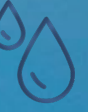


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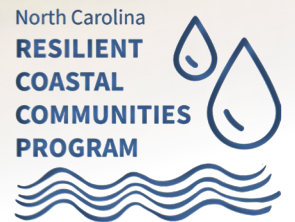
Phases 3 & 4 Applicant Webinar:
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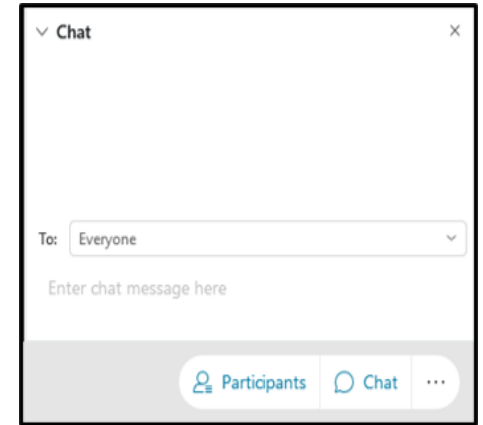


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Link to RCCP Website



Agenda



1. RCCP overview and Recap

2. Phase 3

- Application eligibility and selection criteria
- Application guidance and deliverables

3. Phase 4

- Application eligibility and selection criteria
- Application guidance and deliverables

