



Homes and Community Renewal

Office of Resilient Homes
and Communities

Blue Buffers Q&A Information Session

July 10, 2024

Environmental Bond Act Overview

\$4.2 Billion passed by voters in 2022, of which \$250 Million for voluntary buyouts

Statutory requirements

- Prioritize disadvantaged communities
- Prioritize past flood risk or participation in FEMA community rating system
- Funds may be expended for: (1) acquisition of real property (2) demolition of structures (3) restoration of natural resources
- Any structure purchased shall be demolished and real property shall be restored to increase ecosystem function and reduce flood risk
- At-risk properties: (1) within 100-year floodplain (2) flooded structures qualify under FEMA criteria (3) identified in technical study for flood reduction project next to inland or coastal waterway or (4) flooded structures located in coastal or riparian areas identified by technical study to exacerbate flooding in other areas

RFP Overview

Scope of Work

- Task 1 – Environmental Science & Data Analytics Support
- Task 2 – Community Engagement Support
- Task 3 – Project Management Support
- Task 4 – Case Management & Real Estate Closings

Budget

- Capital budget from EBA: **\$250 Million**
- Anticipated administrative budget: **\$25.5 Million**
- Expenses to acquire properties, such as appraisal firms, title companies, and surveyors may be included in the capital budget associated with property acquisitions and do not need to be accounted for in the administrative budget.
- Administrative budgets should include the costs associated with subrecipient vendors and professional service providers

RFP Requirements

Applicant Eligibility

- Non-profit or partnership of non-profits in good standing and presence in NYS
- Deep experience working in affordable housing
- Significant experience in resiliency
- Minimum 5 years experience managing NYS and/or local government contracts of a similar size and scope
- Demonstrated history of working directly in disadvantaged communities in NYS
- Meet NYS vendor responsibility requirements

Submission

- Narrative response to evaluation and selection criteria on expertise/experience and capacity/readiness in PDF
- 3-year administrative budget broken out by year and costs for each of the 4 tasks in PDF
- Administrative budget narrative in PDF

RFP Deadlines

Issuance of RFP	Thursday, June 13, 2024
RFP Question and Answer Session and Deadline for RFP Questions	<p>Questions should be submitted via email to bbapplications@hcr.ny.gov by Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 3pm (EST).</p> <p>There will be a virtual Q&A session on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10am. Please RSVP to bbapplications@hcr.ny.gov by July 8, 2024, 3pm (EST) to receive a link to the session.</p> <p>All responses to questions from the Q&A session as well as questions emailed to bbapplications@hcr.ny.gov will be posted on RHC's website.</p>
Deadline for Responses to RFP Questions	Friday, July 19, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Proposals	Wednesday, September 4 th , 2024 at 3:00 PM (EST)
Revised Proposal Period and Interview(s) (if applicable)	Monday, September 23, 2024 – Friday, September 27, 2024
Anticipated Preliminary Award Selection (award(s) will be contingent on HTFC Board approval, which will occur after this date)	Friday, October 11, 2024

Questions & Answers

- Q&A summary will be posted on RHC's website
- Questions may also be submitted to bbapplications@hcr.ny.gov until deadline