Grantee: New Jersey

Grant: B-13-DS-34-0002

October 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018 Performance
The State of New Jersey received $15,000,000 in NDRC funding to support the creation of regional resiliency planning programs that will help regions and communities that experience significant flooding to undergo a comprehensive planning process to identify and address vulnerabilities due to increased flooding risk. The funding will be divided between two programs:

The Regional Resiliency Planning Grant (RRPG) project will help communities prevent and address flooding events. The ultimate product of the planning process is a regional plan that identifies actions that constitute a comprehensive resiliency scenario, and implementation of appropriate policy, planning, and design activities. An additional goal of these regional adaptation action plans includes preparing communities for future funding rounds for capital projects. The RRPG program seeks to fund up to six planning projects within multi-municipal regions within the nine Sandy-impacted counties in New Jersey: Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, and Cape May. Planning grants will fund multi-municipal regions to undergo a comprehensive process to identify and address vulnerabilities to increased flood risk, protection of environmental resources, and promotion of sustainable/smart growth development. Additionally, a Toolkit will be created to incorporate the best practices and technical assistance learned from the development and implementation of the Meadowlands Resilience Revitalization Project. The Toolkit will share challenges and/or accomplishments on varied subjects and serve as a learning tool for both federal agencies and future grantees. Once established, the Toolkit will consist of several modules that will offer suggestions for how selected elements of the Meadowlands project can be adopted or scaled to local needs.

Considerable Sandy Recovery resources have been invested to improve planning for future severe weather events in communities across New Jersey. The most common beneficiaries of CDBG-DR grants have been oceanfront and bayfront communities where Sandy damage was generally more concentrated and severe. Consequently, there is a remaining need for planning resources for inland communities dealing with riverine flooding. The planning grant program will seek to provide technical assistance and flood mapping to assist communities in adapting Resilience Adaptation Action Plans that include mitigating against future events. The planning grant program will follow the structure provided by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act for Coastal Resilience Networks funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Currently, this resource is only available to coastal communities, leaving an unmet need in over 115 communities located in the nine most impacted and distressed counties that experience inland flooding. The two programs will seek to fund projects within multi-municipal regions within nine Sandy-impacted counties in New Jersey: Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, and Cape May. Each multi-municipal region will be required to include a minimum of three municipalities with shared boundaries. Every effort will be made to ensure that the selected planning regions reflect the diversity of geographic and social conditions that exist in the Sandy-impacted counties. For example, flood vulnerable landscapes include:

- Urbanized Northeast which includes tidal rivers, bays and marshland in Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth (north shore) counties;
- Mainland Atlantic Coast which includes open coast waterfronts and barrier islands in Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean counties;
- Inland Suburban/Rural areas that include riverine corridors in Middlesex (western), Monmouth (inland), Ocean (northern) counties;
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New Jersey’s National Disaster Resilience (NDR) project is focused on helping communities assess their repetitive flooding risks and then develop solutions such as building codes and plans that can be implemented to counter those risks. The State will accomplish this through two initiatives: Resilient NJ (RRPG) and the Resiliency Toolkit.
In the fourth quarter of 2018, the RRPG team concentrated on collecting documents from all the partners that comprise the four regional planning teams that were selected in September 2018 to receive grant awards of up to $200,000 each to identify and implement innovative solutions to coastal and river flooding. The documents are required in order for the State to grant final approval of the partners to participate on the regional planning teams. The documents include, where applicable, audit reports, adopted resolutions, and citizen participation plans. Subrecipient agreements with the partners will be signed in the next quarter after receipt of the required documents. Each regional planning team will be responsible for identifying regional assets, setting resilience priorities, selecting a community-supported comprehensive resilience and adaptation strategy, and implementing actions from that strategy.

The teams and their partners are:
• Jersey City Team – Jersey City, Newark, Hoboken, Bayonne, the HOPES Community Action Partnership, and the Ironbound Community Corporation.
• Middlesex County Team – Middlesex County Office of Planning, Old Bridge, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South River, Woodbridge, and the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership.
• Long Beach Island Team – Long Beach Township, Barnegat Light, Beach Haven, Harvey Cedars, Ship Bottom, Surf City, and the Long Beach Island Community Center.
• Ventnor Team – Brigantine, Atlantic City, Ventnor, Margate, Longport, Northfield, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, and the American Red Cross.