4. Summary and Questions

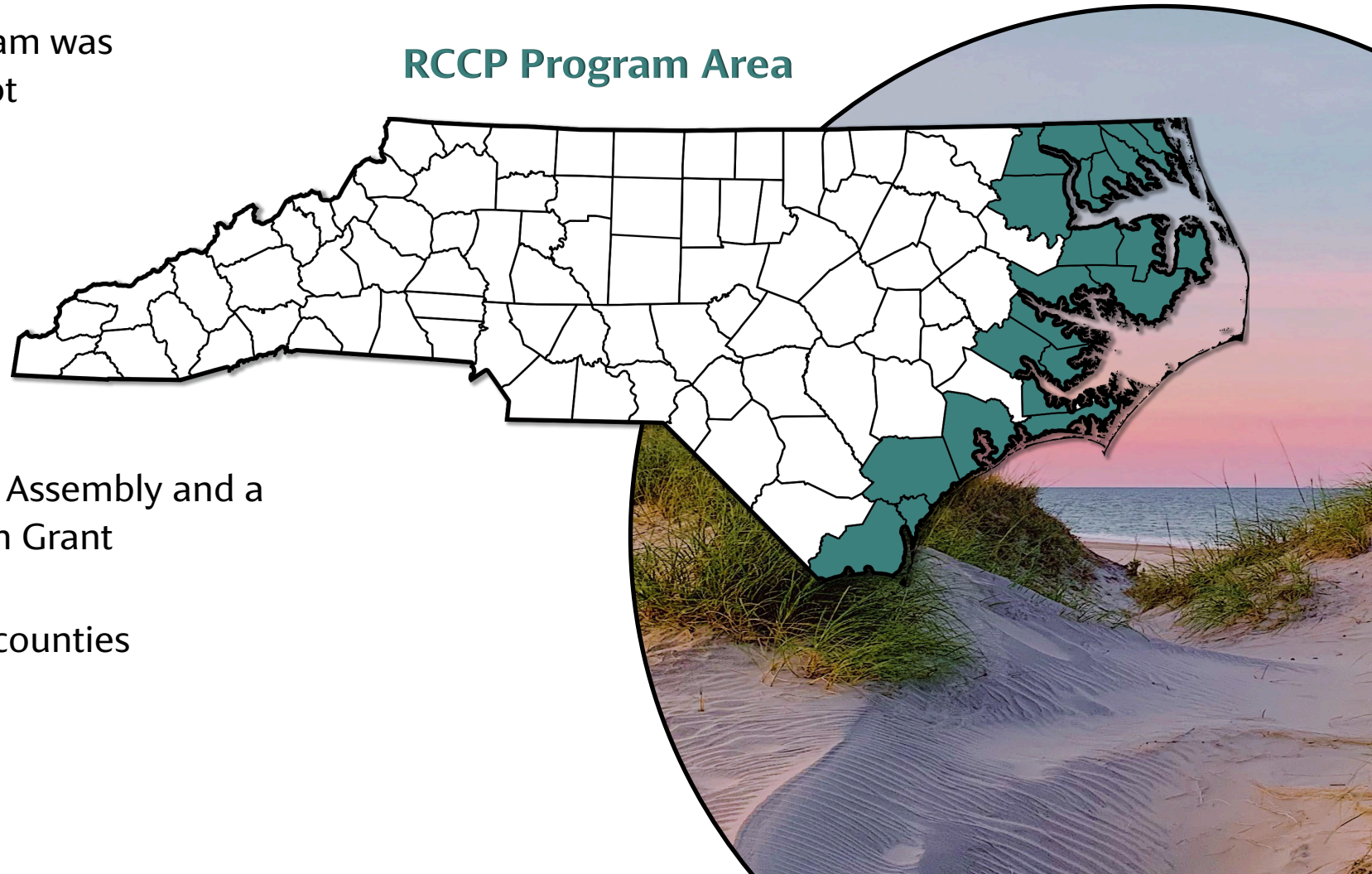


Program Background

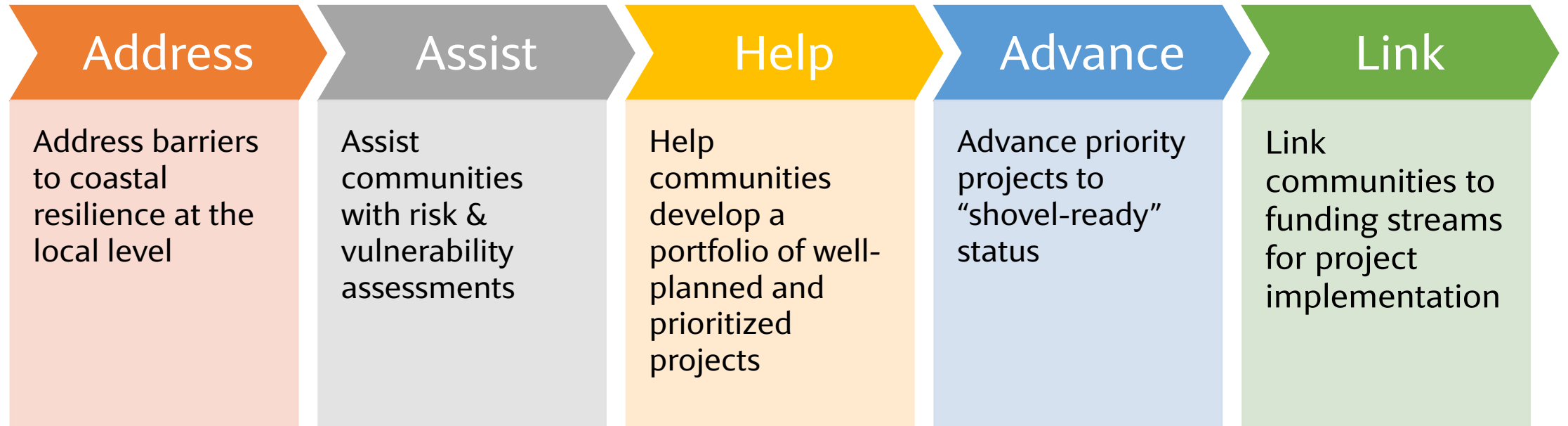


- The foundation of the RCCP program was laid in 2016 through the RENA pilot program
- Executive Order 80 created the NC Climate Risk & Resilience Plan, which houses the RCCP
- RCCP Funded through the General Assembly and a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Grant
- Program Scope: 20 coastal CAMA counties

