comprehensive resilience and adaptation strategy, and work with the consultants to execute selected actions from that strategy. The planning products, including items such as ordinance updates and outreach plans, will be developed by the Consultant Teams. It is not expected that municipalities will need to spend program funding to hire their own consultants to develop work product needed for this grant.

**If one of the applicants is a utility company and one of the activities is a microgrid, how would you anticipate the process working if the planning revolves around utility and microgrid work?**

The process to develop that plan will be similar to that of any other regional plan. The plans, actions and recommendations themselves will be specific to that region and will be guided by the team.

**Can the community-based organization hire staff to be used as in-kind match?**

The community-based organization staff, just as local government staff, can be reimbursed for staff time under this program. In-kind match is not required but will be taken into consideration when scoring applications.

**Is there additional funding available for the Prime?**

It's up to the Regional Team to determine how much the Prime will be compensated for the additional responsibilities required of that role. This amount should be indicated in the budget.

**Is there a recommendation as to how many hours per month the Prime should be budgeted for?**

The Regional Teams will have to make that determination.

**There are activities mentioned in the application that the Prime will be responsible for. Are those comprehensive or just suggestions?**

The Prime's activities include, but are not limited to, those listed in the application.

**Can the Prime propose to hire a part-time person to be responsible for these activities?**

If the person is staff of the municipality, the municipality can be reimbursed for that person's time in the performance of duties related to this grant, just like any other municipal staff member.

**How often will the Prime be reimbursed for expenses incurred in order for the Prime to distribute reimbursements to the team partners?**

The Prime can submit a request for reimbursement as often as every month.

**What is the process to ensure reimbursement?**

The Prime must submit the request for reimbursement along with all the supporting documentation to DEP through the Sandy Integrated Recovery Operations and Management System (SIROMS), the grants management system for Sandy Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds in New

Jersey. DEP will review the submission for accuracy and initiate submit a Funds Request. Once approved, the funds will be transferred to the designated Prime.

**Is it acceptable to budget for more hours than those identified in the application document?**

The suggested hours in the application document may be considered as a low/minimum estimate. It is up to the Regional Team to determine how many hours they will need to perform any specific task.

**It is unclear exactly what activities are considered engineering vs. planning, and thus eligible for the Implementation phase of the program. Can you please provide more information?**

DEP agrees that there is a lack of clarity on this specific question. The query has been submitted to HUD. In general, however, you may assume that planning includes activities up to the point of conceptual design and feasibility. It allows for the development of projects to the point needed so that you can make well-informed decisions for the future of your region and take advantage of future opportunities for funding.

**Will the Consultant Team provide preliminary cost estimates for individual actions/projects?**

Providing preliminary cost estimates may be considered "planning." A cost-benefit analysis will be included in the planning phase.

**Is the development of green infrastructure eligible for inclusion in the Plan?**

Yes.

**The Borough is in critical need of trailer-mounted generator to be used for a priority pump station and for a shelter, warming/charging center or GIS mapping. Is it possible to address these needs in this program?**

Funding from the Resilient NJ program cannot be used for the purchase of equipment, including pumps and generators. Construction is also not an eligible use of funds. Grant preparation or the identification of a shelter location could be conducted in the implementation phase. GIS mapping will be provided as part of the planning phase. Additional GIS mapping to meet any resiliency needs identified in the planning process would be an option for the implementation phase of the program.

**One of the requirements is that the plan must result in an implementable project. What does this mean?**

While the program objectives seek to develop innovative and implementable solutions that increase flood resilience, we recognize that the limitations on what is implementable may change over time. As such, the program seeks to develop a suite of potential actions that may be implemented over varying time horizons. Note that in Phase 1, the planning phase, it is acceptable to identify various projects (e.g. those relating to infrastructure) that are not necessarily implementable in Phase 2 of the program. These may be projects that your region might want to pursue through other potential funding opportunities in the future.

**The budget appears to cover only staff time. Are you going to cover other costs relative to eligible activities other than staff time?**

You can include salary, fringe, indirect, supplies, and travel costs. The budget should be used to support attendance at meetings, the review of documents and other program deliverables, support for community outreach (although this will primarily be the responsibility of the Consultant Team), and the work of the Prime in program management, coordination, and reporting.

**There seems to be a focus on elevating the needs and voices of socially vulnerable populations. They are typically not municipal employees. Will there be an opportunity to create a program that would offer a stipend to the underrepresented members of the communities who participate or something to that effect? Paying for their time is a common form of civic engagement especially when you're reaching out to low-income populations.**

We are currently seeking advice on the question of whether direct payments to socially vulnerable populations are an allowable program expense. For the moment, you may proceed with the assumption that offering a stipend to underrepresented members of the community who participate is allowable. If this turns out not to be the case, we can make modifications as needed.

**Are dredging plans for dredging and watershed management plans eligible?**

Yes.

**Could stormwater management be considered as part of the plan development and plan implementation?**

Yes.

**Can we include more than one planning project for that \$200,000?**

The \$200,000 is for your participation in the program. Funding for the identification and execution of planning projects will be provided as part of the Request for Proposal for Consultant Teams. There is no need to budget for specific projects in your application.

**Can surveying be done as part of the program?**

Surveying in support of planning, land use, or conceptual designs would be an acceptable activity in Phase 2 of the program.

**Can town staff expenses associated with participation in the Regional Team such as attendance at meeting be reimbursed if the town is not the Prime?**

Yes.

