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To: Coastal Resources Commission
From: Michael Christenbury, Wilmington District Planner
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Subject: Planning & Management Grant Program Priorities

Overview

Part of the most recent revisions to the CAMA Land Use Planning Program included amendments to the 15A NCAC 7L Planning & Management Grant Program rules, which outline the criteria for land use plan implementation grants to local governments. In the past, heavy emphasis was placed on the development of land use plans. While the development of land use plans will still be an eligible activity under the amended Planning and Management Grant Program, the changes to the rules will allow greater flexibility for the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) to focus on specific issues or areas of interest to the Division and CRC in awarding funding for local projects.

In the coming weeks, DCM will be notifying local governments in the 20-county coastal area that the Division is making grant funding available for Planning and Management projects for the upcoming fiscal year. Local governments will be invited to apply for funding for projects that are anticipated to begin July 1, 2017 and to be completed by June 30, 2018.

For this year’s solicitation, DCM Staff recommends that grant funding be prioritized for **Natural Hazards and Storm Recovery projects**. Proposals are expected to further local implementation of the CRC’s management goals and planning objectives for the natural hazards management topic [See 15A NCAC 07B.0702(d)(2)(D)(i) and (ii)] and/or to address local issues specific to storm recovery. Projects may include, but are not limited to, expanded education and outreach efforts, special planning efforts focused on coastal resources or issues, improvements in intergovernmental coordination, targeted research or studies, and the development of local ordinances. Proposals for projects not related to the natural hazards and storm recovery topics may be submitted for non-prioritized funding consideration.

CRC Action

Staff is seeking concurrence from the CRC that grant funding during the FY 2017-2018 grant cycle be prioritized for Natural Hazards and Storm Recovery projects.