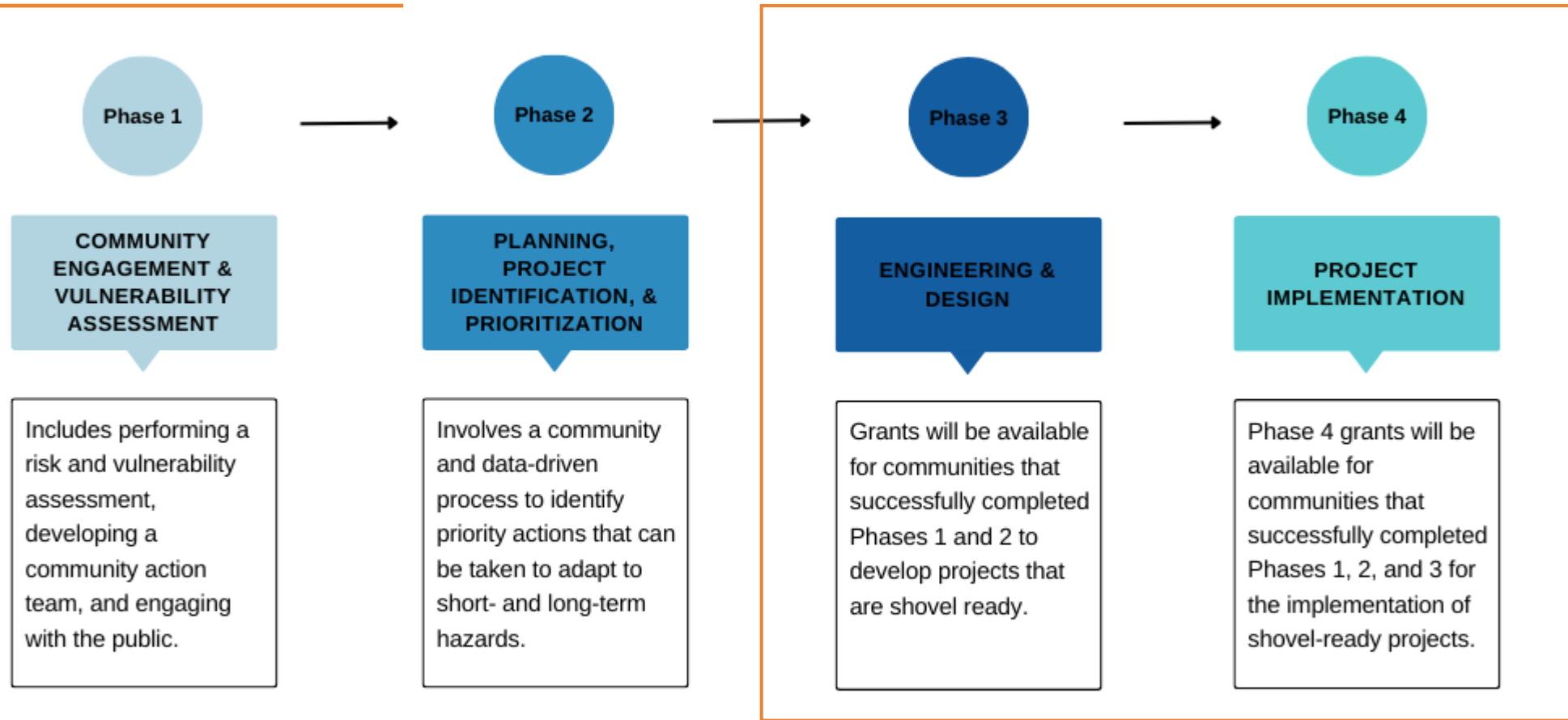
RCCP Program Area



Program Objectives



Program Phases





Program Status

Phases 1 & 2: Planning & Project Prioritization →

\$1.86M Awarded

- First Round (2021-2022):
 - 26 Communities paired with 10 Contractors
- Second/current Round (2023 – 2024):
 - 15 Communities paired with 9 Contractors

Phase 3: Engineering and Design →

\$1.14M Awarded

- First round (2022 – 2023):
 - 20 Community Projects Completed

Phase 4: Implementation →

\$1.16M Awarded

- First/current round (2023 – Present):
 - 5 Community Projects (Anticipated Completion in August)





Phase 3 Application Submission

Submission: Email application and cover sheet to RCCP@deq.nc.gov by 5:00 PM,
Friday, May 31, 2024