### **Award Amounts**

**What is the maximum grant award, and how many do you plan on awarding?**

The Resilient NJ program will provide grants to up to five Regional Teams. Grants will be up to \$200,000 each. The program will also provide a Consultant Team, selected and funded through a separate Request for Proposals, to do most of the planning and technical work in each region.

**If my application includes more than three municipalities, am I eligible for additional funds beyond \$200,000?**

No. Each Regional Team is eligible for a maximum award of \$200,000.

**Is the \$200,000 to last through the entire life of the program?**

Yes.

### **Role of Local Government Consultants**

**What is the role of private sector engineering/architectural/environmental/technical assistance firms?**

Private sector firms may respond to the RFP as part of Consultant Team. If already under contract with one of the local government team members, their participation can be considered as in-kind match. Otherwise, they would have to be selected through a procurement process that provides for fair and open competition if the local government wants them to serve as its representative on the Regional Team.

**If a Regional Team intends to procure a contractor for involvement in this program, does that contractor need to be identified in the application/budget?**

If a region wishes to go through the procurement process to hire a consultant, they should make that clear up front and show it in the budget. They do not have to identify the specific consultant at that this point. Note that procuring a consultant to serve on the Regional Team is not needed or required as part of this program.

**If a Regional Team decides to procure a consultant, will DEP still provide a consultant?**

Yes. The consultant for the town will be there to support the town. The multi-disciplinary Consultant Team provided by DEP will be doing the majority the planning work for the regional project.

**Vulnerability Assessments and Cost Benefit Analysis**

**Is there a cost benefit analysis requirement for implementation projects?**

A cost benefit analysis will be conducted by the Consultant Team on multiple response scenarios (a suite of actions such as plans, projects, programs and other activities) as part of the planning process (Phase 1). Actions will be prioritized based on regional impact and cost which will inform, but not fully determine, the actions selected for implementation in Phase 2.

**Can you describe what the cost benefit analysis might look like? Will you have a template? What does it measure?**

The cost benefit analysis methodology is still being developed by a contractor to DEP; we cannot provide a description at this time. The methodology will be used by the Consultant Teams across all the regions as part of the planning phase, allowing DEP to compare apples to apples. It will be used to evaluate proposed response scenarios in comparison to a No Action scenario.

**Will the cost benefit analysis be used to select the Regional Teams?**

No. The cost benefit analysis will be used to evaluate response scenarios and prioritize actions based on regional impacts, cost, etc. It will be used to help determine what will get implemented in Phase 2.

**Will you provide the cost benefit framework to the Regional Team?**

We are in the process of developing a cost-benefit analysis methodology that will be provided to the Consultant Teams to use during the program. When it is completed it will be provided to all program participants.

**Will the riverine flooding vulnerability assessment just be for planning purposes or for regulatory purposes as well?**

At this point, the riverine flooding vulnerability assessment is only for planning purposes, but it may inform regulatory changes in the future.

## Other

### **Is there a web presentation for towns that cannot attend?**

The program is strongly considering a webinar. In the meantime, you may submit questions as per the directions in the application document. The program will respond to the questions in writing. Also, we will be routinely updating the FAQs document on the website.

*Note that in the time since this question was asked, DEP has conducted an online webinar. This webinar will be posted on the program website.*

### **How will DEP be notifying municipalities of this opportunity?**

The Notice of Funds Availability was published on May 21, 2018, in the *New Jersey Register*. There was a press release on May 23. Before the Notice of Funds Availability was released, DEP attended numerous events and meetings featuring presentations about the program. Postcards were mailed to county planners and to the mayor, clerk and administrator of every municipality and county within the nine Sandy-impacted counties. Email blasts were sent to announce the Notice of Funds Availability to the same group and various NGOs. Additional emails about the submission deadline also will be sent to the entities mentioned above.

### **Is there a relationship to the New Jersey Coastal Management Program Section 309 goals and objectives?**

Section 309 of the Coastal Zone and Management Act encourages states to enhance their coastal management programs. New Jersey receives funding from NOAA to implement these strategies. New Jersey assessed its Coastal Management Program and developed a comprehensive five-year strategy to address the high-priority needs for New Jersey and set forth specific program enhancements for the high-priority ranked areas to identify program changes and implementation activities. This strategy can be found at [http://www.nj.gov/dep/cmp/czm\\_309.html](http://www.nj.gov/dep/cmp/czm_309.html). While the topic areas addressed the New Jersey Coastal Management Program Section 309 Strategy overlap with the focus area of the Resilient NJ program, and the tools, information and experience of the New Jersey Coastal Management Program inform the development and implementation of the Resilient NJ program, they are not directly related.

### **Will there be "Minority/Women Business Enterprise" percentage goals for this grant or work effort?**

No. Because this is a "planning only" award from HUD, we are not required to meet those requirements.

### **Is development of the citizen participation plan to be coordinated by the Prime, the state, or the consultant? What is the anticipated effort required of the project team with respect to developing the citizen participation plan? How much of the Prime involvement will be satisfied by addressing the citizen participation plan? The application identifies the State Citizen Participation Plan as an example that can be utilized by the participants. Will the outreach services offered in the State Citizen Participation Plan be provided to the teams by the State during the planning process for this project?**

Adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan is not a requirement of the application; clarification will be provided after the selection process is complete. Please note that the Consultant Teams will bear the primary responsibility for community engagement in the program; Regional Team members will play a supporting role in the outreach process.