

## Chat Log Community Flood Preparedness Fund Q\_A 2021\_06\_15

**VA Department of Conservation and Recreation (to Everyone):** 1:01 PM: A reminder to mute your microphones and turn off your cameras.

**Kelly Hitchcock (to Everyone):** 1:13 PM: Is 2nd round anticipated to be at similar funding \$'s available as round 1.

**Bruce Julian (to Everyone):** 1:13 PM: Please provide the def. of Low-Income Geography

**Jessica Lassetter (to Everyone):** 1:13 PM: Are you anticipating 3 grant rounds annually?

**Friends of the North Fork (to Everyone):** 1:14 PM: Should we assume there will be more emphasis on applying this toward the coasts, or somewhat evenly disbursed?

**Sarah Hofman-Graham (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:14 PM: Would the acquisitions of private residences located in a 100-year floodplain that have experienced flooding (although not repetitive flooding as classified by FEMA) would be an eligible project? The homes would be acquired and demolished and convert the land into preserved open space. Would the conversion of the land have to be in an area identified in Conserve Virginia Floodplain and Flooding resiliency layer? How is flood resiliency value measured?

**JVP (to Everyone):** 1:14 PM: Can you clarify the requirements of CFM certification with each project?

**Brea Hopkins (to Everyone):** 1:14 PM: Can these funds be used to study and obtain base elevations for approximated A zones?

**Todd Fortune (to Everyone):** 1:15 PM: Why do protection studies not fall under planning? What's the difference?

**Kathie Angle (to Everyone):** 1:16 PM: If a locality is applying to develop a Citywide resilience plan, and has some low income/socially vulnerable areas, but not entire City, do they qualify for a 90% match?

**Jessica Lassetter (to Everyone):** 1:16 PM: Would you anticipate submitting an application for a second round if it is not accepted within the initial round?

**Andrea Reese (to Everyone):** 1:18 PM: Can an entire county qualify as low-income? It'd seem to be a circular reference to say a locality's income is "80% of local median household income" so it would be helpful to have better definition of what areas to compare.

**John Bateman (to Everyone):** 1:18 PM: Not every locality has a CFM

**Todd Fortune (to Everyone):** 1:19 PM: In the manual, they are separated. page 8.

**Mary Hill (to Everyone):** 1:20 PM: Are non profit organizations eligible to apply

**Bella Purdy (to Everyone):** 1:20 PM: do staff hours count for the match requirement? as an inkind match?

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**Rebecca Joyce (to Everyone):** 1:22 PM: Can projects be submitted by Planning District Commissions for grant funds that are regional involving several localities?

**Kristin Owen (to Everyone):** 1:23 PM: Can you elaborate on the previously CFM question's answer? Confirming ordinance compliance doesn't clarify the requirements for who the CFM is. The manual states it must be an ASFPM CFM, even though only 20% of our communities have a CFM on staff.

**Kelly Hengler (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:26 PM: Are the Federal Opportunity Zones in Virginia a priority?

le income levels met

**Deva K. Borah (to Everyone):** 1:27 PM: Did you mean you will give grants to the communities having CFM in their staff only?

**Bruce Julian (to Everyone):** 1:29 PM: Can match be from federal or private funding sources?

**Andrea Reese (to Everyone):** 1:30 PM: Can an applicant's project partner provide the match? If so, would it be acceptable for this partner to be a consultant who provides the match through partial waiving of fees? Or would you not particularly care about internal arrangements for a private-money match?

**Julie Buchanan (to Everyone):** 1:31 PM:  
1:26 PM

Kelly Hengler to Organizers

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**John Bateman (to Everyone):** 1:31 PM: A capacity building grant will not be sufficient for many rural localities to hire and certify a CFM.

**Kelly Hitchcock (to Everyone):** 1:32 PM: Regarding the CFM capacity. Is there the capacity for creating a shared CFM position, if within a regional effort?

**Kelly Hengler (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:33 PM: Sorry  
Webex dropped

Did the question on priority consideration for areas with already established federal "opportunity zones"?

**Corey Miles (to Everyone):** 1:33 PM: Can these funds be used for projects that are partially on state owned property if it is part of larger regional project with multiple partners?

**Anne Payne (to Everyone):** 1:35 PM: Would hiring a consultant to prioritize/identify projects and complete BCA's be eligible under the Planning line?

**Nathan McClung, Principal Planner, Town of Vinton (to Everyone):** 1:39 PM: Can this grant be used as match for an existing PDM grant? Will the funds be considered federal monies or will they be defederalized through DCR?

