

## **Chat Log     Community Flood Preparedness Fund Q&A July 15, 2021**

**Susan E. (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:15 PM: When will funds become available for use after being awarded? (In other words, when does the 36 month project period begin?)

**Jessica Steelman (to Everyone):** 1:22 PM: Is there a presentation that is supposed to accompany this?

**Jessica Steelman (to Everyone):** 1:24 PM: What is your definition of "best science available"

**Dan Frisbee (to Everyone):** 1:25 PM: What is the process for submitting and having a resilience plan approved by DCR?

**Susan Bates (to Everyone):** 1:25 PM: If we write a resilience plan with CFPF funds and then we submit for funds to implement one of the projects in that plan and that is 3 years past the time we wrote the plan, do we have to have it reapproved?

**Eddie Wells (to Everyone):** 1:25 PM: Slides are not changing on the screen ...

**Matthew Webb (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:25 PM: I just want to confirm: if a locality is listed in a PDC's regional plan, which is approved, then the locality does not need their own, individual plan in order to qualify for funding for flood prevention and protection projects?

**Jessica Steelman (to Everyone):** 1:25 PM: Yes, I was just curious if as Eddie Wells said, there's no slides changing on the screen

**Harrison Jaehn (to Everyone):** 1:27 PM: When would project activities for awarded projects from this first round be eligible for reimbursement? Is that also dependent on the VRA funding timeline?

**Julie Buchanan (to Everyone):** 1:27 PM: Here's the link to the manual:  
<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/dam-safety-and-floodplains/document/2021-CFPF-Manual.pdf>. Appendix G begins on p. 50 of the pdf.

**Susan E. (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:27 PM: It seems as though some studies may be useful to inform resilience planning. The grant application form seem to require applicants to select only one category (so, either studies or planning). If we want to pursue a study and planning, would we need to apply under two separate funding

cycles? Would the study have to fully conclude before we could submit an application for planning?

**John Paine (to Everyone):** 1:28 PM: If a CFPF grant is awarded for a study on a portion of a city, does that grant award impact the ability of projects identified in that study to be funded by CFPF at a later date?

**Denise Nelson (to Everyone):** 1:29 PM: How many Resilience Plans have been submitted to DCR, and how many have been approved? Are the approved ones available to review?

**Matthew Webb (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:30 PM: Exactly answered my question, thank you!

**John Bateman, NNPDC (to Everyone):** 1:31 PM: I think we all would be curious to see examples of developed and approved plans or narrative statements that outline the "elements of a plan" in existing plans.

**Harrison Jaehn (to Everyone):** 1:31 PM: Perfect thank you!

**Kenneth Dierks (to Everyone):** 1:32 PM: Are there any match requirements for the grant application funding and if so, what are the rules governing local or regional match?

**John Bateman, NNPDC (to Everyone):** 1:36 PM: Will applications to the fund be made public?

**Denise Nelson (to Everyone):** 1:41 PM: The Flood Fund definition for Low-income is clear that 100% of a locality can qualify as a low income locality ("Low-income geographic area means any locality, or....."). To determine if 100% of a locality qualifies, one must take 80% of some number and compare that number to the locality's household income number.

Is it acceptable to use the Virginia Median household income which is \$74,222 X 80% = \$59,377 and any locality with a household income below \$59,377, the entire locality is designated as low income?

If this isn't acceptable, what is the methodology to use to determine if the entire locality meets the low income designation?

**Harrison Jaehn (to Everyone):** 1:41 PM: To maximize fund matching would you recommend breaking up studies targeting an entire community into two applications?

One for low income areas and one for the rest of the community

**Denise Nelson (to Everyone):** 1:43 PM: You may get different results with the two different methods....

**John Bateman, NNPDC (to Everyone):** 1:44 PM: If localities opt to incorporate the "elements of a resilience plan" outlined in the manual into their Hazard Mitigation Plan and/or Comprehensive Plan, will DCR provide technical assistance during that process? DCR is usually involved in the HMP updates. This is new to most of us, technical assistance and examples would be very helpful.

**John Bateman, NNPDC (to Everyone):** 1:48 PM: Thank you Wendy. Would small incorporated towns be able to use their County CFM? Most towns in our region do not and will likely never have the capacity to staff a CFM.

**Denise Nelson (to Everyone):** 1:53 PM: have you received any grant proposals yet?

**Susan E. (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:55 PM: If we are developing a climate resilience plan that includes but is not limited to flooding, can this funding be used to fund that plan development>

**Kelly Hengler (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:57 PM: Is there a means to inquire to DCR if our locality has reached out for this opportunity? (City of Suffolk)

**Kelly Hengler (to Organizer(s) Only):** 1:58 PM: Thank you, we will advocate. Appreciate all DCR efforts!

**Denise Nelson (to Everyone):** 1:59 PM: thank you!

**Kelly Hengler (to Everyone):** 1:59 PM: TY!