



Water Resources Development Grant Program – Flood Resiliency Grants

Questions & Answers

Below are anticipated questions and answers associated with our Flood Resiliency Grants that are currently available during our Spring 2025 application cycle. These grants are a sub-component of the State & Local Projects portion of the Water Resources Development Grant Program (WRDG).

Is this a one-time or recurring funding opportunity? Yes this is currently considered a one-time funding opportunity and not a recurring funding program like our State & Local Projects. Applications will be received from now until June 30, 2025.

Who is eligible to apply? Units of local government and local political subdivisions (County, City, Town or regional [Council of Governments](#)). Non-governmental organizations such as a non-profit, private consultant, university or watershed association can serve as a primary contact or supporter and help administer the grant on behalf of the local government.

What types of projects will be given priority? Projects must be located within the Cape Fear, French Broad, Lumber, Neuse, Tar Pamlico & White Oak [river basins](#). Priority will be given to shovel-ready projects that provide the most significant flood reduction or flood resiliency benefits. Click this [link](#) to see the general categories and examples of flood reduction projects that may be eligible for funding consideration.

Will there be a funding request limit or a funding range requested not to exceed? No, there will not be a ‘recommended funding request not to exceed’ as there is for our State & Local Projects. However funding would be limited based on available funding at the time we receive a completed application submittal and the number of applications received that are closest to shovel ready.

What Is The Matching Funds Requirement? The WRDG can provide up to $66^{2/3}$ percent (66.67) of cost-share funding for nonfederal construction costs and the applicant/grantee is responsible for providing $33^{1/3}$ percent (33.33) of nonfederal construction costs.

How long will the grant application review and award notification process take? Once received applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and at least quarterly through June 30, 2025. It generally takes less than one month for a DEQ contract to be executed once all of the required documentation has been received.

If a project is recommended for funding what is the timeline in which funds need to be fully spent and the project completed? Projects need to be completed within 2-3 years after DEQ contract execution. The WRDG allows for project expenses for work conducted after the application submittal but prior to contract execution to be counted as a matching contribution. Project expenses for work associated with grant reimbursement cannot begin and be reimbursed until after contract execution.

Is there documentation I can review to learn more about the grant administration process? Yes, please see our *Flood Resiliency Guidelines* and *Reimbursement Instructions* at our website below.

Program Website: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-grants/water-resources-development-grant-program>. See *Flood Resiliency Grants* heading.

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