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Hurricane Ida Resilient Investments through Support and Capital (RISC)

Q+A Addendum

Q: Is the grant capped at \$200K per community or per project

A: The grant awards are up to \$200K per application, with a maximum of 3 applications per community

Q: is it possible for a project, if awarded RISC funding, to utilize a noncompetitive procurement process? For example, what is the bar to show that there is a public emergency that will not permit a delay resulting from publicizing a competitive solicitation? Could repetitive flooding impacting city parks and nearby homes and infrastructure qualify?

A: All awarded respondents must comply with 2 CFR Part 200. If a subrecipient competitively procured applicable services prior to being awarded a RISC planning grant, RHC may authorize the use of those vendors at its discretion if the following conditions are satisfied: (1) the services procured are adequate to meet the objectives of the RISC Program, (2) the subrecipient is able to produce complete procurement records that establish compliance with applicable HUD regulations, (3) the proposed vendor agrees to comply with all contractual provisions and requirements outlined in RHC's "Exhibit E - Supplementary Conditions for Contracts" during the implementation of the grant, and (4) RHC approves the use of the vendor and any new contractual instruments to be funded through the RISC planning grant, prior to their execution or issuance by the subrecipient and before any expenses are incurred.

Q: What type of cost estimate is required for the application? I see that the application indicates needing an estimate for the funding request for the RISC grant and Anticipated implementation (construction) funding need. If an applicant is applying for technical assistance, how precise do these estimates need to be, and are they subject to change depending on feedback from RHC staff and RHC funded consultants in order to plan and implement a project?

A: For technical assistance applications, where a project concept and estimate have not been completed, you can provide an order of magnitude estimate, based on your knowledge and previous experience, listing out any caveats that may potentially apply. For example, "we think this is a \$10 million problem, but a specific solution has not been identified and we are seeking assistance to develop a concept as part of application development". It is understood that the estimate may change as we work through developing the application for construction funding for applicable implementation programs (i.e. FEMA BRIC or DOT PROTECT), particularly in cases where we are working with an applicant to develop the project concept. If a proposed solution hasn't been identified, you should outline that in the application and focus on providing as much information about the problem and desired outcome as possible.

Q: Should the organization chart include names of the personnel currently in those roles, or just the general structure of the municipality.

A: For clarity, names should be included.

Q: What is the payment method for the direct grant, i.e.: do they get all at once or is it a reimbursement process?

A: Direct grant payments from RHC will be made as costs are incurred. Subrecipients will need to submit invoices from vendors along with supporting deliverables with their request for payment to RHC.

Q: If a municipality has applied for other funding to complete a plan but have no indication that they have been or will be awarded, should they reference this in our application or should they only disclose for money in hand. Additionally, if they are awarded but the grant has a local match, can they use RISC for that local match.

A: It is helpful to reference potential sources of grant funds that have been applied for in the RISC application even if they have not been awarded, particularly if the grant has a match component. The duplication of benefits form included in the application should only reflect actual awards or funds received. If awarded a grant through RISC, subrecipients must disclose any additional funds received or awarded for the same scope of work throughout the lifecycle of the project. RISC funds may be used as local match in many instances and RISC program staff will work with applicants and subrecipients to facilitate this where possible.

Q: Our municipality is located in Nassau County and participates in the Nassau Urban County Consortium for its CDBG activities. Are we still eligible to apply to the RISC program?

A; Municipalities located in Nassau County which is a NY State MID area are eligible to apply to the RISC program for the Planning Grant and/or the Technical Assistance Grant

Q:The application for Resilient Investments through Support and Capital requests the month and year of completion of each activity. Can you please advise which month and year grant awards will be announced so that we can calculate these dates.

A: Respondents should calculate activities starting in February 2024.