

Disaster Preparedness for Coastal Communities Special Competition C Q&As

The following questions were submitted to the competitions inbox or asked during the informational webinar on 11/15/2021. **Updated as of 11/22/2021.**

Is this funding opportunity intended solely for Sea Grant programs, or can other entities apply through a Sea Grant program?

This opportunity is intended to support Sea Grant and DPP working together to achieve mutual goals in coastal community disaster preparedness. Sea Grant applicants may propose other entities as additional project partners.

Are there any conditions regarding the annual request for the \$180,000 maximum budget? For example, if the request is \$180,000, does each year's request need to equal \$90,000 or can the budget by year be uneven?

There are no constraints on the amount of the budget request by year. They can be uneven based on the needs of the project.

Can the project start day be in 2023, and if so, would the project be limited to 1 year or could it be a 2 year project starting in 2023?

The project objectives should drive timeline decisions. Projects can start no earlier than June 1, 2022, but a later start date may be proposed and run up to two years in duration from that proposed date. Projects are not required to be a full two years in duration. However, with all such decisions, applicants should take into account how their proposed timeline may affect their proposal's competitiveness under the evaluation criteria. No-cost extension(s) will be available as for other awards in the case of unforeseen circumstances that justify delayed completion but should not be "built in" to the proposed project timeline as necessary to complete tasks.

Is pre-disaster recovery planning an acceptable project type?

Yes, as pre-disaster planning is part of the continuum of preparedness and risk reduction. (See webinar slide deck.)

Would a proposal be more competitive if it had a very narrow geographic range and covered many hazards or a multi-state range but addressed a lower number of hazards?

Neither confers a necessary advantage over the other. The external reviewers will base their scoring on the criteria described in the announcement. Successful proposals will be those that convince the

reviewers the project design will be successful in yielding positive results for community disaster preparedness.

Can we build in funds into our budget to have OR&R or other NOAA entities carry out training on disaster preparedness to stakeholders? Or could/would that be made available pro bono?

Applicants should reach out directly to the specific NOAA entities they might wish to engage with in this manner during proposal development.

With regard to OR&R specifically, its existing training catalog consists of very specific topics and there is limited availability. However, it is possible to invite OR&R personnel to participate in trainings designed and organized by other entities.

Is there a limit to the number of proposals that an individual can be a part of?

No. Individuals can be involved in multiple proposals but should, of course, consider whether they can sustain their commitment should more than one proposal they engage with be selected.

Would it be possible to see a list and abstracts of projects previously funded by the call?

As this is a first-time partnership between Sea Grant and the Disaster Preparedness Program, there are no previously funded projects to serve as examples.