



# Flood Smart Seacoast Project

Advancing Coastal Resilience, Floodplain Management, and Hazard Mitigation



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## 2022 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – REVISED MARCH 22, 2022

The New Hampshire (NH) Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Coastal Program (NHCP), in partnership with the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNHCE), and New Hampshire Sea Grant (NHSG), is accepting applications for non-financial technical assistance offered through the NH Flood Smart Seacoast Project in order to help NH coastal communities: incorporate best available coastal flood risk science and guidance in decision-making, adopt higher floodplain management standards, and access FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding.

Technical assistance providers from the NHCP, RPC, SRPC, and/or UNHCE/NHSG will provide direct support to at least 6 coastal communities for an 18-month period from June 2022 through December 2023.

Applications must be submitted via the [online application form](#) by **4:00pm ET on Friday, May 6, 2022**.

Applications should include a brief description of the project, explanation of how the technical assistance will help advance community needs and/or ongoing efforts, project timeline, list of anticipated project deliverables, description of the municipality's capacity to support the project, and a letter of commitment signed by the City or Town Manager/Administrator or other authorized authority.

Technical assistance proposals will be selected on a competitive basis. Successful applicants will be notified in late May/early June 2022 and invited to work with their designated technical assistance provider(s) to refine their project work plan and timeline. Participating coastal communities will be required to enter into a memorandum of agreement with their designated technical assistance provider(s).

Funding for the Flood Smart Seacoast Project is provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under the Coastal Zone Management Act Enhancement Program Projects of Special Merit for Federal Fiscal Year 2021, in conjunction with the NHDES Coastal Program.

### 1. Eligible Applicants

Municipal departments, boards, and commissions from NH's 17 coastal zone communities are eligible to receive non-financial technical assistance offered through the Flood Smart Seacoast Project. Coastal zone communities include Dover, Durham, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Madbury, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton (including Little Boar's Head Village District), Portsmouth, Rollinsford, Rye, Seabrook (including Seabrook Beach Village District), and Stratham.

### 2. Project Focus Areas and Available Support

Technical assistance providers from the NHCP, RPC, SRPC, and/or UNHCE/NHSG will provide direct support to at least 6 coastal communities in one or more of the following eligible project focus areas:

- Applying the [2020 NH Coastal Flood Risk \(CFR\) Guidance](#) in local plans and regulations
- Adopting higher floodplain management standards to account for future flood risk
- Accessing [FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) Grants](#)

Examples of eligible technical assistance activities related to each of the focus areas are listed below. Eligible applicants are encouraged to consider other relevant activities and/or combine eligible activities to address a specific community need. Eligible projects can be paired within or across focus areas.

### Focus Area 1 – Applying the CFR Guidance in local plans and land use regulations

- Providing CFR Guidance training for staff and volunteer board members
- Exploring options for integrating the CFR guidance into planning documents (e.g., Master Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, etc.)
- Establishing a process for using the CFR Guidance when screening and designing local projects such as those identified in a Capital Improvement Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Master Plan.
- Exploring options for integrating the CFR Guidance into local land use permitting (e.g., zoning, site plan/subdivision, wetlands, etc.)

### Focus Area 2 – Adopting Higher Floodplain Standards

- Identifying and preparing amendments to a community’s floodplain ordinance to incorporate higher regulatory standards that exceed minimum requirements and account for future flood risks (e.g., using the CFR guidance to determine Design Flood Elevations for Special Flood Hazard Areas)

### Focus Area 3 – Support for Scoping eligible Hazard Mitigation Assistance Projects

- Scoping mitigation projects eligible for FEMA HMA funding, identifying sources of non-federal match, and preparing application materials
- Supporting the application of the Benefit-Cost Analysis methodology to potential mitigation projects and nature-based solutions
- Conducting meetings, outreach, and coordination with community stakeholders to identify potential future mitigation projects (e.g., identifying nature-based solutions to improve stormwater management)

Technical assistance will be provided for an 18-month period, beginning in June 2022. **All projects must be completed by December 29, 2023.**

The provision of non-financial technical assistance will depend on the organizational ability and capacity of the NHCP, RPC, SRPC, and/or UNHCE/NHSG to perform the requested services within the grant period and their respective budgets.

**Matching funds are not required;** however, non-federal cash and/or in-kind match contributions can be used to expand the scope of the proposed project.

## 3. How to Apply

Complete and submit the [online application form](#) by 4:00 pm ET on Friday, May 6, 2022.

Refer to application requirements presented in Section 5 as you prepare your application.

Applicants are highly encouraged to contact their respective regional planning commission, UNHCE/NHSG, or NHCP staff to discuss project ideas prior to applying. Contact information for each technical assistance provider and their respective focus areas of expertise are presented in Section 4.

## 4. Technical Assistance Providers

Organization	Focus Area(s)	Contact Person	Phone Number	Email
RPC	Focus Areas 1-3	Madeleine Dilonno	(603) 658-0522	<a href="mailto:mdionno@therpc.org">mdionno@therpc.org</a>
SRPC	Focus Areas 1-3	Kyle Pimental	(603) 994-3500 ext. 101	<a href="mailto:kpimental@strafford.org">kpimental@strafford.org</a>
UNHCE/NHSG	Focus Area 1 (Outreach/Training)	Lisa Wise	(603) 862-2356	<a href="mailto:lisa.wise@unh.edu">lisa.wise@unh.edu</a>
NHCP	Focus Areas 1-3	Nathalie DiGeronimo	603-559-0029	<a href="mailto:nathalie.m.digeronimo@des.nh.gov">nathalie.m.digeronimo@des.nh.gov</a>

## 5. Application Requirements

Refer to the application requirements below as you prepare your application. Applications must be submitted via the [online application form](#) by 4:00 pm ET on Friday, May 6, 2022

**1. Applicant Contact Information:**

**Municipality:**

**Project Point of Contact:**

**Title:**

**Affiliation:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

- 2. Please provide a brief project description including goal(s) or expected outcome(s) (max. 400 words or less):**
- 3. Explain how this technical assistance will help advance community needs and/or ongoing efforts related to floodplain management, hazard mitigation, and/or resilience:**
- 4. Provide a general project timeline with estimated completion dates for major tasks or project milestones (Projects will begin in June 2022 and must be completed by December 29, 2023):**
- 5. List anticipated project deliverables or products (e.g., outreach materials, draft zoning amendments, FEMA application materials etc.):**
- 6. Please describe the extent of the municipality's capacity to assist with the project and the staff/volunteers available to commit to participate in the project. If available, although not required, please identify available non-federal cash match that can be used to expand the scope of the project:**
- 7. Upload a letter of commitment signed by the City or Town Manager/Administrator or other authorized authority**