Phase 3: Eligibility

- All county and municipal governments within the [20 coastal counties](#) (i.e., counties that fall under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)) and any federally or state-recognized tribes may apply.
- Adjacent communities may submit a joint application for a regional grant.
- All eligible applicants must have completed Phases 1 and 2 of the RCCP (or an equivalent scope of work) to apply for Phase 3.
- Applicants may also submit applications for more than one project but must indicate their funding priority and complete and submit a separate application for each project.
- **Proposals can include preliminary design, site assessment, and baseline monitoring provided that the project can result in a 90-100% design for the project. Proposals for the development of ordinances or policies to further resiliency in the community may also be submitted for consideration.**





Phase 3: Anticipated Project Period, Awards & Match Requirement

- Approximately July 2024 – July 2025 (12-months)
- There is **no** cash match or in-kind match requirement from communities or service providers.
- Awards are anticipated to range from \$25,000 to \$500,000 (\$2M in available funding).





Phase 3: Contracting

- DCM will contract directly with selected applicants, who will be responsible for conducting their own procurement process.
- Grant contracts for funds will have a term of 12 months from the date of signature.
- If necessary, grantees may request a no-cost extension. A request for an extension must be submitted in writing on official letterhead and include the following information:
 1. Justification for the extension request
 2. Summary of the current project status
 3. Anticipated project schedule moving forward



Phase 3: Potential Projects

Examples:

- Living Shorelines
- Coastal Habitat Restoration (e.g., salt marsh and wetland restoration)
- Permeable Pavement
- Greenways
- Bioswales and Stormwater Improvements
- Rain Gardens
- Green Roofs
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Green Streets
- ❖ Stormwater Ordinance or Policy
- ❖ Floodplain Management Ordinance

- DCM does not require the inclusion of Natural and Nature-Based Solutions; however, we will prioritize projects that include them.
- If your project is high-priority but does not include NNBS, please be sure to include a justification in your application and describe the trade-offs.





Phase 3: Selection Criteria & Prioritization

DCM will review applications and select projects based on available funding and alignment with program goals and objectives.

- The completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the RCCP or an equivalent scope of work.
- The project's contribution towards the objectives of the RCCP.
- The project's alignment with the community's Resilience Strategy
- The project produces engineering and design plans for a shovel-ready project or a final draft of the developed ordinance or policy.
- The project incorporates nature-based components.
- The project ensures equitable consideration of socially vulnerable, historically disadvantaged, and underserved populations (e.g., low-income and minority)
- The potential transferability of the project to other coastal area municipalities and counties.
- The availability of additional funds required to complete the project, if necessary.
- Size and scope of expected benefits.
- The project's cost-effectiveness.



Phase 3: Deliverables



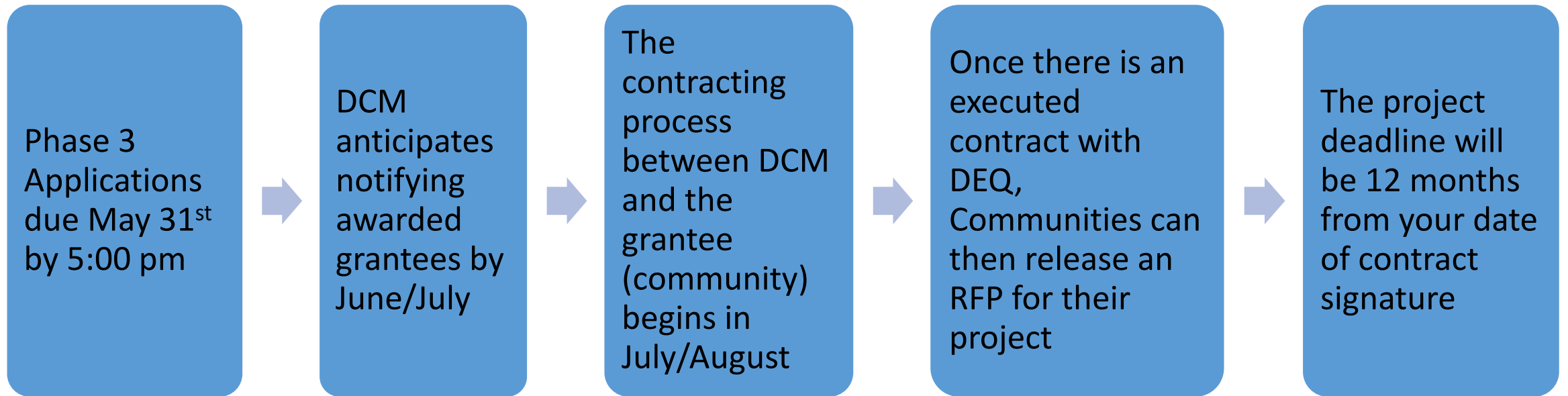
- Engineered site plans that are ready for submittal to applicable permitting agencies (e.g., DEQ-stormwater, CAMA, etc.)
 - GIS data must be provided in map package format.
 - A digital copy of all the completed work shall be provided on a USB Flash drive for review at the end of the contract period.