**Kristin Owen (to Everyone):** 1:40 PM: Are there going to be maintenance requirements for the CFM if a community uses the grant to get staff certified? What if the community can't afford to maintain the certificate after the fact?

**Trafford McRae (to Everyone):** 1:40 PM: If a regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is part of a locality's resilience plan does the HMP need to have been adopted by the local governing body (council, board, etc.) to be considered by DCR to be part of the resilience plan?

**Mary Hill (to Everyone):** 1:41 PM: Do historical areas or communities have the same criteria or do they fall under different criteria like Native Indians

**Bruce Julian (to Everyone):** 1:41 PM: If a county hires a person to become a CFM, what is the duration of funding to pay the salary of this person?

**Corey Miles (to Everyone):** 1:42 PM: Would a private CFM that is hired contractually meet the criteria?

**Bruce Julian (to Everyone):** 1:45 PM: Can funds be used to rehabilitate or remove dams constructed under PL-534 or PL-566?

**Nathan McClung, Principal Planner, Town of Vinton (to Everyone):** 1:46 PM: existing grant application\*

**Matt Simons (to Everyone):** 1:47 PM: We are considering applying for CFPF Project funding for a regional greenway BMP to resolve a repetitive shallow flooding issue in a very low income neighborhood. The project would likely result in a LOMR. My question is would this qualify for Project funding even if the greenway also provides some water quality credits for future redevelopment in the area?

**Bruce Julian (to Everyone):** 1:47 PM: Can funds be used to install flood mitigation measures in authorized PL-534/566 projects?

**Lewie (to Everyone):** 1:47 PM: Can we apply for (example) \$200,000 in grant funding and set up a low interest or no interest loan program- meaning we take the grant funds and locally administer a loan program. We didn't request loans funds.

**Sarah Hofman-Graham (to Everyone):** 1:47 PM: How will flood resilience value be calculated for evaluation/scoring?

**Anita McMillan (to Everyone):** 1:49 PM: Anita McMillan - To clarify on the PDM grant question, can this grant be used as part of the 25% grant match requirements?

**Anita McMillan (to Everyone):** 1:57 PM: please disregard the question, thanks.

**Bruce Julian (to Everyone):** 1:58 PM: FYI-PL-566--Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Program with over 200 existing dams in Virginia, but many more flood mitigation measures on the books. These projects are all sponsored by local county,

state, city govt.

**Bella Purdy (to Everyone):** 2:04 PM: do stormwater capital improvement plans that use green infrastructure count if you can prove flood/runoff reduction through a hydraulic and hydrologic model?

**Anne Payne (to Everyone):** 2:08 PM: Since we are now able to submit the projects and our resilience plan concurrently until September 3, will you all still tell us within 2 weeks of plan submission if it is accepted or not? It would be good to have that confirmation on the plan prior to doing the work to put a project together.

**Matt Simons (to Everyone):** 2:08 PM: Do the projects have to address Repetitive Loss Areas?

**Mary Hill (to Everyone):** 2:10 PM: Do you collaborate with the localities if need arises to alert that a problem exists that is a critical need if there is a public cry by local residents that are not being heard?

**Matt Simons (to Everyone):** 2:10 PM: It appears to be a condition on page four of the manual... it states "the following conditions shall apply...", then it lists the "recurrent or repetitive flooding" condition immediately after.

**Kristin Owen (to Everyone):** 2:10 PM: Will you review a local resilience plan that hasn't been adopted by the locality if it's prior to the grant period? If there are changes needed, it would make more sense for us to get feedback before we run out of time to get local adoption.

**Matt Simons (to Everyone):** 2:12 PM: Thank you Wendy that helps!

**Friends of the North Fork (to Everyone):** 2:15 PM: Can you provide any additional perspective on how ecological (water quality) goals might compare with economic and public health/property goals when scoring applications for funds?

**Kelly Hitchcock (to Everyone):** 2:21 PM: Will there be any future guidance on the Resiliency Plan requirements compared to those FEMA HMP requirements?

**Rebecca Joyce (to Everyone):** 2:24 PM: Thank you for this session and all the great questions and the helpful answers from Russ and Wendy!

**Mary Hill (to Everyone):** 2:26 PM: Thank you

**Anne Payne (to Everyone):** 2:26 PM: Thank you so much for having this today and all of the information!!

**Raed EL-Farhan (to Everyone):** 2:27 PM: Thank you, very helpful session.

**Bryson, Jasmine (to Everyone):** 2:27 PM: Thank you!

**Darryl Walker (to Everyone):** 2:27 PM: Thanks

**Kelly Hitchcock (to Everyone):** 2:27 PM: Thank you.