The NDR Resilience Toolkit team continued to advance Module 1 and 2 during the fourth quarter of 2018. The first two modules of the toolkit are Operations and Maintenance, and Workforce Development. The deliverables for Module 1 Operations and Maintenance went through internal review and are in final draft and the deliverables for Module 2 Workforce Development continued to be developed. Module 3 will develop a toolkit decision support system. The remaining module of the toolkit has yet to be determined. Materials for a public workshop were developed along with other outreach activities including presentations at local conferences.

The contracts report has been attached to the NDR-DEP-RRGP-ADMIN activity.

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**Project Summary**

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Activities

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Grantee Activity Number:  NDR-DEP-RRGP-ADMIN
Activity Title:  NDR DEP RRGP ADMIN

Activity Category:  Administration
Project Number:  NJ RRGP
Projected Start Date:  01/24/2017
Benefit Type:  ( )
National Objective:  NA

Activity Status:  Under Way
Project Title:  NJ RRGP
Projected End Date:  09/30/2022
Completed Activity Actual End Date:  

Responsible Organization:  NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL

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Activity Description:

Administrative costs associated to funding to regions to undergo a comprehensive planning process to identify and address vulnerabilities to increased flood risk, protection of environmental resources and promotion of sustainable/smart growth development.

Location Description:

 Counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union.

Activity Progress Narrative:

All administrative expenses are related to pre-award costs. No additional administrative expenses are anticipated.
No Activity Locations found.

No Other Funding Sources Found

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

No Accomplishments Performance Measures

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

No Activity Locations found.

Activity Supporting Documents

Grantee Activity Number: NDR-DEP-RRPG
Activity Title: NDR DEP RRPG

Activity Category: Planning
Project Number: NJ RRGP
Projected Start Date: 01/24/2017
Benefit Type:
Area ( )
National Objective: NA

Activity Status: Under Way
Project Title: NJ RRGP
Projected End Date: 09/30/2022
Completed Activity Actual End Date:

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Program Income Drawdown: $0.00
Program Income Received: $0.00
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Most Impacted and Distressed Expended: $59,332.46
Match Contributed: $0.00

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Program Funds Drawdown $183,490.83
Program Income Drawdown $0.00
Program Income Received $0.00
Total Funds Expended $198,706.07
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended $198,706.07
Match Contributed $0.00

Activity Description:
Funding to regions to undergo a comprehensive planning process to identify and address vulnerabilities to increased flood risk, protection of environmental resources and promotion of sustainable/smart growth development.

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Activity Progress Narrative:
The program has been collecting documents required for final approval from all the partners that comprise the 4 selected regional teams, which total 24 local governments and 5 non-profits. These documents include, where applicable, audit reports, adopted resolutions, and citizen participation plans. Subrecipient agreements will be signed in the next quarter, after receipt of the required documents.

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Activity Locations
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Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail
No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Project # / Title: NJ Toolkit / NJ Toolkit

Grantee Activity Number: NDR-DEP-TK
Activity Title: NDR DEP TK

Activity Category: Planning
Project Number: NJ Toolkit
Projected Start Date: 01/24/2017
Benefit Type: Area
National Objective: NA

Activity Status: Under Way
Project Title: NJ Toolkit
Projected End Date: 09/30/2022
Completed Activity Actual End Date:

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Program Income Received: $0.00
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To Date
Oct 1 thru Dec 31, 2018: $4,000,000.00
To Date: $606,240.92

Responsibe Organization: NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL

Community Development Systems
Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting System (DRGR)
Activity Description:
Lessons learned from the resiliency planning grant program will be synthesized into a toolkit to assist communities across the state and nation that face similar challenges, facilitating replicability of the State’s NDR project and the multi-sector approach to assessing resilience investment. Over the term of the project, at least four modules in the toolkit will be developed and available for replication.

Location Description:
Counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union.

Activity Progress Narrative:
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