OR

- A final draft ordinance ready for local adoption.



Phase 3: Timeline



Every 2 months the grantee will be required to submit a progress report as to the status of the project. Each report should be packaged alongside its corresponding invoice.



Application Cover Page



Board Approval:
Please ensure that the local governing board is aware of and approves of the project.

General Applicant Information & Project Description

No match is required, but matching funds are encouraged if available

Don't forget to sign and date

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NORTH CAROLINA RESILIENT COASTAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
PHASE 3 APPLICATION 2024-2025

Applicant Name: _____ Federal ID Number: 56-_____

Project Name: _____

Brief Project Description:

Project Administrator Name: _____ Title: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____	Lead Elected Official Name: _____ Title: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Costs rounded to nearest dollar: Grant funds requested: \$ _____,00 Local government's matching funds: \$ _____,00 Cash Match: \$ _____,00 In-kind Match: \$ _____,00 Total cost of project: \$ _____,00	Project Type <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering & Design <input type="checkbox"/> Development of Ordinances or Policies to further your resiliency <input type="checkbox"/> Update to your CAMA Land Use Plan

Certification

I hereby certify the information contained in the attached application is true and correct and the required matching funds will be available during the project period.

Print or Type Name

Title

Signature

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Phase 3 Application 2024-2025

A. Project Details: RCCP communities; this information was identified in your Resilience Strategy (see [RCCP Planning Handbook](#), pg. 49)

1. Project Name: _____

2. Project Summary (provide a concise summary of the work to be done, including why the project is necessary)

Project Details and
Justification

3. Hazards addressed by the project:

Tell us what hazards are being
addressed (Storm Surge, Flooding, etc.)

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4. Potential Funding Sources

What funding will you seek
for implementation?

5. Potential project partners:

Who are you (or will you be)
partnering with?

6. Projected estimated timeline: _____

7. Priority rating (High, Medium, or Low):

Timeline and project
priority ranking

8. Project Map (attach to your application):

Attach a map of the project site, if
applicable

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Project Outcomes:

1. Please provide a list of outcomes (environmental, social, and economic) that will result from this project.

What will be the project outcomes?

2. How does this project address the identified hazards and increase resiliency to these hazards? Refer to your Resilience Strategy.

How does this project address hazards and improve resiliency?

Project Narratives: If necessary, please use additional pages.

1. Did your community participate in Phases 1 and 2 of the RCCP? If no, please illustrate how you meet the requirements outlined in the RCCP Planning Handbook by using the Resilience Strategy Matrix below.

No, we need to complete the Resilience Matrix

2. Please describe the project's nature-based or hybrid components.

What are the NNBS components?

3. How does this project rank in your prioritization list in the Project Portfolio or other resilience planning documents? If not ranked first, please describe why this project was chosen?

How was the project chosen?

4. How does this project meet your community's visions and goals identified in your RCCP Resilience Strategy or other resilience planning documents?

Does it align with your vision and goals?

5. How does this project benefit the socially vulnerable populations identified in your RCCP Resilience Strategy or other resilience planning documents?

How does the project benefit socially vulnerable populations?

Drop-down menu

If you DID NOT participate in Phases 1 & 2 of the RCCP but have completed equivalent work, use the Resilience Strategy Matrix to showcase deliverables.



