

RCCP Phases 1 & 2 FAQ
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1.) **Question:** When is the application deadline?

Answer: February 3, 2023, by 5:00 PM. Please email your Cover Sheet and Application Questions answered to RCCP@ncdenr.gov.

2.) **Question:** What types of communities are eligible to apply?

Answer: There are several types of eligibility, which include: County and Municipal governments within the 20 CAMA Counties (Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington), Federally and State-Recognized Tribes, and any qualified owners' association defined in G.S.47F-1-103(3).

- "Association" or "owners' association" means the association organized as allowed under North Carolina law (i.e., the [North Carolina Planned Community Act](#)).

3.) **Question:** Can a group of HOAs partner to pursue RCCP participation?

Answer: Specific requests, such as HOA partnerships, will need to be addressed on an individual basis. If you have questions about a unique situation, please reach out to:

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- Kasen Wally | kasen.wally@ncdenr.gov | (252) 515-5424

4.) **Question:** Can a community choose to partner with another community and create a joint project?

Answer: Yes, communities can choose to work together. You should indicate your interest in working together on your application.

5.) **Question:** How should potential partnerships be identified and discussed if a Service Provider is considering partnering with a community or another Service Provider?

Answer: You should approach communities or Service Providers you have existing relationships with or think would benefit from applying. You should look at your organization's strengths and see if there are strengths in another organization that could complement yours. There is no requirement to partner; however, you may indicate on the application that you are interested in working with another organization or community.

Because DCM will actively consider these factors during the application review process, the applicant(s) must connect with potential partners beforehand and include as much relevant information as possible on their application(s) to indicate their desire or intent to work together.

- 6.) **Question:** Can a Service Provider or community team up with other organizations to supplement the Community Action Teams (CAT)?

Answer: Yes, the community oversees who sits on their CAT. Please reference Phase 1 Step 1 in the Program Planning Handbook for guidance on developing a CAT.

- 7.) **Question:** Do communities need preexisting resiliency work to apply to this program?

Answer: No, a community does not need to have prior resiliency work to apply. If available, the community should use existing planning materials (i.e., existing Land Use Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Risk and Vulnerability Assessments, etc.) to support their application.

- 8.) **Question:** Do Service Providers need preexisting resiliency work to apply to this program?

Answer: Yes, Service Providers must demonstrate prior experience in resiliency work and other criteria listed in the Request for Applications.

- 9.) **Question:** Is the community in charge of finding a Service Provider, or will DCM match them?

Answer: DCM will match each community with a Service Provider. If you have a preference, please indicate that on your application. You may also provide a letter of support to the Service Provider to submit with their application. We will consult with selected communities and Service Providers during the matching process.

- 10.) **Question:** Is there a limit on how many Service Providers will be selected for this year's program? Does a Service Provider need to apply every year?

Answer: We have not set a limit on how many Service Providers will be selected this round. The number of providers selected will depend on the number of applications we receive. For reference, we selected 10 Service Providers for 26 communities' last round. Please note if you can assist multiple communities on your application and provide letters of support from communities that want to work with you.

- 11.) **Question:** If a Service Provider is selected for Phases 1 and 2, can the same Service Provider retain their partnership with that community for Phases 3 and 4?

Answer: Yes, a Service Provider participating in Phases 1 and 2 is still eligible to assist a community in Phase 3 and 4. However, there is a separate procurement process for Service Providers during Phase 3 and 4. Therefore, the Service Provider would reapply during that community's procurement process. Currently, several Service Providers who participated in the first round of Phases 1 and 2 have continued their work into Phase 3 (Engineering and Design).

- 12.) **Question:** Has the program changed since the first round in 2020?

Answer: Alongside program partners, DCM conducted an in-depth review of the first round of Phases 1 and 2. Improvements and changes include: updates to the RCCP Planning Handbook, the development of multiple in-depth orientation sessions for all selected communities and

Service Providers, additional technical training for Service Providers, and more available funding for selected communities.

13.) **Question:** Do you have a schedule for Phase 3 and 4 information sessions?

Answer: Communities and Service Providers from the first round of the RCCP are currently in Phase 3. We will be moving into phase 4 in the spring. Additional information about the application process and webinars will be available soon.

14.) **Question:** Can DCM assist in preparing application materials?

Answer: Yes, DCM is here to provide technical assistance and would be happy to help communities complete their applications.

15.) **Question:** Are there supplementary materials that can be helpful during the application process?

Answer: Yes, you can review the [RCCP website](#) that houses information about the program and the final deliverables from the first round of Phases 1 and 2. You can also review the [Coastal Adaptation and Resiliency Website](#) and the [Coastal Resiliency Guide](#).

16.) **Question:** Has the Service Provider's scope of work changed since the last round of the RCCP? Has the handbook changed at all?

Answer: The scope of work has stayed the same; however, we have edited the Planning Handbook. We are providing more guidance, examples, and templates from the first round. A memo will be released with the updated Planning Handbook that will reference the changes made.

17.) **Question:** This round of Phases 1 and 2 has a higher budget than the first round (which averaged at \$30K per community). What is the reason for increasing the budget to \$50-75K besides additional funding?

Answer: The funding level in the initial round was challenging, so we are taking fewer communities to expand the funding amount for each community.