FRCP GRANT FY 2021-2022 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Where can we find more information on the types of projects that have been funded in the past?

All previously funded FRCP project agreements and deliverables can be located on the FRCP website <u>Funded Projects page</u>.

- 2. Where can we find more information on the grant goals and priorities? The goals and priorities for both the RPG and RIG grant applications can be found as links on our <u>FRCP grant website</u>, as well as in the online application program.
- 3. If a grant has been awarded to us in the past, do we need to set up a new account to apply? Yes, this is a new online application program, therefore everyone will have to set up a profile in the application program before they can apply.
- 4. Can a consultant create an account on behalf of a municipal client? Yes, a consultant may create an account and/or submit an application on behalf of a municipal client, but please keep the following in mind:
 - a. Creating the account requires providing an email that will become the primary contact for that account and any applications submitted by the account.
 - b. All application information provided must be completed from the perspective of the actual municipality that will be applying. That includes all contact information and signing authority for the municipality.
 - c. Note that all email correspondence from the application program will be sent to the email address provided in the Grants Manager email field for the municipality, with a cc to the email address provided when establishing the account.
- 5. If a municipality has an ongoing agreement or retainer for services that is referred to as an "agent," would the agent be allowed to create the account on behalf of their municipality client?

Any applicant that is not the municipality that will be assisting the applicant with the project in any way is considered a Sub-Contractor and may include their information in the appropriate location in the application. The application questions are all directed at the municipality and are to be confirmed by that municipalities authorized signing agent.

- 6. Can an applicant apply for both the RPG and RIG grant in the same cycle? No, applicants are only permitted to apply for one grant per state fiscal year.
- 7. With most people working from home, what address should be used? Always use the official business address when completing the address fields. Please keep in mind that this is what will be utilized on the actual agreement documents.

- 8. Why do we need to list a fiscal agent if we have the grant manager's information included? The fiscal agent is required to sign all Exhibit C documents when requesting payment along with the grant manager stating that the information provided is accurate. This is to ensure accountability and reduces fraud.
- 9. Who is considered the eligible signer for the application? The eligible signer is the person who has the legal authority to enter into any form of contractual agreement with the state of Florida on behalf of the municipality.

10. What is a sequence number and how to get it?

The sequence number to an FEID # provides the actual name and address where payment is to be sent. These are typically used when there is a bigger umbrella company, that has smaller company units under it, and each unit collects and manages their own funds.

- For example, Procter & Gamble is the big umbrella company, with smaller companies like Downy, Gain, Oral-B, Pantene, etc.
- Each of the smaller companies may choose to utilize the umbrella companies FEID # yet list it under their name and address for funds to be processed through.
- In cases such as these, the FEID # would be the same for Procter & Gamble, as it is for the smaller company Downy. However, they would have separate sequence numbers, to provide the detailed information for funds to be processed through that is different from the umbrella company's name and address.

This information can be obtained by visiting MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP).

- 11. What are the actual timeframes for the fiscal year regarding the applications? All applications and timeframes are based on the State of Florida's fiscal year that starts on July 1 and ends on June 30 of every year.
- 12. How long will it take to get an answer on the applications if they have been or plan to be awarded; and how and when do applicants get notified that they have been rejected? All applicants will be notified of the award status after the state fiscal year budget has been signed by the Governor and the ORCP (Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection) Budget Director has approved sending contracts for execution.. Please keep in mind that the process may take several weeks after the budget is signed.

Can work begin upon notification of an award from DEP? No. No work on the project that is to be awarded may begin until both parties have a fully executed agreement.

- 14. If the fiscal year goes to June 30, why do the projects have to have an end date of April 30? All projects are being funded with state dollars that must be utilized before the end of the fiscal year. In order to receive all documents and process all payments before the funds are no longer available, we need to build in that processing time which can take up to 2 months to finalize.
- 15. When will the grants be awarded? See the answer to number 13 above.

16. When is the deadline for applications to be submitted? The deadline is October 9, 2020 for all applications.

17. Can Post Disaster Redevelopment plan updates be funded via RPG? Yes, if the proposed project addresses the key issues of concern for FRCP: the effects of rising sea levels including coastal flooding, erosion, and habitat shifts.

- 18. Can the grant funds be used on projects that already received HMGP, CDBG-DR or CDBG-MIT grants? Specifically, can the funds be used to fund the next step in the concept plan to design plan to implementation phases that were funded by other grants? Yes
- 19. If construction will start after July 1, 2021, will it be required to comply with SB178 and prepare a SLR Study?We are investigating this question and will post the answer as soon as possible.
- 20. Are matching funds required for the RPG or RIG grants? No. Neither of the grants being offered require matching funds.
- 21. How much money is available for the RPG and RIG grants overall not per project? The actual amount of funds available will be determined after the budget details are provided to FRCP. Applicants may request up to \$75,000 for the RPG grant application and up to \$500,000 for the RIG grant application.
- 22. Is there a pdf copy of the grant application that can be utilized prior to it going live? No. The applications are generated online through a live program. However, to help prepare for the questions in the application, please see the grant application worksheet on the <u>FRCP</u> grant website.