Resilience Strategy Matrix

If you did not participate in Phases 1 and 2 of the RCCP, please provide documentation showing how you meet the requirements by linking where these strategies are met in your specific documents. If you participated in Phases 1 and 2 of the RCCP this matrix is not required.

Resilience Strategy Requirements	Documentation showing you meet the Resilience Strategy requirement
Community Resilience Vision & Goals Any community goals/vision that have a focus on building resilience. These may be found in existing plans or ordinances.	<i>Insert document(s) name and page #'s and link if available</i>
Community Action Team Planning Board, Floodplain Management Committee Members, or any community group that has met on multiple occasions to discuss the community's vision/goals towards resilience.	
Stakeholder Engagement Strategy A document that details how you communicate with your community, especially any vulnerable populations (via Town Meetings, email distribution lists, informational brochures, and webpages, etc.)	
Review of Existing Plans and Efforts You have reviewed existing planning documents (Land Use Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, Capital Improvement Plans etc.) and are familiar with your existing plans and ongoing efforts.	
Risk & Vulnerability Assessment Report You have access to data from your Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan or have assessments conducted.	
Project Portfolio A list of potential projects that have been identified by staff and/or the community might be found within a Floodplain Management Plan, or Council minutes.	
Additional files These can include maps or any other pertinent documents.	

Please insert the document name, relevant page numbers, and a link (if available) to the documents that you think meet the resilience strategy requirements listed on the left-hand side of the matrix





2024-2025 Phase 3 Project Budget

Lead Applicant _____ Project Name _____

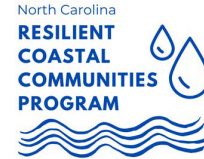
This form below must be completed and included with your application. Round project costs to the dollar.
Local cash match contributions are not required and should only be included in the chart below if they are necessary to complete the project.

Project Elements		Requested Amount	Local Match	Total Cost
Item				
Outside Consultants				
Project Administration				
Mapping/GIS Expenses				
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TOTAL				

Use the form below to show the sources of your matching funds. Indicate if these funds are currently available or yet to be approved. If funds are yet to be approved, list the date for approval. If applicable, provide additional narrative related to the match.

Type of Matching Funds (Local/State/Federal)	Amount	Funding Source	Availability
n/a			
n/a			
TOTAL			

The Preliminary Budget and Timeline might change during the project's duration, but please provide as much information as possible.



Phase 3 Project Timeline

The project timeline establishes benchmarks during the project period to ensure timely completion. Progress monitoring occurs at 2-month intervals over the 12-month contract. We recognize that unexpected events may require adjustments to the timeline. The schedule is meant to be an aid for measuring the progress of the project and a guide to making adequate contract adjustments when necessary. Please list the tasks required under the task column and mark which period of the contract they will occur.

Task	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Reminder: The grantee is required to submit a progress report on the project's status every two months.



Application Checklist



- ✓ Application Cover Sheet
- ✓ Application question responses
- ✓ Supplemental documentation, if applicable, not to exceed 20 pages

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Phase 4 Application Submission

Submission: Email application and cover sheet to RCCP@deq.nc.gov by 5:00 PM,
Friday, May 31st, 2024





Phase 4: Eligibility

- All county and municipal governments within the [20 coastal counties](#) (i.e., counties that fall under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)) and any federal and state-recognized tribes may apply.
- Adjacent communities may submit a joint application for a regional grant.
- All eligible applicants must have completed Phases 1 and 2 of the RCCP (or an equivalent scope of work) to apply for Phase 3.
- Applicants may also submit applications for more than one project but must indicate their funding priority and complete and submit a separate application for each project.
- **Projects include those identified through the RCCP (or an equivalent process) as priority projects, fully designed, engineered, and permitted (i.e., “shovel-ready”), and prepared for construction to begin.**





Phase 4: Anticipated Project Period, Awards & Match Requirement

- Approximately July 2024 – July 2025 (12-months)
- There is **no** cash match or in-kind match requirement from communities.
- Awards are anticipated to range from \$50,000 to \$750,000 (\$4M in available funding).





Phase 4: Contracting

- DCM will contract directly with selected applicants, who will be responsible for conducting their own procurement process.
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 3. Anticipated project schedule moving forward





Phase 4: Selection Criteria & Prioritization

DCM will review applications and select projects based on available funding and alignment with program goals and objectives.

- The applicant has previously participated in and completed Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the RCCP or an equivalent scope of work.
- Project readiness (e.g., design and engineering complete; permitting status, etc.).
- The project's contributions to the objectives of the RCCP.
- The project is prioritized in the applicant's project portfolio or similar planning document.
- The extent to which the project incorporates nature-based components.
- The extent to which the project ensures equitable consideration of socially vulnerable, historically disadvantaged, and underserved populations (e.g., low-income and minority populations)
- The potential transferability of the project to other coastal area municipalities and counties.
- The project's cost-effectiveness





Phase 4: Invoicing & Deliverables

- Every 2 months the grantee will be required to submit a progress report as to the status of the project. Each report should be packaged alongside its corresponding invoice.
- An official letter from the applicant stating that the project is substantially complete as designed.
- Applicants should provide copies of final invoices from contractors, along with digital photos of the completed project.



Phase 4: Timeline



Phase 4
Applications
due May 31st
by 5:00 pm



DCM
anticipates
notifying
awarded
grantees by
June/July



The
contracting
process
between DCM
and the
grantee
(community)
begins in
July/August



Once there is an
executed
contract with
DEQ,
Communities can
then release an
RFP for their
project



The project
deadline will
be 12 months
from your date
of contract
signature





PHASE 4 APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions.

Narrative Format

- 1. **Is this project identified as a high local priority in your Resilience Strategy, project portfolio, or other locally relevant planning document?** If yes, briefly describe why it's a high priority and how it was prioritized.
- 2. **Project description:** Provide a description of the project, including information on how this will increase your community's resilience. If the project does not have community-wide impacts, describe why it is the best choice for Phase 4 funding.
 - a. Please be sure to describe how the project will address environmental, social, and/or economic issues.
 - b. Describe how the project will benefit socially vulnerable, historically disadvantaged, and underserved populations (e.g., low-income and minority) in your community.
- 3. **Please describe the project's nature-based or hybrid components.** If none, please describe why they are not being incorporated.
- 4. **Cultural and Historic Preservation:** If applicable, describe how the project will address any cultural, historical, or archaeological considerations in the project area.
- 5. **Site location maps:** Provide a regional location map and a detailed vicinity map (street map) showing the location of the proposed project. Include a north arrow, legend (if applicable), and legible street names.
- 6. **Site description:** Provide a description of the site where the project will be located, including natural features and existing improvements.
- 7. **Project Site Plan:** Provide a site plan (to-scale) showing property lines, proposed construction, existing facilities, and significant natural features.
- 8. **Pre-project tasks:** Identify tasks that must be completed prior to starting the project.
- 9. **Permits:** List all necessary permits and/or certifications.

- 10. **Project Timeline:** Provide a project timeline, including key milestones, start and end dates, and any phased aspects of the project implementation.
- 11. **Please describe your project's transferability to other coastal municipalities and counties.**
- 12. **Long-term Maintenance and Sustainability:** Describe the plans for long-term maintenance and sustainability of the project, including funding sources and responsible parties.

Be detailed; if there are mitigating details that offset a lack of NNBS, etc., please be specific.





Phase 4: Application Checklist

- ✓ Application Cover Sheet
- ✓ Application question responses
- ✓ Supplemental documentation, if applicable, not to exceed 20 pages
- ✓ Include a link to or a copy of your engineered site plans

All emailed to RCCP@deq.nc.gov by 5:00 PM May 31, 2024





Summary

- Community Applications are due by **5:00 PM May 31, 2024.**
- Email the Application, supplemental documents, AND Cover Sheet to RCCP@deq.nc.gov
- DCM will review applications based on criteria listed in the RFAs
- Anticipated Contract Period:
 - **Phase 3 & 4: July/August 2024 - August 2025 (12-months)**
- DCM is available to assist communities in preparing their applications
- A copy of the slides and the webinar recording will be on the RCCP website within 72 hours.

If you're curious about the previous applicant's deliverables and what those look like, you can view those on the RCCP Dashboard:

<https://ncdenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/a31f72f873cf4b479f679033700d58a9>



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